

2.—If this list shows mails in transit, which under the provisions of Article 162 do not require the preparation of a statement C 21, it must bear an explanatory note, e.g., “*Sacs vides*,” (Empty bags), “*Correspondances exemptes*,” (Exempt correspondence), “*Feuille d’avis négative*,” (Blank letter bill).

ARTICLE 166

Closed Mails Exchanged With Ships of War

It is the duty of the Administrations of countries to which ships of war belong to prepare statements C 21 relative to the mails sent or received by these ships. The mails sent to ships of war during the statistical period must bear on the labels the date of despatch.

In the event of these mails being re-forwarded, the redirecting Administration notifies the fact to the Administration of the country to which the ship belongs.

ARTICLE 167

Bulletin de Transit

1.—When the route to be followed and the transport services to be used for the mails despatched during the statistical period are unknown or uncertain, the Administration of origin must, at the request of the Administration of destination, prepare for each mail a statement, green in colour, in conformity with Form C 23 annexed. The Administration of origin may also forward this statement without formal request on the part of the Administration of destination if circumstances seem to require this to be done.

The letter bills of the mails which involve the preparation of the statement in question must be clearly noted at the head “*Bulletin de transit*.” The same note underlined in red pencil is made on the special labels “*Statistique*” referred to in Article 162.

2.—The *bulletin de transit* must be forwarded unenclosed, with the mails to which it belongs, to the different services which participate in their carriage. In each country concerned, the inward and outward offices of exchange, to the exclusion of every other intermediate office, enter on the statement particulars concerning the transit which they effect. The last intermediate office of exchange forwards the statement C 23 to the office of destination. The statement is then returned by this office to the office of origin as a voucher for statement C 21. When a *bulletin de transit* of which the despatch has been requested or is announced at the head of the letter bill is missing, the office of destination must inquire for it without delay.

ARTICLE 168

Extraordinary Services

Apart from Air Mail services, the only services considered as extraordinary services giving rise to special transit charges are that maintained for the accelerated conveyance by land of the Indian Mail and the special motor services Palestine or Syria-Iraq.

CHAPTER II

Accounting. Settlement of Accounts

ARTICLE 169

Accounting for Transit Charges

1.—For the preparation of the transit accounts, the light, medium or heavy bags, as defined in Article 163, are reckoned as being of the average weight of 3, 12 or 24 kilogrammes respectively.