

- (b) The office at which the application originates forwards the form directly to the corresponding office. It is forwarded officially without any written communication;
- (c) The corresponding office hands the form to the addressee or sender, as the case may be, in order to obtain the necessary information;
- (d) The form, duly completed, is sent back officially to the office which prepared it;
- (e) If the application proves to be well founded, it is transmitted to the central Administration in order to serve as a basis for further enquiry.

2. Any Administration may demand, by notification addressed to the International Bureau, that applications which concern its service shall be transmitted to its central Administration or to an office specially designated.

ARTICLE 51

Applications for Registered Articles

1. Every application relating to a registered article is prepared on a form identical with or similar to Form C 13 annexed, and forwarded as a general rule by the office of origin directly to the office of destination.

A single form may be used for several articles posted at the same time at the same office by the same sender to the same addressee.

2. The Offices of origin and destination may, by mutual agreement, have the form forwarded from office to office, following the same circulation as the article under enquiry.

3. In the case provided for in § 1 above, if the office of destination is in a position to furnish definite information as to the disposal of the article under inquiry, it completes the form and returns it to the office of origin.

When the disposal of the article cannot be established immediately by the office of destination, this office records the fact on the form and returns it to the office of origin, adding to it, as far as possible, a declaration by the addressee stating that he has not received the article. In this case, the Office of origin completes the form by entering thereon particulars of the despatch of the article to the first intermediate Office. It then transmits the form to that Office, which enters its observations and forwards it to the following Office, if any. The application passes thus from Office to Office until the fate of the article inquired for is ascertained. The Office which has effected delivery to the addressee, or which is unable to furnish proof either of delivery or of regular despatch to another Administration, records the fact on the form and returns it to the Office of origin.

4. In the case provided for in § 2 above, the inquiries are pursued from the Office of origin to the Office of destination, following the procedure indicated in the preceding paragraph.

5. The Form C13 must give the full address of the addressee, and be accompanied, as far as possible, by a facsimile of the envelope or of the address of the article. It is forwarded officially without covering letter in a closed envelope.

6. Each Office may request, by notification addressed to the International Bureau, that applications concerning its service shall be forwarded to its central Administration, or to an office specially designated or, if it is only concerned as an intermediary, to the office of exchange to which the article was sent.

The Form C13 and the documents annexed thereto must, in every case, be returned to the Office of origin of the article inquired for within a period which may not exceed six months from the date of the application. This period is extended to nine months in relations with distant countries.

7. The foregoing provisions do not apply to cases of violation of mails, loss of mails, or other similar cases which require a more detailed correspondence between Administrations.