

If, after special statistics, it is shown that the total weights of the mails exchanged between two Administrations and carried by a third Administration have increased by 100 per cent or decreased by 50 per cent as compared with the results of the last statistical period and that the accounts of the third Administration would show on this head a modification of more than 5,000 francs a year, the new ascertained weights must form the basis of the transit charges due to that Administration.

In the same way, when an intermediate Administration ascertains, during the six months which follow the statistics, that between the despatches made by another Administration during the statistical period and the normal traffic there is a difference of 20 per cent at least in the total weight conveyed, the Administration concerned may demand the taking of new statistics if the accounts between two Administrations are affected by a modification of more than 5,000 francs a year.

ARTICLE 162

Make-Up and Description of Closed Mails During a Statistical Period

1. During each statistical period, separate bags for "letters and post-cards" and for "other articles" are used for the exchange of correspondence in closed mails between two Administrations across the territory or by means of the services of one or more other Administrations.

When the volume of the mails permits, the separate bags must be made up into a single "*sac collecteur*."

2.—By way of exception to the provisions of Articles 155 and 156, each Administration has the option, during the statistical period, of enclosing registered or express articles other than letters and post-cards in one of the bags intended for other articles, mentioning this fact on the letter bill; but if, in conformity with Articles 155 and 156 these articles are enclosed in a bag of letters, they are considered as letters so far as the statistics are concerned.

3.—During the statistical period, all mails sent in transit must be furnished, in addition to the ordinary labels, with a special label bearing in large type the word "*Statistique*", followed by the indication "5 kilogrammes", "15 kilogrammes" or "30 kilogrammes" according to the category of weight (Article 163, § 1, below). The label "*Statistique*" must bear in addition the mention "L.C." or "A.O." as the case may be.

4.—As regards the bags which contain only empty bags, correspondence exempt from all transit charges (Article 76 of the Convention) or a blank letter bill, the word "*Statistique*" is followed by the word "*Exempt*".

5.—When bags comprising the mail are made up into a "*sac collecteur*," the latter must be provided with a special "*Statistique*" label marked "S.C." The information concerning the statistics which is shown on the enclosed bags is not repeated on the "*sac collecteur*" label.

ARTICLE 163

Establishment of Number of Bags and Weight of Closed Mails

1.—As regards mails which involve the payment of transit charges, the despatching office of exchange makes use of a special letter bill identical with C 19 annexed. It enters on this letter bill the number of bags, dividing them into the following classes: