

5. With a view to determine the most suitable route, the office of origin may send to the office of destination of a mail an enquiry form identical with Form AV 1 annexed; this form must be enclosed in the mail attached to the letter bill. The enquiry form, duly filled in, must be returned to the office of origin by the first air mail.

6. If, in consequence of an accident *en route*, an aircraft is unable to continue its journey and deliver the mails at the prescribed stopping places, the personnel of the aircraft must deliver the mails to the post office nearest to the place of the accident or to the office most suitable for re-forwarding the mails. In cases where they cannot do this, the office which has been informed of the accident must do what is possible to take over the mails without delay. The mails must be sent on to the offices of destination by the most rapid routes after their condition has been checked, and, if necessary, any damaged correspondence has been reconstituted.

7. The particulars of the accident and the measures taken are notified by Verification Note to the offices of destination of the mails concerned; a copy of the Verification Note is sent to the office of origin of the mails. In addition, the Administration of the country which maintains the air service must furnish by telegram to the other Administrations concerned all details relating to the fate of the mails.

ARTICLE 4.

Transmission by Air for only part of the journey.

1. In the absence of difficulties of a practical nature, the sender may request that his surcharged correspondence be forwarded by air for only part of the journey.

2. If he avails himself of this option, the sender must inscribe on his surcharged correspondence the indication, in the language of the country of origin and in the French language: "*Par avion de . . . à . . .*" (By Air Mail from . . . to . . .). At the conclusion of the transmission by air, the labels "*Par avion*" (By Air Mail) referred to in Article 24 hereafter, as well as the special indications, must be struck through officially by means of two thick transverse lines.

ARTICLE 5. (See Protocol II and III)

Rates of Postage and General Conditions for the acceptance of Air Mail Correspondence.

1. Surcharged Air Mail correspondence is prepaid, in addition to the ordinary postal charges, with a special Air Mail fee, the amount of which is fixed by the Administration of the country of origin. Subject to what is stated in § 7, the air mail fee is also payable for air mail correspondence which is exempt from postage in virtue of the provisions of Article 52, §§ 2 to 4, of the Convention.

2. In services considered as falling within Category A (Article 14, § 9, below), letters and postcards, registered or unregistered, and with, or without, Trade Charges to be collected, as well as money orders and accounts for collection (*recouvrements*) are conveyed by air without an air mail fee if the distance over which they are to be conveyed by air does not exceed 2,000 kilometres and if their delivery would be usefully accelerated thereby. Administrations inform each other of the countries for which the above-mentioned articles are conveyed by air.

3. In the services between European countries, the maximum air mail fee, if a fee is charged, is 7½ centimes per 20 grammes, irrespective of distance.