

ARTICLE 12

Unclaimed Articles

Ordinary postcards, printed matter and samples of no value which for any reason have not been delivered, shall be destroyed or treated in accordance with the regulations in force in the country of destination unless they bear a request for return, as well as the name and address of the sender, in which case they shall be returned to the country of origin.

ARTICLE 13

Exemptions from Postage

1. The Contracting Parties agree to exempt from postal charges, both in their domestic service and in the Spanish-American service:

- (a) all mail on postal service matters exchanged between the Administrations of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain; between the said Administrations and the International Bureau of Montevideo; between the said Administrations and the Transshipment Office of Panama; between the latter and the International Bureau; between the post offices of the Spanish-American countries; and between the said post offices and the Postal Administrations of the said countries;
- (b) all mail of the members of the diplomatic corps of the signatory countries;
- (c) official mail forwarded by the consuls to their respective countries; mail exchanged between the various consuls; mail addressed by the consuls to the Government of the country to which they are accredited or to their respective embassies and legations, in all cases where reciprocal relations exist;
- (d) newspapers, periodicals, books, booklets and other printed matter addressed by the publishers or authors to information offices established by the Postal Administrations of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain, as well as publications supplied free of charge to libraries and other national centres of culture, officially recognized as such by the Governments of the countries belonging to the Union;
- (e) official mail forwarded or received by the Pan-American Union in Washington.

2. Official mail of the central governments of the countries belonging to the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain and enjoying franking privileges in the domestic system of their respective countries, shall be granted the same privilege in the country of destination, without any charge whatsoever, provided reciprocal treatment is strictly adhered to.

3. Exemption from postage shall also be extended to the National Commissions of Intellectual Co-operation appointed under government auspices, in accordance with the Pan-American and Universal Conventions in force.

4. The franking privilege enjoyed by consuls in accordance with the provisions of Section 1, paragraph (c), shall be extended to vice-consuls acting as consuls.

5. All mail matter specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of Section 1 may also be registered free of charge but without right to indemnity in case of loss, rifting or damage.

6. Mail of the diplomatic corps exchanged between the Secretary of State Departments of their respective countries and their embassies or legations, shall be carried on a reciprocal basis between the two countries and forwarded in open dispatches or diplomatic pouches in accordance with the provisions of Article 106.