

ARTICLE 4

Definition of Mail Matter

1. The provisions of this Convention shall apply to letters, single and reply-paid postcards, printed matter of all kinds, commercial papers, samples without value, small packets, insured articles and insured articles of small value.

2. The services covering small packets, insured articles and insured articles of small value shall be limited to the countries agreeing to maintain such services reciprocally or in one direction only.

ARTICLE 5

Postage Rates

1. The domestic postage rates of each country shall apply in the relations of the countries constituting the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain, except in cases where the said domestic rates are higher than those applicable to mail destined to countries of the Universal Postal Union, in which case the latter shall apply.

2. International rates shall also apply in the case of services which do not exist in the domestic system.

3. In regard to small packets and insured articles of small value, respectively, the rates provided by Article 6 of this Convention shall apply.

ARTICLE 6

Small Packets

1. In the optional small packet service provided for by Article 4 of this Convention, no packet shall weigh over one kilogram or contain articles, the commercial value of which at place of mailing exceeds 10 gold francs or the equivalent thereof in the currency of the country of origin.

2. The Administrations operating the small packet service established by the Universal Postal Convention are not obliged to comply, in their reciprocal relations, with any provisions which conflict with those of the Universal Convention in relation to small packets.

3. Small packets of any kind exchanged between one country and another of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain, in view of their not being liable to the payment of transit charges, shall be subject to prepayment at the domestic parcel post rates in force in each country; or the Administrations concerned may apply the rates prescribed by the Universal Postal Convention.

4. The Administration of the country of destination may submit small packets to customs regulations in accordance with the provisions of its domestic legislation.

5. The Administration of the country of destination may collect the following rates from the addressees of small packets:—

(a) a customs clearance charge not exceeding 50 gold centimes;

(b) a delivery charge not exceeding 15 gold centimes for each packet; this charge may be increased up to 30 gold centimes in the case of delivery at domicile.

6. The delivery charges provided by paragraph (b) of Section 5 of this Article shall not apply in cases where a small packet is considered exempt from duty by the Customs of the country of destination.