

2. Correspondence of every description enclosed in these mails must consist exclusively of such as is addressed to or sent by the officers and crews of the ships to or from which the mails are forwarded; the rates and conditions of despatch applicable to them are settled, according to its internal regulations, by the Postal Administration of the country to which the ships belong.

3. In the absence of any contrary arrangement, the Administration of the country to which the ships of war belong is accountable to the intermediate Administrations for the transit charges on the mails calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 67.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

ARTICLE 72.

Non-observance of principle of Freedom of Transit.

When a country does not observe the provisions of Article 28, relating to freedom of transit, Administrations have the right to suppress the postal service with that country. They must give previous notice of this measure, by telegraph, to the Administrations concerned.

ARTICLE 73.

Undertakings regarding Penal measures.

The contracting countries undertake to adopt, or to propose to their respective legislatures, the necessary measures:

- (a) for punishing the counterfeiting of postage stamps, even if withdrawn from circulation, of international reply coupons and of postal identity cards;
- (b) for punishing the use or the putting into circulation:
 1. of counterfeit postage stamps (even if withdrawn from circulation) or used postage stamps, as well as of counterfeit impressions of stamping or printing machines or of impressions already used;
 2. of counterfeit international reply coupons;
 3. of counterfeit postal identity cards;
- (c) for punishing the fraudulent use of genuine postal identity cards;
- (d) for prohibiting and suppressing the fraudulent manufacture and the putting into circulation of impressed and adhesive stamps in use in the postal service, forged or imitated in such a manner that they could be mistaken for the impressed and adhesive stamps issued by the Administration of any one of the contracting countries;
- (e) for preventing and, if necessary, for punishing the insertion in postal packets of opium, morphine, cocaine or other narcotics, as well as explosive or easily inflammable substances, unless their insertion is expressly authorized by the Convention and Agreements.

FINAL PROVISIONS.

ARTICLE 74.

Entry into Force and Duration of the Convention.

The present Convention shall come into force on the 1st of July, 1948, and shall remain in operation for an indefinite period.