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FRANCE ET PALESTINE

Arrangement entre l'Administration des postes de France et l'Administration des postes de Palestine relatif à l'échange des colis postaux, et règlement d'exécution y annexé. Signés à Jérusalem, le 31 mars 1936, et à Paris, le 19 juin 1936.

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Agreement between the Post Office of France and the Post Office of Palestine for the Exchange of Parcels by Parcel Post, and Detailed Regulations annexed thereto. Signed at Jerusalem, March 31st, 1936, and at Paris, June 19th, 1936.

No. 3977. — AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE POST OFFICE OF FRANCE AND THE POST OFFICE OF PALESTINE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PARCELS BY PARCEL POST. SIGNED AT JERUSALEM, MARCH 31ST, 1936, AND AT PARIS, JUNE 19TH, 1936.

French and English official texts communicated by His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Great Britain. The registration of this Agreement took place October 7th, 1936.

THE POST OFFICES OF PALESTINE and FRANCE agree to effect a regular direct exchange of parcels between Palestine and Continental France, Corsica and Algeria.

AGREEMENT.

Article 1.

LIMITS OF WEIGHT AND SIZE.

1. A parcel shall not exceed 10 kilogrammes in weight, 1.05 metres in length and 1.80 metres in length and girth combined.
2. As regards the exact calculation of the weight and dimensions of a parcel, the view of the despatching office shall be accepted except in case of obvious error.

Article 2.

TRANSIT OF PARCELS.

The Postal Administrations of Palestine and France guarantee the right of transit for parcels over their territory from or to any foreign country and shall forward them by routes and means used for their own parcels. Such parcels shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement and to the Detailed Regulations annexed to this Agreement as far as they are applicable.

Article 3.

PREPAYMENT OF POSTAGE. RATES.

1. The prepayment of the postage on parcels shall be compulsory, except in the case of redirected or returned parcels.
2. The postage shall be made up of the sums accruing to each office taking part in the conveyance by land or sea. It shall include also, if necessary, any surcharge levied in accordance with Article 5 hereunder.

¹ Came into force August 1st, 1936.

Article 4.

TERRITORIAL RATES.

1. The territorial rates of the Postal Administration of Palestine are fixed at :
 - o Fr. 75 for parcels not exceeding 1 kilogramme ;
 - 1 Fr. 10 for parcels exceeding 1 kilogramme but not exceeding 3 kilogrammes ;
 - 1 Fr. 50 for parcels exceeding 3 kilogrammes but not exceeding 5 kilogrammes ;
 - 3 Fr. 00 for parcels exceeding 5 kilogrammes but not exceeding 10 kilogrammes.
2. The territorial rates of the Postal Administration of France are fixed at :
 - o Fr. 45 for parcels not exceeding 1 kilogramme ;
 - o Fr. 75 for parcels exceeding 1 kilogramme but not exceeding 5 kilogrammes ;
 - 1 Fr. 20 for parcels exceeding 5 kilogrammes but not exceeding 10 kilogrammes.

The Postal Administration of France reserves the right to vary its charges in accordance with any modifications which may be introduced in the matter of charges by international conventions subsequent to the Cairo Agreement of 1934.

The Postal Administration of Palestine reserves the right to vary its territorial rates in accordance with any alterations of these charges which may be decided upon in connexion with its parcel post relations with other countries generally.

Article 5.

ADDITIONAL RATE.

The Postal Administration of Palestine shall have the right to impose on parcels originating in or addressed to its offices an additional rate of 25 centimes per parcel.

In the former case the rate is collected from the sender and in the latter case from the addressee of the parcel.

Article 6.

SEA RATE.

Each of the two Postal Administrations shall be entitled to fix the rate for any sea service which it provides.

Article 7.

FEE FOR CLEARANCE THROUGH THE CUSTOMS.

The Postal Administration of France may collect in respect of delivery to the Customs and clearance through the Customs, or in respect of delivery to the Customs only, a fee not exceeding 50 centimes per parcel or such other charge as international conventions subsequent to the Cairo Agreement of 1934 shall fix. The Postal Administration of Palestine may collect such fee as it may, from time to time, fix for similar services in its parcel post agreements with other countries generally.

Article 8.

