

Subject to the same reservation, the transmitting Administrations must take account of the route indicated by the sender on articles forwarded to them *à découvert*.

3. Administrations which avail themselves of the power to levy supplementary charges, as representing the extraordinary expenses pertaining to certain routes, are at liberty not to forward unpaid or insufficiently paid correspondence by those routes.

#### ARTICLE 4

##### *Distant Countries*

1. Countries between which the time taken in transmission by the most rapid land or sea route exceeds ten days are considered as distant countries.

2. As regards the fixing of periods, countries of vast extent or those with undeveloped lines of communication in the interior are treated as distinct countries for questions in which these factors play a decisive part. The International Bureau will draw up a list of these countries.

#### ARTICLE 5

##### *Fixing of Equivalents*

1. Administrations fix the equivalents of the postage rates and fees laid down by the Convention and Agreements in agreement with the Swiss Postal Administration whose duty it is to notify the equivalents through the International Bureau.

Each Administration notifies directly to the International Bureau the equivalent which it has fixed of the compensation prescribed by Article 54 of the Convention.

The equivalents can only enter into force on the first day of a month and at the soonest 15 days after their notification by the International Bureau.

The International Bureau draws up a table indicating, for each country, the equivalents of the postage rates and fees mentioned in the first paragraph above and showing, if necessary, the percentage increase or decrease of the rate applied in virtue of Article II of the Final Protocol to the Convention.

2. When an alteration of equivalents is considered necessary, the Administration of the country concerned must follow the procedure indicated in the foregoing paragraph.

The new equivalents can only enter into force on the first day of a month and at the soonest 15 days after their notification by the International Bureau.

3. Monetary fractions resulting from the surcharge on insufficiently paid correspondence may be rounded up by the Administrations which collect the charges. The sum to be added on this account may not exceed the value of one-twentieth of a franc (five centimes).

#### ARTICLE 6

##### *Postage Stamps and "Postage Paid" Impressions*

1. The postage stamps representing the basic rates of the Union or their equivalent in the currency of each country are printed in the following colours:—

In dark blue, the stamp representing the postage on a single-rate letter;

In red, the stamp representing the postage on a post-card;

In green, the stamp representing the postage for a single unit of weight of printed papers.

Impressions produced by postal franking machines must be bright red in colour, whatever the value represented by them.