

PART II.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER I.

ARTICLE 28. (See Protocol IX.)

Freedom of Transit.

1. Freedom of transit is guaranteed throughout the entire territory of the Union.

2. Freedom of transit for postal parcels forwarded by land and sea routes is limited to the territory of the countries taking part in this service.

3. Freedom of transit for air parcels is guaranteed throughout the entire territory of the Union. Nevertheless, Administrations which have not acceded to the Parcel Post Agreement cannot be required to participate in the conveyance, by land and sea routes, of air parcels.

4. Administrations which have acceded to the Parcel Post Agreement are obliged to undertake the transmission of cash on delivery parcels, even if they do not admit such parcels in their own service, or if the amount of the trade charge exceeds the maximum fixed for their own traffic.

5. Insured articles may be forwarded in closed mails through the territory of countries which do not undertake the insured letter and box service or by the sea services in respect of which responsibility for insured articles is not accepted by the countries concerned, but the responsibility of these countries is limited to that prescribed for registered articles.

ARTICLE 29.

Prohibition of unauthorized charges.

It is forbidden to impose any postal charge whatever except those prescribed by the Convention and the Agreements.

ARTICLE 30.

Temporary suspension of services.

When an Administration finds itself obliged, owing to exceptional circumstances, temporarily to suspend its services, either wholly or in part, it must at once notify the fact, if necessary by telegraph, to the Administration or Administrations concerned.

ARTICLE 31.

Monetary Standard.

The franc regarded as the monetary unit in the provisions of the Convention and the Agreements is the gold franc of 100 centimes of a weight of 10/31 of a gramme and of a fineness of 0.900.

ARTICLE 32.

Equivalents.

In each country of the Union, postage rates are fixed at the closest possible equivalent of the value of the franc in the currency of the country.