CUSTOMS AND OTHER NON-POSTAL CHARGES.

Customs and all other non-postal charges shall be paid by the addressees of parcels except as provided otherwise in the agreements.

Article 9.

WAREHOUSING CHARGE.

Each of the two Postal Administrations may collect any warehousing charge fixed by its legislation for a parcel which is addressed "Poste Restante" or which is not claimed within the prescribed period.

This charge shall not, in France, exceed 5 francs.

Article 10.

EXPRESS PARCELS.

1. Parcels not exceeding 5 kilogrammes in weight shall, at the request of the senders, be sent out for delivery by special messenger immediately after their arrival, or if the office of destination is not in a position to deliver parcels at the addressees' residence notices of arrival shall be sent out immediately by special messenger.

Such parcels, which shall be called "Express" parcels, shall be subject, in addition to the ordinary postage, to a special charge of 80 centimes, which must be fully prepaid by the sender.

2. When the addressee's residence is situated outside the local delivery zone of the office of destination, the Postal Administration to which that office is subordinate may collect an additional charge up to the amount of the fee fixed for express delivery by its inland regulations less the equivalent of the fixed charge paid by the sender.

This additional charge shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of Article 31, section 2, if the parcel is redirected or cannot be delivered.

3. Only one attempt shall be made to deliver by express to the addressee either the parcel itself, or the notice of its arrival. After an unsuccessful attempt, the parcel shall cease to be considered as an express parcel, and it shall be delivered under the conditions which apply to ordinary parcels.

Article 11.

PROHIBITIONS.

1. Postal parcels must not contain any letter, note or document having the character of an actual and personal correspondence nor packets of any kind bearing an address other than that of the addressee of the parcel or of persons dwelling with him.

It is, however, permissible to enclose in a parcel an open invoice confined to the particulars which constitute an invoice.

2. It is also forbidden to enclose in a parcel :

(a) Articles which from their nature or packing may be a source of danger to the officers of the Post Office or soil or damage other parcels ;

(b) Explosive, inflammable, or dangerous substances (including loaded metal caps, live cartridges and matches) ;

(c) Live animals (except bees, which must be enclosed in boxes so constructed as to avoid all danger to postal officers and to allow the contents to be ascertained) ;

(d) Articles the admission of which is forbidden by law or by the Customs or other regulations ;

(e) Articles of an obscene or immoral nature.

It is, moreover, forbidden to send coin, platinum, gold or silver, whether manufactured or unmanufactured, precious stones, jewels, or other precious articles in uninsured parcels addressed to countries which admit insurance.

3. A parcel which has been wrongly admitted to the post shall be returned to the country of origin, unless the Postal Administration of the country of destination is authorised by its legislation to dispose of it otherwise.

Nevertheless, the fact that a parcel contains a letter or communications which constitute an actual or personal correspondence shall not, in any case, entail its return to the country of origin.

4. Explosive, inflammable or dangerous substances and articles of an obscene or immoral nature shall not be returned to the country of origin ; they shall be disposed of by the Administration which has found them in the mails in accordance with its own internal regulations.

5. If a parcel wrongly admitted to the post is neither returned to origin nor delivered to the addressee, the Administration of the country of origin shall be informed in a precise manner of the treatment accorded to the parcel in order that it may take such steps as are necessary.

Article 12.

ADVICE OF DELIVERY.

The sender may obtain an advice of delivery, for an insured parcel only, under the conditions prescribed by the Convention of the Postal Union. An advice of delivery cannot be obtained for an uninsured parcel.

Article 13.

REDIRECTION.

1. A parcel may be redirected in consequence of the addressee's change of address in the country of destination. The Administration of that country may collect the redirection charge prescribed by its internal regulations. Similarly, a parcel may be redirected from one of the two countries which are Parties to this Agreement to another country provided that the parcel complies with the conditions required for its further conveyance.

2. Additional charges, levied in respect of redirection and not paid by the addressee or his representative, shall not be cancelled in case of further redirection or of return to origin, but shall be collected from the addressee or from the sender, as the case may be, without prejudice to the payment of any special charges incurred which the country of destination does not agree to cancel.

Article 14.

MISSENT PARCELS.

