

2.—The limits of weight and size fixed by § 1 do not apply to correspondence relating to the postal service, as specified in Article 49, § 1.

3.—Each Administration has the right, in its relations with those Administrations which have so agreed, to allow a reduction of 50 per cent, of the ordinary rate for printed papers to newspapers and periodicals published in its country and posted directly by the publishers or their agents; but commercial printed papers such as catalogues, prospectuses, price lists, etc., however regularly they are issued, are excluded from this reduction.

Administrations may, equally, with the consent of the Administration of the country of destination, allow a similar reduction to books including pamphlets or sheets of music, no matter who is the sender, provided they contain no publicity matter or advertisements other than that appearing on the cover or the fly leaves.

4.—Articles, other than sealed registered letters, may not contain coin, bank notes, currency notes, negotiable instruments payable to bearer, platinum, gold or silver, manufactured or not, precious stones, jewels and other valuable articles.

5.—The administrations of the countries of origin and of destination have the right to treat, according to their internal legislation, letters which contain documents having the character of current and personal correspondence, addressed to persons other than the addressee or persons living with him.

6.—Except as provided in the Detailed Regulations, commercial papers, printed papers, samples of merchandise, and small packets:

(a) must be made up in such a manner as to be easy of examination;

(b) may not bear any notes or contain any document having the character of current and personal correspondence;

(c) may not contain any postage stamp or form of prepayment, whether obliterated or not, nor any paper representing a monetary value.

7.—Packets of samples of merchandise may not contain any article having a saleable value.

8.—The enclosure in one and the same packet of correspondence of different categories (articles grouped together) is authorised under the conditions laid down in the Detailed Regulations.

9.—Apart from the exceptions prescribed by the Convention and its Detailed Regulations, articles which do not fulfil the conditions laid down in the present Article and the corresponding Articles of the Detailed Regulations are not forwarded.

Articles which have been wrongly accepted must be returned to the Administration of the country of origin. Nevertheless the Administration of the country of destination is authorised to deliver such articles to the addressees. In that case it must, if necessary, apply to them the rates of postage and surcharges prescribed for the category of correspondence in which they are placed by reason of their contents, weight or size. Articles of which the weight exceeds the maximum limits laid down in § 1 may be taxed according to their actual weight.

ARTICLE 35

Prepayment

As a general rule all the articles mentioned in Article 33 must be fully prepaid by the sender.

Correspondence, other than letters and single post-cards, which is unpaid or insufficiently prepaid, and reply paid post-cards of which the two halves are not fully prepaid at the time of posting, are not forwarded.