

3. A single form may be used for several articles posted at the same time at the same office by the same sender to the same addressee.

4. The application is, as a general rule, forwarded directly by the office of origin to the office of destination without any covering letter and in a closed envelope. If the office of destination is in a position to furnish information as to the final disposal of the article under enquiry, it completes the form and returns it to the office of origin.

5. When the disposal of the article cannot be established by the office of destination, this office records the fact on the form and returns it to the office of origin, adding to it, as far as possible, a declaration by the addressee stating that he has not received the article. In this case, the Administration of origin completes the form by entering thereon particulars of the despatch of the article to the first intermediate Administration. It then transmits the form to that Administration, which enters its observations and forwards it to the following Administration, if any. The application passes thus from one Administration to the other until the fate of the article enquired for is ascertained. The Administration which has effected delivery to the addressee, or which is unable to furnish proof either of delivery or of regular despatch to another Administration, records the fact on the form and returns it to the Administration of origin.

6. Nevertheless, if the Administration of origin or the Administration of the country of destination so requires, the application is transmitted at the outset from office to office, following the same circulation as the article under enquiry. In this case, the enquiries are pursued from the Administration of origin to the Administration of destination, following the procedure indicated in § 5.

7. Each Administration may request, by notification addressed to the International Bureau, that applications concerning its service shall be forwarded to its central Administration, or to an office specially designated.

8. The Form C 9 and the documents annexed thereto must, in every case, be returned to the Administration of origin of the article enquired for within the shortest possible time and not later than three months from the date of the claim. This period is extended to six months in relations with distant countries.

9. The foregoing provisions do not apply to cases of violation of mails, loss of mails, or other similar cases which require a more detailed correspondence between Administrations.

ARTICLE 142.

Enquiries.

Enquiries respecting ordinary or registered correspondence are treated in accordance with the rules laid down in Articles 140 and 141 respectively.

ARTICLE 143.

Applications and Enquiries concerning Articles posted in another Country.

1. In the cases provided for in Article 56, § 5, of the Convention, the Forms C 8 and C 9 concerning applications or enquiries are forwarded to the Administration of origin. The Form C 9 must be accompanied by the certificate of posting.

2. The Administration of origin must be placed in possession of the form within the periods prescribed by Article 56 of the Convention.