

ARTICLE 68

Sums Duly Collected. Compensation. Payments and Claims

Payment of the sums duly collected or of the compensation referred to in Article 67 must be undertaken by the Administration to which the despatching office is subordinate, subject to its rights to make a claim on the Administration responsible.

ARTICLE 69

Period for Payment

The provisions of Article 60 concerning the periods for payment of compensation for the loss of a registered article apply also to the payment of sums collected or of the compensation in respect of packets marked with trade charges.

ARTICLE 70

Fixing of Responsibility

The payment by the Administration of origin of sums duly collected or of the compensation prescribed by Article 67 is made on behalf of the Administration of destination. The latter is responsible unless it can prove that the fault is due to a breach of the regulations by the despatching Administration.

In the case of fraudulent collection following upon the disappearance in the postal service of a trade charge packet, the responsibility of the Administrations concerned is fixed in accordance with the provisions of Article 61 for the loss of an ordinary registered article.

Nevertheless, the responsibility of an intermediate Administration which does not participate in the cash on delivery service is limited to that prescribed by Articles 56 and 57 for registered articles. The other Administrations bear in equal shares the amount not covered.

ARTICLE 71

Repayment of Sums Advanced

The Administration of destination is bound to repay to the Administration of origin, under the conditions prescribed by Article 62, the sums which have been advanced on its behalf.

ARTICLE 72

Trade Charge Money Orders and Transfer Notes

1.—The amount of a trade charge money order which has not been paid to the payee for any reason whatever is not repaid to the Administration of issue. It is held at the disposal of the payee by the Administration which despatched the trade charge packet and accrues definitely to that Administration after the expiry of the legal period of validity.

In all other respects, and with the reservations prescribed by the Detailed Regulations, trade charge money orders are subject to the provisions of the Agreement concerning the Money Order service.

2.—When, for any reason, a transfer note, issued in accordance with the provisions of Article 63, cannot be carried to the credit of the beneficiary indicated by the sender of the trade charge packet, the amount of this note must be placed, by the Administration which has collected it, at the disposal of the Administration of origin to be paid to the sender of the packet.

If this payment cannot be effected, the procedure prescribed by § 1 is followed.