

ARTICLE 9

*Registered correspondence**Responsibility*

1. The articles designated in Article 4 may be sent under registration upon payment of a fee equal to that established in the domestic service of the country of origin, except when the domestic fee is higher than that applicable under the Universal Postal Convention, in which case the latter will govern.

2. Save in case of *force majeure*, the contracting Administrations will be responsible for the loss of every registered article. The sender will be entitled to an indemnity which may in no case exceed ten gold francs or the equivalent thereof in money of the country which must pay it, being able, however, to request a smaller indemnity.

3. Administrations will be relieved of responsibility for loss of registered articles whose contents fall under the prohibitions of the Universal Postal Convention, or which are prohibited by the laws and regulations of the country of origin or of destination, provided that said countries have given due notice by the usual means.

4. There is maintained, as optional, a special category of registers without right to indemnity, applicable to the articles of correspondence referred to in Section 3 of Article 4 of this Convention. The Administrations which put this service into effect are obliged to communicate the fact to the International Office by the most rapid means, so that it may circularize the information among the other countries. Articles to which a reduced registry is applicable will be endorsed on the reverse side with the letters "S. I." (without indemnity) and a similar notation will be made in the descriptive lists, in the "Observations" column, as well as on inquiries made in order to determine the whereabouts of the matter.

5. Administrations which adopt, in a general manner, a reduced registration fee for all articles other than letters and post cards, will not be obliged to observe the formalities prescribed by the last part of the preceding Section.

ARTICLE 10

Inquiries

Complaints or requests for information regarding any article will be charged with a fee equal to that established in the domestic regimes of the contracting powers, except when such domestic fee is higher than that established by the Universal Postal Convention, in which case the latter will govern.

ARTICLE 11

Articles subject to customs clearance

1. The application of the label, C-1, established by the Universal Postal Convention, to articles of correspondence whose contents are subject to customs duties in the country of destination, is obligatory. The use of the declaration, C-2, is optional for the aforementioned articles.

2. Nevertheless, for unsealed matter, except small packets, the use of neither of the documents mentioned in the foregoing Section is obligatory, without prejudice to customs clearance by the country of destination.

ARTICLE 12

Weight and dimensions

1. The limits of weight and dimensions of articles of correspondence will conform to those fixed by the Universal Postal Convention, with the exception of prints whose weight can attain 5 kilograms, or even as much as 10 kilograms