Parcels received out of course, or wrongly allowed to be despatched, shall be transmitted or returned in accordance with the provisions of Article 17, sections 1 and 2, of the Detailed Regulations.

Article 15.

NON-DELIVERY.

1. In the absence of a request by the sender to the contrary, a parcel which cannot be delivered shall be returned to the sender without previous notification and at his expense after retention for the period prescribed by the regulations of the Postal Administration of the country of destination.

Nevertheless, a parcel which is definitely refused by the addressee shall be returned immediately.

2. The sender may request at the time of posting that, if the parcel cannot be delivered as addressed, it may be either :

- (a) Treated as abandoned, or
- (b) Tendered for delivery at a second address in the country of destination.

No other alternative is admissible. If the sender avails himself of this facility his request must appear on the Despatch Note and must be in conformity with, or analogous to, one of the following forms :

- “ If not deliverable as addressed, abandon. ”
- “ If not deliverable as addressed, deliver to ”

The same request must also be written on the cover of the parcel.

3. The charges due on returned undeliverable parcels shall be recovered in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.

Article 16.

CANCELLATION OF CUSTOMS CHARGES.

Both Parties of this Agreement undertake to urge their respective Customs Administrations to cancel Customs charges on parcels which are returned to the country of origin, abandoned by the sender, destroyed, or redirected to a third country.

Article 17.

SALE. DESTRUCTION.

Articles in danger of deterioration or corruption, and these only, may be sold immediately, even when in transit on the outward or return journey, without previous notice or judicial formality. If for any reason a sale is impossible, the spoilt or putrid articles shall be destroyed.

Article 18.

ABANDONED PARCELS.

Parcels which cannot be delivered to the addressees and which the senders have abandoned shall not be returned by the Postal Administration of the country of destination, but shall be treated in accordance with its legislation.

Article 19.

ENQUIRIES.

1. A fee not exceeding 1 franc may be charged for every enquiry concerning a parcel.

No fee shall be charged if the sender has already paid the special fee for an Advice of Delivery.

2. Enquiries shall be admitted only within the period of one year from the day following the date of posting.

3. When an enquiry is the outcome of an irregularity in the postal service, the enquiry fee shall be refunded.

Article 20.

INSURED PARCELS. RATES AND CONDITIONS.

1. Parcels may be insured up to a limit of LP. 80 or 2,000 francs.

2. An insurance fee, to be fixed by the office of origin, shall be charged for each L.P. 12 or 300 francs or part thereof of the insured value.

3. The office of origin shall be entitled to collect from the sender of an insured parcel a despatch fee not exceeding 50 centimes.

4. The sender of an insured parcel shall receive without charge, at the time of posting, a receipt for his parcel.

Article 21.

FRAUDULENT INSURANCE.

The insured value may not exceed the actual value of the contents of the parcel and the packing, but it is permitted to insure only part of this value.

The fraudulent insurance of a parcel for a sum exceeding the actual value shall be subject to any legal proceedings which may be admitted by the laws of the country of origin.

Article 22.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS, DAMAGE, OR ABSTRACTION.

1. Except in the cases mentioned in the following Article, the two Postal Administrations shall be responsible for the loss of parcels and for the loss, abstraction or damage of their contents or of a part thereof.

The sender is entitled under this head to compensation corresponding to the actual amount of the loss, abstraction or damage. For uninsured parcels the amount of compensation shall not exceed 10 francs for a parcel not exceeding one kilogramme, 25 francs for a parcel exceeding one kilogramme but not exceeding five kilogrammes and 40 francs for a parcel exceeding five kilogrammes in weight. For an insured parcel the amount of compensation shall not exceed the amount for which it was insured.

Compensation is paid to the addressee when he claims it, either after making reservations when accepting delivery of a pilfered or damaged parcel, or if he proves that the sender has waived his rights in his favour.

2. In calculating the amount of compensation indirect loss or loss of profits shall not be taken into consideration.

3. Compensation shall be calculated on the current price of goods of the same nature at the place and time at which the goods were accepted for transmission.

4. Where compensation is due for the loss, destruction or complete damage of a parcel or for the abstraction of the whole of the contents, the sender is entitled to the return of the postage also.

5. In all cases insurance fees and if the case arises the despatch fee shall be retained by the Postal Administrations concerned.

