

## PART VII

### Provisions Concerning Transit Charges

#### CHAPTER I

#### Statistical Operations

##### ARTICLE 161

#### Transit Statistics

1.—The transit charges payable in execution of Articles 75 *et seq.* of the Convention are based on statistics prepared once in every three years and alternately during the first 14 or 28 days of the month of May or during the 14 or 28 days which follow the 14th of October.

The statistics are taken during the second year of each triennial period.

Mails made up on board ships are included in the statistics if they are landed during the statistical period.

2.—The statistics of October-November, 1933 and the relative accounts prepared according to the provisions of the Convention of London will apply up to the end of the year 1934.

The statistics of May, 1936, will apply to the years 1935, 1936 and 1937; those of October-November, 1939, to the years 1938, 1939 and 1940.

3.—The annual payments of transit charges to be made under each set of statistics must be continued provisionally, until the accounts prepared according to the next statistics are approved or regarded as fully accepted (Article 169 below). The adjustment of the provisional payments is then made.

4.—When an important modification takes place in the circulation of correspondence from one country to another, and if this modification affects a period or periods amounting to a total of 12 months at least, each Administration concerned may demand a revision of its transit accounts. In that case the sums to be paid by the despatching Administrations are determined according to the use actually made of the intermediate services; but the total weights which are the basis for the new accounts must normally be the same as those of the mails despatched during the statistical period mentioned in § 1. When an agreement cannot be reached as to the method of division, special statistics must be taken to settle the distribution of these weights among the various services used. No modification in the circulation of correspondence for a particular country is considered important unless it affects by more than 5,000 francs per annum the accounts between the Administration of origin and the intermediate Administration concerned. If the modification exceeds this sum, it affects the payments made by the Administration of origin to the Administrations which effected the transit before and after the modification took place, even though in the case of certain Administrations, the reduction in the accounts does not attain the fixed minimum. The request for a revision of the accounts and, if necessary, for special statistics may be made when the modification in the circulation of the correspondence in question has lasted at least nine months. But the results of these statistics are only taken into consideration if the period of twelve months is actually completed.