

5. Countries prepared to undertake risks arising from causes beyond control are authorized to collect a special charge not exceeding 40 centimes for each registered article.

6. Unpaid or insufficiently prepaid registered articles which have been incorrectly forwarded to the country of destination are liable to a charge, to be paid by the addressee, equal in amount to the deficient postage.

ARTICLE 58.

Advice of Delivery.

1. The sender of a registered article may request an advice of delivery by paying, at the time of posting, a fixed fee not exceeding 30 centimes.

2. An advice of delivery may be applied for after the posting of the article within the period of one year and on payment of the fee prescribed for applications by Article 56.

ARTICLE 59.

Responsibility.

1. Except in the cases provided for in Article 60, hereafter, Administrations are responsible for the loss of registered articles.

2. The sender is entitled, in respect of the loss, to compensation, of which the amount is fixed at 25 francs per article.

3. Administrations assume no responsibility for articles seized by the Customs authorities.

ARTICLE 60.

Exceptions to the principle of Responsibility.

Administrations are relieved from all responsibility for the loss of registered articles:

(a) in circumstances beyond control; the responsibility, however, still attaches to the Administration of origin which has undertaken to cover risks arising from causes beyond control (Article 57, § 5). The country responsible for the loss must decide, according to its internal legislation, whether the loss is due to circumstances constituting a cause beyond control; these circumstances are communicated to the country of origin, for information;

(b) which they cannot account for in consequence of the destruction of official documents through a cause beyond control, provided that their responsibility has not been proved otherwise;

(c) of which the contents fall within the prohibitions specified in Articles 36, §§ 6 and 8 (c), and 49, § 1;

(d) when the sender has not made any application within the period of one year prescribed by Article 56.

ARTICLE 61.

Cessation of Responsibility.

Administrations cease to be responsible for registered articles which have been delivered under the conditions prescribed by their internal regulations for packets of the same class.

ARTICLE 62.

Fixing of Responsibility.

1. Until the contrary is proved, responsibility for the loss of a registered article rests with the Administration which, having received the article without