

2. The number of bags used for the making up of a mail must be kept to the strict minimum.

3. The obligation to use separate bags for "letters and postcards" and for "other articles" does not apply in the case of mails of which the total gross weight does not exceed 3 kilogrammes, *i.e.*, the mean weight for light bags laid down by Article 161 below. Each Administration has accordingly the right, in such a case, to place all the articles of correspondence together in one bag, which is then reckoned as a bag of "L.C." correspondence. It is to be understood that such a mail may not comprise any other bag giving rise to transit payments.

4. When the volume of the mail permits, the separate "L.C." and "A.O." bags for the same destination must be enclosed in a single "sac collecteur".

5. By way of exception to the provisions of Articles 146 and 147, each Administration has the option, during the statistical period, of enclosing registered or express articles, other than letters and postcards, in one of the bags intended for other articles, mentioning this fact on the letter bill; but if, in conformity with Articles 146 and 147, these articles are enclosed in a bag of letters, they are considered as letters so far as the statistics are concerned.

6. 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 154, § 1, below.) The label "Statistique" must bear in addition the mention L.C." or "A.O." as the case may be.

7. As regards the bags which contain only empty bags or correspondence exempt from all transit charges (Article 68 of the Convention), the word "Statistique" is followed by the word "Exempt".

8. 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 154.

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 Form C 15 annexed*. It enters on this letter bill the number of bags, dividing them, as the case may be, into the following categories:

| Description of bags 1 | Number of bags of which the gross weight | | |
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| | does not exceed 5 kg. (light bags) 2 | exceeds 5 kg. but not 15 kg. (medium bags) 3 | exceeds 15 kg. but not 30 kg. (heavy bags) 4 |
| L.C. | | | |
| A.O. | | | |
| Number of bags exempt from transit charges..... | | | |

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