

3. Articles which would be spoilt if packed according to the general rules, as well as samples placed in a transparent cover which permits inspection of their contents, may exceptionally be admitted in a cover hermetically sealed. This also applies in the case of industrial and vegetable products posted in a cover closed by the manufacturer or sealed by an examining authority in the country of origin. In these cases, the Administrations concerned may require the sender or the addressee to assist in the check of the contents, either by opening certain packets indicated by them, or in some other satisfactory manner.

4. Packing is not obligatory for articles consisting of one piece, such as pieces of wood, metal, etc., which it is not the custom of the trade to pack.

5. The address of the addressee must be indicated, as far as possible, on the packing or on the article itself. If the packing or the article is not suitable for the inscription of the address and service indications or for affixing the postage stamps, a tie-on label, preferably of parchment, must be securely attached. The same applies when the date-stamping is likely to injure the article.

ARTICLE 124.

Articles specially admitted at the Sample rate.

Transmission at the sample rate is accorded to printers' blocks, cut-out patterns sent singly, keys sent singly, cut fresh flowers, articles of natural history (dried or preserved animals and plants, geological specimens, etc.), tubes of serum or of vaccine and pathological objects rendered harmless by their mode of preparation and packing. These articles, except tubes of serum and vaccine sent in the general interest by laboratories or institutions officially recognised, may not be sent for a commercial purpose. Their packing must be in accordance with the general regulations concerning samples of merchandise.

ARTICLE 125.

Articles grouped together.

1. The inclusion of different classes of correspondence in one and the same packet is limited to commercial papers, printed papers, except articles printed in relief for the use of the blind, and to samples of merchandise, subject to the following conditions:

(a) that each article taken singly does not exceed the limits which are applicable to it as regards weight and size;

(b) that the total weight does not exceed 2 kilogrammes per packet;

(c) that the charge paid is at least the minimum charge for commercial papers if the packet contains commercial papers and the minimum charge for samples if it consists of printed matter and samples.

2. These regulations are applicable solely to articles subject to the same basic rate of postage. When an Administration observes the enclosure in the same packet of articles subject to different postage rates, the packet is charged on its total weight at the rate applicable to the class subject to the highest tariff.

ARTICLE 126.

Small Packets.

1. Small Packets are subject to the regulations laid down for samples of merchandise as regards their make-up and packing.