

ARTICLE 28.

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 29.

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 30.

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.

ARTICLE 31.

Forms. Language.

1. The forms used by the Administrations in their mutual relations must be drawn up in French, with or without an interlinear translation in another language, unless the Administrations concerned arrange otherwise by direct agreement.
2. The forms used by the public must include an interlinear translation in French when they are not printed in that language.
3. So far as the forms referred to in §§ 1 and 2 are concerned, the wording, colours, and dimensions must be those prescribed by the Detailed Regulations of the Convention and of the Agreements.
4. Administrations may by common consent decide upon the language to be used in official correspondence in their reciprocal relations.

ARTICLE 32.

Identity Cards.

1. Each Administration may issue, to persons who apply for them, identity cards to serve as evidence of identity for all kinds of post office business in the countries which have not notified their refusal to admit them.
2. The Administration which issues an identity card is authorised to make, on this account, a charge which may not exceed 70 centimes.
3. Administrations are relieved from all responsibility when it is established that a postal packet was delivered or a money order was paid on presentation of a valid identity card. Administrations are not responsible for the consequences of the loss, abstraction or fraudulent use of a valid identity card.
4. The identity card is valid for three years from the date of issue.