

PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF MAIL BY AIR

The High Contracting Parties agree to adopt the following provisions regarding the conveyance of mail by air:

I

Classes of Mail Accepted for Conveyance by Air Mail

1. All articles enumerated in Article 4 of the Convention shall be accepted for conveyance by air. The exchange of small packets and insured articles shall, however, be limited to those countries which have agreed to operate such services.
2. The aforesaid articles may be registered.

II

Freedom of Transit and Routing of Air Mail

1. All domestic or international air lines operated under the direct or indirect control of an Administration and over which mail is carried, shall be available to the other Administrations, on the basis of uniform rates and general conditions applicable to all those Administrations which use these services without sharing in the operating expenses.
2. The contracting parties agree to convey, by the most rapid air routes used for their own mail, all mail reaching them from any other Administration and destined to another country of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain or of the Universal Postal Union.

They agree, furthermore, to adopt all necessary means to extend the most favourable treatment to the handling and routing of air mail.

III

Responsibility

The contracting parties shall assume, in regard to articles forwarded by air mail, the same responsibility established for articles conveyed by ordinary means of transportation.

IV

Allocation of Air Mail Surcharges

Each Administration shall retain the whole of the air mail surcharges it collects.

V

Maximum Postage Rates

The postage rates for air mail within the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain shall not exceed the actual cost of air mail transportation to the country of origin plus the rates applying to other means of transportation in the latter's domestic service; the said rates may be rounded to multiples of five where necessary.