

2. The number of bags exempt from transit charges must be the total of those bearing the inscription "*Statistique—Exempt*", as provided by Article 153, § 7.

3. The entries on the letter bills are checked by the office of exchange of destination. If that office finds an error in the numbers entered, it corrects the letter bill and immediately notifies the mistake to the despatching office of exchange by means of a verification note identical with Form C 16 annexed*. However, as regards the weight of a bag, the entry of the despatching office of exchange holds good, unless the actual weight exceeds by more than 250 grammes the maximum weight of the category in which this bag was entered.

ARTICLE 155.

Preparation of Statements for Closed Mails.

1. As soon as possible after the conclusion of the statistical operations, the offices of destination prepare as many copies of statements, identical in Form C 17 annexed*, as there are Administrations concerned, including the Administration of origin, and forward these statements to the offices of exchange of the despatching Administration for acceptance. These offices, after having accepted the statements, forward them to their central Administration which distributes them among the Administrations concerned.

2. If the statements C 17 have not reached the offices of exchange of the despatching Administration, or have not been received in sufficient number, within the period of three months (four months in exchanges with distant countries), from the date of despatch of the last mail to be included in the statistics, these offices themselves prepare the statements in sufficient number, in accordance with their own records, adding to each of them the note, "*Les relevés C 17 du bureau destinataire ne sont pas parvenus dans le délai réglementaire*". (The statements C 17 of the office of destination have not been received within the prescribed period). They then forward them to their central Administration which distributes them among the Administrations concerned.

ARTICLE 156.

List of Closed Transit Mails.

1. As soon as possible and, at latest, within a period of three months after each statistical period, unless it has not been possible within that period to determine the route followed, the Administrations which have despatched mails in transit send, on a form identical with Form C 18 annexed*, the list of these mails to the different Administrations whose services they have used.

2. If this list shows mails in transit which, under the provisions of Article 153, do not require the preparation of a statement C 17, it must bear an explanatory note, e.g., "*Sacs vides*", (Empty bags), "*Correspondances exemptes*", (Exempt correspondence).

ARTICLE 157.

Closed Mails exchanged with Ships of War.

1. It is the duty of the Administrations of countries to which ships of war belong to prepare statements C 17 relative to the mails sent or received by these ships. The mails sent to ships of war during the statistical period must bear, on the labels, the date of despatch.

2. In the event of these mails being re-forwarded, the redirecting Administration notifies the fact to the Administration of the country to which the ship belongs.

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