

ARTICLE 9

Registered Mail—Responsibility

1. The articles specified in Article 4 may be registered upon payment of a fee equal to that fixed in the domestic service of the country of origin, except where the domestic rate is higher than that of the Universal Postal Convention, in which case the latter shall apply.

2. Except when due to *force majeure*, the contracting Administrations shall be responsible for the loss of any registered article. The sender shall be entitled to an indemnity not exceeding the sum of 10 gold francs or the equivalent thereof in the currency of the country paying such indemnity.

3. The Administrations shall, however, be relieved of all responsibility for the loss of registered articles whose contents come within the prohibitions specified in Article 15 of this Convention or which are prohibited by the laws or regulations of the country of origin or of destination, provided the country in question has given due notice through the usual channels.

4. An optional group of registered articles is hereby established, not entitled to indemnity, which shall include books, periodicals and other printed matter, commercial papers and samples of no value, subject to payment, in addition to ordinary postage rates, of a reduced fee set by the Administrations concerned. This new registration service shall be limited to exchange with the Administrations which have adopted it. In order to indicate their special character, the articles shall bear the letters "S.I." (*sin indemnización—no indemnity*), the same letters being entered under the heading "Remarks" in the descriptive lists, and on the forms sent for investigation purposes concerning the disposal of said articles.

5. The Administrations which adopt, in a general manner, a reduced registration fee for all articles exclusive of letters and postcards, shall not be required to comply with the rules prescribed in the last part of the preceding Section.

ARTICLE 10

Compulsory Prepayment

1. Except for letters in their usual or ordinary form, full prepayment of all classes of mail, including sealed parcels, is compulsory.

2. Sealed parcels and other articles not or insufficiently prepaid shall be held at the office of origin, which shall treat them as prescribed by domestic legislation.

3. Insufficiently prepaid letters shall be subject to the collection of double the amount of the deficiency, upon delivery to the addressee.

4. Newspapers, magazines and other periodicals accepted in the country of origin and on which postage has been paid in cash, shall be delivered free of any charge in the country of destination.

ARTICLE 11

Weight and Dimensions

The limit of weight and dimensions of the various articles of mail shall be the same as those prescribed by the Universal Postal Convention, except in the case of printed matter, the weight limit of which shall be 5 kilograms, or 10 kilograms for a publication made up in one single volume. In regard to articles weighing over 5 kilograms and up to 10 kilograms, for publications not made up in one single volume, their acceptance shall be subject to agreements previously concluded between the Administrations concerned.