

FINAL PROTOCOL TO THE PARCEL POST AGREEMENT

At the time of signing the Parcel Post Agreement concluded by the Fifth Americo-Spanish Postal Congress, the Plenipotentiaries signing agreed upon the following:

The United States of America is permitted to increase up to double their amount the territorial transit charges fixed by Article 4 of the Agreement, and to apply also a surcharge of 25 centimes per parcel.

RIO DE JANEIRO, September 25, 1946. (*)

1. The Contracting Parties agree to convey by the most rapid air routes used for their own mails all mail reaching them from any other Administration and destined to another country of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain or of the Universal Postal Union.

2. Except in cases where indications to the contrary have been given by the sender on the envelope or wrapper of the article, all correspondence accepted for conveyance by air shall be carried by air throughout the territory of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain without the air journey being limited in any way. This rule shall not apply to articles which are not subject to the provisions of the Universal Postal Union.

3. Any air mail misdirected through the fault of the Postal Service shall be forwarded to a new destination in which respect the provisions of the Universal Postal Union shall govern.

4. The Contracting Parties shall assume in regard to articles forwarded by air mail the same responsibility established for articles conveyed by ordinary means of transportation and in such case no penalty shall be levied on the sender in this manner may be charged to the Administration of origin.

5. The costs incurred in this manner may be charged to the Administration of origin.

III. Allocation of Air Mail Surcharges

The Contracting Parties shall assume in regard to articles forwarded by air mail the same responsibility established for articles conveyed by ordinary means of transportation and in such case no penalty shall be levied on the sender in this manner may be charged to the Administration of origin.

Each Administration shall retain the whole of the air mail surcharge. (*) Approved by acclamation in Plenary Session of the Fifth Congress of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain, September 21, 1946. [Footnote in certified copy.]