

PART IX
International Bureau

CHAPTER I

ARTICLE 179

Congresses and Conferences

The International Bureau prepares the business to be submitted to Congresses and Conferences. It undertakes the printing and distribution of the necessary documents.

The Director of the International Bureau attends the sittings of Congresses and Conferences and takes part in the discussions, but without the right of vote.

ARTICLE 180

Information. Requests for Modification of the Acts

The International Bureau must hold itself always at the disposal of members of the Union for the purpose of furnishing them with any information they may require upon questions relating to the service.

It prepares a statement of the case whenever a request is made for modification or interpretation of the regulations which govern the Union, and notifies the results of consultations.

ARTICLE 181

Publications

1.—The International Bureau publishes, with the assistance of the documents which are put at its disposal, a special journal in the German, English, Spanish, and French languages.

2.—It publishes, in accordance with information furnished under the provisions of Article 189 below, an official summary of all information of general interest concerning the carrying out of the Convention and the Regulations in each country.

Similar summaries concerning the execution of the Agreements are published at the request of the Administrations participating in those Agreements.

3.—The International Bureau also publishes from details furnished by Administrations:

- (a) a summary of information concerning the organisation of the Administrations of the Union and of their internal services;
- (b) a summary of information concerning the fees charged by Administrations in their internal services;
- (c) a list of prohibited articles;
- (d) a list of mail steamship lines;
- (e) a list of kilometric distances relating to land routes;
- (f) a list of distant countries and countries *assimilés*;
- (g) a table of equivalents.

4.—Subsequent modifications of the various documents enumerated in §§ 2 and 3 are notified by circular.