

2. The limits of weight and size fixed by § 1 do not apply to correspondence relating to the postal service, as specified in Article 49, § 1.

3. Each Administration has the right, in its relations with those Administrations which have so agreed, to allow a reduction of 50 per cent. of the ordinary rate for printed papers to newspapers and periodicals published in its country; it may, however, limit this reduction to newspapers and periodicals posted directly by the publishers or their agents. Commercial printed papers such as catalogues, prospectuses, price lists, etc., no matter how regularly they are issued, are excluded from this reduction.

Administrations may, equally, with the consent of the Administration of the country of destination, allow a similar reduction to books and pamphlets, sheets of music and maps, no matter who is the sender, provided they contain no publicity matter or advertisements other than that appearing on the cover or the fly leaves.

In general, the Administrations of the countries of origin which have allowed in principle the reduction of 50 per cent. reserve the right to fix, for the articles mentioned in the first and second paragraphs above, a minimum charge which, while falling within the limits of the 50 per cent. reduction, is not lower than the postage applicable to the same articles in their inland service.

4. Articles of correspondence, other than closed registered letters, may not contain coin, bank notes, currency notes, negotiable instruments payable to bearer, platinum, gold or silver, manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels and other valuable articles.

5. The administrations of the countries of origin and of destination have the right to treat, according to their internal legislation, letters which contain documents having the character of current and personal correspondence, addressed to persons other than the addressee or persons living with him.

6. Except as provided in the Detailed Regulations, commercial papers, printed papers, blind literature, samples of merchandise and small packets:—

- (a) must be made up in such a manner as to be easy of examination;
- (b) may not bear any notes or contain any document having the character of current and personal correspondence;
- (c) may not contain any postage stamp or form of prepayment, whether obliterated or not, nor any paper representing a monetary value.

7. Packets of samples of merchandise may not contain any article having a saleable value.

8. The service of "Phonopost" packets is limited to those countries which have announced their willingness to exchange such packets, whether in their reciprocal relations, or in one direction only.

The provisions applicable to letters apply also to "Phonopost" packets as regards anything which is not expressly prescribed for the last-mentioned class of packets.

9. The enclosure in one and the same packet of correspondence of different categories (articles grouped together) is authorised under the conditions laid down in the Detailed Regulations.

10. Apart from the exceptions prescribed by the Convention and its Detailed Regulations, articles which do not fulfil the conditions laid down in the present Article and the corresponding Articles of the Detailed Regulations are not forwarded.

Articles which have been wrongly accepted must be returned to the Administration of the country of origin. Nevertheless, the Administration of the country of destination is authorised to deliver such articles to the addressees. In that case it must, if necessary, apply to them the rates of postage and surcharges prescribed for the category of correspondence in which they are placed by reason of their contents, weight or size. Articles of which the weight exceeds the maximum limits laid down in § 1 may be taxed according to their actual weight.