

PART VIII
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

CHAPTER I

ARTICLE 67

Reply Coupons

1. Reply coupons are in the form shown in Form A annexed, and are printed under the supervision of the International Bureau on paper bearing in watermark the words:

40 c. Union postale universelle. 40 c.

2. Each Administration has the option:

(a) of marking the coupons with a special perforation which does not prevent the reading of the text and is not of such a character as to hinder the checking of the coupons;

(b) of modifying, by hand or by a printing process, the selling price indicated on the coupons.

3. The International Bureau supplies the coupons at cost price.

4. In the absence of other arrangements between the Administrations concerned, the coupons exchanged are sent yearly to the Administrations which issued them, with a statement of their total number and value.

5. As soon as two Administrations have agreed on the number of coupons exchanged between them, a statement (Form U annexed) indicating the debit or credit balance is drawn up by each of the two Administrations and forwarded by them to the International Bureau. If two Administrations cannot reach an agreement within a period of six months, the creditor Office prepares its account and sends it to the International Bureau. For the preparation of this statement the value of the coupon is reckoned at 40 centimes. The International Bureau includes the balance in a yearly account.

In the event of one only of the Administrations having furnished the statement (Form U) the entries of that Administration hold good.

6. When, in the relations between two Offices, the yearly balance does not exceed 25 francs, the debtor Office is exempt from all payments on this head, and the statement is not prepared.

7. If two Administrations have agreed to effect a special settlement, they do not forward a statement to the International Bureau.

8. The payment of the balances is effected under the conditions laid down in Article 66.

ARTICLE 68

Identity Cards

1. Administrations appoint the post offices or postal services which issue Identity Cards.

2. These cards are made out on forms reproducing Form F attached. These forms are furnished at cost price by the International Bureau.

3. The applicant must, at the time of application, hand in his photograph and establish his identity. Administrations take the necessary measures to ensure that cards shall not be issued until the identity of the applicant has been carefully examined.

The official enters the application in a register, fills up in ink and in Roman characters all the particulars required by the Identity Card, affixes to it the photograph in the space indicated, affixes the postage stamp representing the charge, half on this photograph and half on the card, and cancels it by a clear impression of the date-stamp.

He then makes a fresh impression of this stamp or of his official seal in such a way that it appears partly on the upper portion of the photograph and partly on the card, then reproduces this impression on the front of the card, signs the card and delivers it to the applicant after having obtained his signature.

4. When the appearance of the holder is so altered that the photograph or the description are no longer accurate, the card must be renewed.

5. Each country retains the right to issue Identity Cards relative to the International Service in accordance with the rules applied to the cards in use in its inland service.

ARTICLE 69

Mails exchanged with Ships of War

1. The establishment of an exchange of closed mails between a Post Office of the Union and naval divisions or ships of war of the same nationality, or between one naval division or ship of war and another of the same nationality, must be notified, as far as possible in advance, to the intermediate Offices.