

Subject to the same reservation, the transmitting Administrations must take account of the route indicated by the sender on articles forwarded to them *à découvert*.

3.—Administrations which avail themselves of the power to levy supplementary charges, as representing the extraordinary expenses pertaining to certain routes, are at liberty not to forward unpaid or insufficiently paid correspondence by those routes.

ARTICLE 104

Distant Countries

1.—Countries between which the time taken in transmission by the most rapid land or sea route exceeds ten days as well as those between which the average frequency of service is less than twice a month are considered as distant countries.

2.—As regards the fixing of the periods prescribed by the Convention and Agreements, countries of vast extent or those with undeveloped lines of communication in the interior are treated as distant countries for questions in which these factors play a decisive part.

3.—The International Bureau draws up the list of the countries referred to in §§ 1 and 2.

ARTICLE 105

Fixing of Equivalents

1.—Administrations fix the equivalents of the postage rates and fees laid down by the Convention and Agreements in agreement with the Swiss Postal Administration whose duty it is to notify the equivalents through the International Bureau. The same procedure is followed in the case of alteration of equivalents.

The equivalents or any alteration of equivalents can only enter into force on the first day of a month and at the soonest fifteen days after their notification by the International Bureau.

The International Bureau draws up a table indicating, for each country, the equivalents of the postage rates and fees mentioned in the first paragraph and showing, if necessary, the percentage increase or decrease of the rate applied in virtue of Article II of the Final Protocol to the Convention.

2.—Monetary fractions resulting from the surcharge on insufficiently paid correspondence may be rounded up by the Administrations which collect the Charges. The sum to be added on this account may not exceed the value of 5 centimes.

3.—Each Administration notifies directly to the International Bureau the equivalent which it has fixed of the compensation prescribed by Article 56 of the Convention.

ARTICLE 106

Postage Stamps and "Postage Paid" Impressions

1.—The postage stamps representing the basic rates of the Union or their equivalents in the currency of each country are printed in the following colours:

in blue, the stamp representing the postage on a single-rate letter;

in red, the stamp representing the postage on a post-card;

in green, the stamp representing the postage for a single unit of weight of printed papers.

Impressions produced by postal franking machines must be bright red in colour, whatever the value represented by them.