

destination, and, in relations with over-sea countries, the date of despatch and the number of the mail, and, when the Administrations concerned so require, the port of disembarkation. In the case of relations between contiguous offices, strong paper labels may be used.

The bags must indicate legibly the name of the office or country of origin and, as far as possible, be numbered.

3. In the absence of an arrangement to the contrary, mails of small size or "Nil" mails are simply wrapped in strong paper so as to prevent damage to the contents, then tied with string and sealed with wax or lead. The mails bear a printed address showing, in small type, the name of the despatching office, and, in larger type, the name of the office of destination: "*De . . . pour . . .*" (From . . . for . . .).

4. When the number or bulk of the mails necessitates the use of more than one bag, separate bags must, as far as possible, be employed:

- (a) for letters and post-cards;
- (b) for other articles.

Without regard to the number or volume of the mails, separate bags must also be used, as far as possible, when the Administration of one of the intermediate countries or of the country of destination so requests.

When separate bags are used, each of them must bear an indication of its contents.

The packet or bag of registered articles is placed in one of the bags of letters or in a bag bearing a label similar to that for letters.

The bag containing the letter bill is distinguished by the letter F marked plainly on the label.

5. No bag may exceed 30 kilogrammes in weight.

ARTICLE 50

Transmission of Mails

1. The mails are transmitted between two corresponding offices in accordance with the conditions fixed by the Offices concerned.

2. The mails must be delivered in good condition. Nevertheless, a mail may not be refused because of damage.

3. When a mail is received in bad condition by an intermediate office, it must be repacked, the original packing being preserved. The office which has repacked the mail must date-stamp the label, adding in front of the impression: "*Remballé à . . .*" (Repacked at . . .).

ARTICLE 51

Check of Mails

1. When an intermediate office is obliged to repack a mail, it verifies the contents, if there is reason to think that they are not intact.

It prepares a verification note. Form G annexed, in conformity with the provisions of § 3 below. This note is sent to the office of exchange whence the mail has been received; a copy is forwarded to the office of origin and another is inserted in the repacked mail.

2. The office of destination ascertains whether the mail is complete and whether the entries on the letter bill and on the special lists of registered articles, if any, are in order. In case of loss of a mail, of bags, of the letter bill, of a special list of registered articles, or in case of any other irregularity, the fact is verified immediately by two officers. These officers make the necessary corrections on the bill or list, taking care to cross out the incorrect entries by a stroke of the pen in such a way as to leave the original entries legible. Except in the case of an obvious error, the corrections are accepted in preference to the original statement.

3. The facts verified are notified by first post to the office of origin of the mail, and if necessary to the last intermediate office, by means of a verification note. This verification note must specify as exactly as possible which bag, packet or article is in question.

A duplicate of the verification note is sent in the same conditions as the original to the Administration to which the office of origin of the mail is subordinate, when that Administration so requires. The bag or envelope and the wax or lead seal of the packet or bag of registered articles and, if this packet or bag has not been found, the letter bag with the string, label and wax or lead seal of this bag are attached to the verification note. In relations with Offices which require the sending of a duplicate, the exhibits mentioned above are sent attached to the duplicate.

The verification notes and the duplicates are sent under registered cover.

In the cases referred to in §§ 1 and 2 of the present Article, the office of origin and, if necessary, the last intermediate office of exchange may, in addition, be advised by telegram at the expense of the Office which sends the telegram.