

The annual payments of transit charges to be made under each set of statistics should be continued, subject to adjustment on the basis of the next statistics, until the accounts prepared according to the latter are approved or regarded as fully accepted (Article 70 below).

3. When an important modification takes place in the circulation of correspondence from one country to another, and provided that such modification affects a period or periods amounting to a total of 12 months at least, each Office concerned may demand a revision of its transit accounts. In that case the sums to be paid by the despatching Offices are determined according to the use actually made of the intermediate services; but the total weights which are the basis for the new accounts must normally be the same as those of the mails despatched during the statistical period mentioned in § 1. When an agreement cannot be reached as to the method of division, special statistics must be taken to settle the distribution of these weights among the various services used. No modification in the circulation of correspondence for a particular country is considered important unless it affects by more than 5,000 francs per annum the accounts between the Office of origin and the intermediate Office concerned. The request for a revision of the accounts and, if necessary, for special statistics may be made when the modification in the circulation of the correspondence in question has lasted at least nine months. But the results of these statistics are only taken into consideration if the period of 12 months is actually completed.

If, after special statistics, it is shown that the total weights of the mails exchanged between two Offices and carried by a third Office have undergone an increase of 100 per cent or a reduction of 50 per cent as compared with the results of the last statistical period and that the accounts of the third Office would show on this head a modification of more than 5,000 francs a year, the new ascertained weights will form the basis of the transit charges due to that Office.

In the same way, when an intermediate Administration ascertains, during the six months which follow the statistics, that between the despatches made by another Administration during the statistical period and the normal traffic there is a difference of 20 per cent at least in the total weight conveyed, the Office concerned may demand the taking of new statistics if the accounts between two Offices are affected by a modification of more than 5,000 francs a year.

ARTICLE 61

Make-up and Description of Closed Mails during a Statistical Period

1. During each statistical period, separate bags for "letters and post-cards" and for "other articles" are used for the exchange of correspondence in closed mails between two Offices across the territory or by means of the services of one or more other Offices.

2. By way of exception to the provisions of Articles 54 and 55 above, each Administration has the option, during the statistical period, of enclosing registered or express articles other than letters and post-cards in one of the bags intended for "other articles," mentioning this fact on the letter bill; but if, in conformity with Articles 54 and 55, these articles are enclosed in a bag of letters, they are treated, so far as the statistics are concerned, as forming part of the letter despatch.

3. During the statistical period, all mails sent in transit must be furnished, in addition to the ordinary labels, with a special label bearing in large type the word "*Statistique*," followed by the indication 5 kilogrammes, 15 kilogrammes or 30 kilogrammes according to the category of weight (Article 62, §1, below).