

2. If the Administration of the country of posting does not accept responsibility in cases of loss through a cause beyond control it may exceptionally postpone settlement of the compensation beyond the period mentioned in § 1, when the question whether the loss of the article is due to a case of this nature has not been decided.

3. The Administration of origin is authorized to settle with the sender on account of the Administration, whether intermediate or of destination, which, duly informed of the claim, has allowed three months to pass, or six months in relations with distant countries, without settling the matter. A longer period is permitted if the loss appears to be due to circumstances beyond control; these circumstances must, in all cases, be communicated to the Administration of origin.

ARTICLE 65.

Repayment of compensation to the Administration of origin.

1. The Administration responsible or on whose account payment is made in accordance with Article 64 is bound to repay to the Administration of origin within a period of six months, reckoning from the date of despatch of the notice of payment, the amount of the compensation actually paid to the sender. This period is extended to nine months in relations with distant countries.

2. If the compensation is to be borne by several Administrations in accordance with Article 62, the whole of the compensation due must be paid to the Administration of origin within the period mentioned in § 1, by the first Administration, which, having duly received the packet under enquiry, is unable to prove its regular transfer to the next service. It rests with this Administration to recover from the other Administrations responsible their share of the amount of compensation paid to the sender.

3. The repayment is made free of cost to the creditor Administration by means of either a money order, a cheque or a draft payable at sight in the capital or a commercial centre in the creditor country, or in coin current in that country.

4. When responsibility is admitted, as well as in the case provided for in Article 64, § 3, the amount of indemnity may be recovered from the country responsible by means of an Account, either directly, or through the intermediary of an Administration which exchanges Accounts regularly with the Administration responsible.

5. After the period of six months, the sum due to the Administration of origin bears interest, at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, counting from the day of expiry of the said period. This period is extended to nine months in relations with distant countries.

6. The Administration of origin may only claim repayment from the Administration responsible within a period of one year counting from the date of despatch of the notification of the loss, or, if the case arises, from the date of expiry of the period prescribed by Article 64, § 3.

7. The Administration whose responsibility is duly proved and which has at first declined to pay the compensation must bear all additional charges resulting from the unwarranted delay in payment.

8. Administrations may come to an agreement to liquidate periodically the compensation which they have paid to the senders and which they have agreed to be justified.