

IV.

Ounce avoirdupois.

As an exceptional measure, it is agreed that countries which, by reason of their internal regulations, are unable to adopt the metric-decimal system of weight, are empowered to substitute for it the ounce avoirdupois (28·3465 grammes) taking one ounce as equivalent to 20 grammes for letters and "Phonopost" packets, and two ounces as equivalent to 50 grammes for commercial papers, printed papers, blind literature, samples and small packets.

V.

Posting of Correspondence Abroad.

No country is bound to forward, nor to deliver to the addressees, correspondence which the senders domiciled in its territory post or cause to be posted in a foreign country with the object of profiting by the lower rates in force there. The rule is applied without distinction both to correspondence made up in the country where the sender resides and then carried across the frontier, and to correspondence made up in a foreign country. The Administration concerned is empowered either to return to origin the articles in question, or to tax them at its inland rates. The method of collecting the charges is left to its discretion.

VI.

International Reply Coupons.

Administrations have the right not to undertake, or to limit, the sale of international reply coupons.

VII.

Registration Fee.

Countries which cannot fix at 40 centimes the registration fee prescribed by Article 57, § 2, are authorised to charge a fee which may amount to 50 centimes or to the charge fixed for their inland service.

VIII.

Air Services.

1. The provisions regarding the conveyance of letter mails by air are annexed to the Universal Postal Convention and are considered as forming an integral part of it and of its Detailed Regulations.

2. But, notwithstanding the general rules of the Convention, the modification of these provisions may be considered from time to time by a Conference composed of the representatives of the Administrations directly concerned.

3. This Conference may be summoned by the intermediary of the International Bureau at the request of at least three of these Administrations.

4. The whole of the provisions proposed by this Conference must be submitted, by the intermediary of the International Bureau, to the vote of the countries of the Union. The decision will be taken by a majority vote.