

4.—Each Administration may request, by notification addressed to the International Bureau, that applications concerning its service shall be forwarded to its central Administration, or to an office specially designated.

5.—The Form C 13 and the documents annexed thereto must, in every case, be returned to the Administration of origin of the article enquired for within the shortest possible time and not later than three months from the date of the application. This period is extended to six months in relations with distant countries.

6.—The foregoing provisions do not apply to cases of violation of mails, loss of mails, or other similar cases which require a more detailed correspondence between Administrations.

ARTICLE 152

Applications Concerning Articles Posted in Another Country

In the case provided for in Article 53, § 3, of the Convention, the enquiry Form C 12 or C 13 is forwarded to the Administration of origin. The Form C 13 must be accompanied by the certificate of posting.

The Administration of origin must be placed in possession of the form within the period prescribed by Article 53, § 2, of the Convention.

ARTICLE 153

Use of Postage Stamps Presumed to be Fraudulent, or of Counterfeit Impressions of Franking Machines.

Subject to the rules laid down by the legislation of each country, the following procedure is carried out for reporting the use of fraudulent postage stamps or of counterfeit impressions of franking machines for the prepayment of postage:

(a) when the presence of a fraudulent postage stamp (counterfeit or already used) or of a counterfeit impression of a franking machine, on any article whatever, is detected at the time of despatch, the stamp is not defaced in any way, and the article, accompanied by a form identical with Form C 14 annexed, is forwarded in an official registered envelope to the delivering office. A copy of the Form C 14 is forwarded, for information, to the Administrations of the countries of origin and of destination;

(b) the article is only delivered to the addressee, who is summoned that he may recognise the offence, if he pays the charge due, discloses the name and address of the sender and places at the disposal of the Post Office, after having acquainted himself with the contents, either the entire article if it is inseparable from the offending part, or else the portion of the article (envelope, wrapper, portion of letter, etc.), which contains the address and the impression or stamp stated to be fraudulent. The result of the representations to the addressee is set forth in a formal report identical with Form C 15 annexed, signed by the postal official and by the addressee of the article. If the addressee refuses to sign, the refusal is recorded on the form.

The formal report is transmitted with the relative enclosures, officially registered, to the Administration of the country of origin, which acts according to its laws.

Administrations whose internal legislation does not allow the procedure provided for under (a) and (b) inform other Administrations through the intermediary of the International Bureau.