

## XV

*Payment of Transportation Costs*

1. The intermediate Administration and the Administrations of the country of destination participating in the air mail service shall be entitled to payment for transportation on the basis of the gross weight of the dispatches.

2. The transportation rates for air mail shall be fixed per kilogram by the Administration having jurisdiction over the services used; they shall be applied proportionately to fractions of one kilogram subject to previous arrangements with the air companies concerned.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, any Administration may arrange with the international air line companies operating in its country for payment directly to the latter of costs incurred in the conveyance of its own dispatches for the whole flight, no matter what number of lines are utilized for transportation to destination, without it being necessary, in each instance to obtain beforehand the consent of the intermediate Administrations; a simple notification to the latter shall be sufficient.

4. The contracting Administrations undertake to ask the said companies, in all instances where it is possible, that they reduce their transportation rates to a minimum level per kilogram-kilometre or more favourable basis, the said rates to be uniform for all the countries of the Union, except in the case of agreements providing for reductions in regard to long distances, the rates being graduated on the basis of 500 kilometre stretches or other distances decided upon by the contracting parties.

The said rates shall be applicable proportionately to fractions of one kilogram.

## XVI

*Cost of Transportation of Air Mail in Transit*

1. In regard to international air mail handled in transit by the countries of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain, the intermediate Administrations shall debit the Administrations of the countries of origin only with the actual cost of transportation over the air lines over which closed dispatches are reforwarded.

2. If, for special reasons due to the high cost of transportation, some country or other is unable to accept this principle, agreements concerning terms of payment may be concluded between the Administrations concerned without affecting other agreements in force until the date of expiration thereof.

3. Any Administration forwarding air mail in open transit to any other shall pay the cost of transportation in full, the said cost to be computed for the whole flight. In order to fix the rates of transportation, the net weight of these dispatches shall be increased by 10 per cent.

4. The costs occasioned by the carrying out of the provisions of paragraph 3, Article II, shall be collected from the Administration of origin, except in regard to the provisions of Art. XVII or agreement to the contrary.

5. Each country shall supply the name of its offices looking after the transit of closed or open dispatches. In the case where such dispatches are delivered to an office of the intermediate country not appearing on the list of transfer offices for open or closed dispatches, the latter shall be subject to the internal rates of transportation applying to the country of transit, over and above the rates of reforwarding to the country of destination or to another intermediate country.

## XVII

*Payment for Using the International Service*

1. The Administrations operating air services within their own territory on regular lines shall reforward over the said lines any air mail they receive from