

## ARTICLE 17

**Establishment of the Weight of Air Mails**

1.—During the statistical periods, the date of despatch and the gross weight of the mail are entered on the label or outer address of the mail. The enclosure of one Air Mail in another mail of the same kind is forbidden.

2.—If correspondence *à découvert* intended for onward transmission by air is included in an ordinary or Air Mail, it must be made up into a bundle labelled "Par Avion" accompanied by a statement identical with Form AV2, annexed. The weight of transit correspondence forwarded *à découvert* is shown separately for each country of destination. The letter bill is headed "Bordereau AV2."

3.—These entries are checked by the office of exchange of destination. If that office finds that the actual weight differs by more than 20 grammes from the weight advised, it corrects the label or the statement AV2 and notifies the error immediately to the despatching office of exchange by means of a verification note. In the case of closed mails a copy of this verification note is sent to each intermediate Administration. If the differences in weight ascertained are within the above-mentioned limits, the entries of the office of despatch are accepted as valid.

## ARTICLE 18

**List of Closed Air Mails**

As soon as possible, and, in every case, within a period of 15 days after each statistical period, the Administrations which have despatched closed Air Mails send a list of these mails to the different Administrations whose air services they have used, including, if necessary, the Administration of destination.

## ARTICLE 19

**Accounting for Air Transport Charges on the Basis of Statistics**

1.—During the statistical periods, the intermediate Administrations take note, in a statement in accordance with Form AV3 annexed, of the weights shown on the labels or outer addresses of the Air Mails that they have reforwarded by air either in their internal services or beyond the frontier of their countries. A statement is prepared for each office of exchange despatching Air Mails.

2.—The Administrations receiving Air Mails which undertake the retransmission by air of the Air Mail correspondence contained therein, either in their internal service or beyond the frontiers of their countries, prepare a statement, in accordance with Form AV4 annexed, from the particulars given on the statements AV2. The same procedure applies as regards Air Mail correspondence contained in ordinary mails.

3.—As soon as possible, and, at the latest, six weeks after the close of the statistical operations, the statements AV3 and AV4 are forwarded to the despatching offices of exchange for acceptance. These offices, after having accepted the statements, forward them, in their turn, to their central Administration which returns them to the central creditor Administration.

4.—If the creditor Administration has received no notice of amendments within an interval of three months reckoning from the date of despatch, the statements are regarded as fully accepted. In the case of distant countries this period is extended to four months.