

The application of the stamp prescribed in the preceding paragraphs is not obligatory for printed papers prepaid by means of printed impressions or by other means prescribed by Article 46 of the Convention.

2. All valid postage stamps must be obliterated.

Postage stamps not cancelled through error or oversight on the part of the office of origin must be struck through with a thick line or cancelled in some other way by the office which detects the irregularity, but they are not stamped with the date-stamp.

3. Mis-sent correspondence must be date-stamped by the office which it has reached by mistake. This obligation is imposed not only on stationary offices, but also on travelling post offices as far as possible.

4. The stamping of correspondence posted on board ships rests with the postal official or the officer on board charged with this duty, or, in their absence, the post office at the port to which the correspondence is handed over *à découvert*. In the latter case this office impresses the correspondence with its date-stamp, and adds the words "*Navire*," "*Paquebot*," or some similar note.

ARTICLE 42

Express Articles

Articles to be delivered by express are provided, as far as possible, beside the indication of the place of destination with a printed label, dark red in colour, bearing in large letters the word "Express."

ARTICLE 43

Articles Unpaid or Insufficiently Prepaid

1. Correspondence on which any charge whatever has to be collected after posting, either from the addressee, or in the case of undelivered correspondence, from the sender, is impressed with the stamp T (tax to be paid) in the upper right-hand corner of the address side; the indication in francs and centimes of the amount to be collected is entered in very legible figures beside this stamp.

2. The stamp T should be applied and the amount to be collected should be indicated by the Office of origin, or, in the case of redirection or non-delivery, by the re-transmitting Office.

In the case, however, of correspondence originating in countries which apply reduced rates of postage in relations with the re-transmitting country, the amount to be collected is indicated by the Office of delivery.

3. The delivering Office marks the article with the amount to be collected.

4. Every article which does not bear the stamp T is considered as fully paid and treated accordingly, unless there is an obvious error.

5. Postage stamps not available for prepayment are ignored. In this case, the figure nought (0) is placed by the side of these postage stamps, which must be ringed round in pencil.

ARTICLE 44

Return of Franking Notes. Recovery of Sums Advanced

1. After delivery to the addressee of a packet free of charges, the office which has advanced the customs or other charges on account of the sender completes, as far as it is concerned, the indications which figure on the back of the franking note and transmits the latter, together with the vouchers, in a closed envelope, without indication of the contents, to the office of origin of the packet.

Nevertheless, each Administration has the right to have franking notes on which charges are to be collected sent back by offices specially appointed,