

immediate control of the Administration, or, in the case of printed papers, by means of printed impressions or by any other process when such a system is authorised by the internal regulations of the Administration of origin.

2. The following are considered as duly prepaid: reply postcards bearing postage stamps, impressed or affixed, of the country of issue, article properly prepaid for their first transmission and on which complementary postage has been paid before their redirection, as well as newspapers or packets of newspapers and periodicals of which the address bears the words "*Abonnements-poste*" and which are sent in virtue of the Agreement for subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals.

ARTICLE 51.

Prepayment of postage on board ship.

Correspondence posted on the high seas in the letter box on board a ship or handed to postal officials on board or to the commanders of ships may, in the absence of different arrangements between the Administrations concerned, be prepaid by means of the postage stamps and according to the tariff of the country to which the said ship belongs or by which it is maintained. If the posting on board takes place during the stay at one of the two terminal points of the voyage or at any intermediate port of call, prepayment is valid only if it is effected by means of the postage stamps and according to the tariff of the country in the waters of which the ship happens to be.

ARTICLE 52.

Exemptions from Postal Charges.

1. The following are exempt from all postal charges:

Correspondence on Postal Service exchanged between Postal Administrations, between these Administrations and the International Bureau, between post offices of Union countries, and between these offices and Administrations, as well as correspondence of which the free transmission is expressly provided for in the Convention, the Agreements, and their Detailed Regulations.

2. With the exception of articles marked with a trade charge, correspondence intended for prisoners of war or despatched by them is also exempt from all postal charges, not only in the countries of origin and destination, but in intermediate countries.

3. The same privilege is accorded to correspondence concerning prisoners of war, despatched or received, either directly by, or through the agency of, the Central Agency of information regarding prisoners of war prescribed by Article 79 of the International Convention of Geneva of the 27th of July, 1929, or the Information Bureaux established on behalf of such persons in belligerent countries or in neutral countries which have received belligerents on their territories.

4. Belligerents received and interned in a neutral country, as well as civilians of enemy nationality detained in camps or in civil prisons, are treated like prisoners of war, properly so-called, in so far as the application of the above-mentioned rules is concerned.

ARTICLE 53. (See Protocol VI.)

International Reply Coupons.

1. International reply coupons are on sale in the countries of the Union.

2. The selling price of a reply coupon is fixed by the Administrations concerned, but may not be less than 28 centimes, or the equivalent in the money of the country of issue.