

ARTICLE 7

Insured Articles of Small Value

1. An optional service, designated as "Insured Articles of Small Value," may be established by the contracting countries for the reciprocal exchange of letters containing paper money or its equivalent, or other valuable documents, insured up to the amount of the declared value, which shall not exceed 50 gold francs for each letter.

Any other article mentioned in Article 4 of this Convention may be accepted by this service, with the exception of small packets.

2. Postage on insured articles of small value above specified shall be fully prepaid by the sender and shall consist of the following:—

- (a) postage, plus the fixed charge applicable to a registered article in the domestic service of each country;
- (b) an insurance charge of 10 gold centimes for each 10 gold francs or fraction thereof of the declared value.

3. The declared value must be equal to the actual value of the article. The amount of the declared value of documents the value of which is represented by the cost of their preparation, shall not exceed the actual cost of replacement in case of loss.

4. The Administrations operating this service shall be responsible for any loss of or damage to such articles up to the amount of the actual loss or damage, the limit not to exceed, however, the sum of 50 gold francs.

5. The Administrations of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain which do not operate such a service shall assume, nevertheless, responsibility for such articles, in transit, in closed dispatches, as provided by the said Union for registered mail.

6. The contracting countries which desire to establish the said service and are already signatories of the Universal Postal Convention covering Insured Articles, shall apply, in their reciprocal relations, the universal tariff provided for insured letters only when the value exceeds 50 gold francs.

7. The Administrations which have agreed to operate the said service shall take all necessary measures for extending it, as far as possible, to all post offices in their respective countries.

8. Except in the case of agreements to the contrary covering the exchange of insured articles of small value dealt with in this Article, the various post offices of the contracting Administrations may make use of envelopes and other forms utilized in their respective domestic services; bulletins of verification, records, way bills, as well as any entries on these or any other documents concerning insured articles of small value, may be made out in the language of the respective countries utilizing them.

ARTICLE 8

Reply Coupons

1. In the countries of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain the sale price, to the public, of reply coupons shall be 20 gold centimes per unit or the equivalent thereof in the currency of the issuing country.

2. Each coupon is exchangeable in any country of the said Union for postage stamps to the value of 15 gold centimes in the currency of the country where the exchange is made.

3. The difference of 5 centimes shall be retained by the issuing country.

4. A special form of reply coupon is provided for use in the countries of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain; it is to be printed and sold to the said countries by the International Bureau of Montevideo.