Article 23.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE PRINCIPLE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

The two Postal Administrations shall be relieved of all responsibility :

- (a) In cases beyond control (*force majeure*) ;
- (b) When they are unable to account for parcels in consequence of the destruction of official documents through a cause beyond control (*force majeure*) ;
- (c) When the damage has been caused by the fault or negligence of the sender, or when it arises from the nature of the article ;
- (d) For parcels of which the contents fall under the ban of one of the prohibitions mentioned in Article 11 ;
- (e) For parcels which have been fraudulently insured for a sum exceeding the actual value of the contents and packing ;
- (f) In respect of parcels regarding which an enquiry has not been made.

Article 24.

TERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITY.

The two Postal Administrations shall cease to be responsible for parcels which have been delivered in accordance with their internal regulations and of which the owners or their agents have accepted delivery without reservation.

Article 25.

PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION.

The payment of compensation shall be undertaken by the Postal Administration of the country of origin except in the cases indicated in Article 22, section 1, where payment is made by the Postal Administration of the country of destination. The Administration of the country of origin may, however, after obtaining the sender's consent, authorise the Administration of the country of destination to settle with the addressee. The paying Administration retains the right to make a claim against the Administration responsible.

Article 26.

PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION.

1. Compensation shall be paid as soon as possible and, at the latest, within one year from the day following the date of the enquiry.

2. The Postal Administration of the country of origin is authorised to settle with the sender on behalf of the other Administration if the latter, after being duly informed of the application, has let nine months pass without giving a decision in the matter.

3. The Administration of the country of origin may, exceptionally, postpone the settlement of compensation beyond the period of one year when the question of responsibility cannot be settled owing to circumstances over which the Administrations concerned have no control.

Article 27.

INCIDENCE OF COST OF COMPENSATION.

1. Until the contrary is proved, responsibility shall rest with the Postal Administration which, having received the parcel from the other Administration without making any reservation and having been furnished with all the particulars for investigation prescribed by the regulations, cannot establish either proper delivery to the addressee or his agent, or regular transfer to the following Postal Administration as the case may be.

2. If in the case of a parcel despatched from one of the two countries for delivery in the other, the loss, abstraction or damage has occurred in course of conveyance without it being possible to prove in the service of which country the irregularity took place the two Administrations shall bear in equal shares the amount of compensation.

3. The same principle shall, as far as possible, be applied when other Administrations are concerned in the conveyance of a parcel. Nevertheless, in the case of parcels sent in transit from one of the two countries through the other neither of the two Administrations shall be held responsible when the loss, abstraction or damage has taken place in a service in which responsibility is not accepted.

4. Customs and other charges which it has not been possible to cancel shall be borne by the Administration responsible for the loss, damage or abstraction.

5. By paying compensation the Administration concerned takes over, to the extent of the amount paid, the rights of the person who has received compensation in any action which may be taken against the addressee, the sender or a third party.

If a parcel which has been regarded as lost is subsequently found, in whole or in part, the person to whom compensation has been paid shall be informed that he is at liberty to take possession of the parcel against repayment of the amount paid as compensation.

Article 28.

REPAYMENT OF THE COMPENSATION TO THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

The Administration responsible or on whose account the payment is made in accordance with Article 25 is bound to repay the amount of the compensation within a period of three months after notification of payment. The amount shall be recovered from the Administration responsible through the Accounts provided for in Article 23, § 2, of the Detailed Regulations.

The Administration of which the responsibility is duly proved and which has originally declined to pay compensation is bound to bear all the additional charges resulting from the unwarranted delay in payment.

Article 29.

CREDITS FOR CONVEYANCE.

For each parcel despatched from one of the two countries for delivery in the other, the despatching office shall allow to the office of destination the rates which accrue to it by virtue of the provisions of Articles 4 to 6.

For each parcel despatched from one of the two countries in transit through the other, the despatching office shall allow to the other office the rates due for the conveyance and insurance of the parcel.

Article 30.

CLAIMS IN CASE OF REDIRECTION OR RETURN.

In case of the redirection or of the return of a parcel from one country to the other, the retransmitting Administration shall claim from the other Administration the charges due to it and to any other Administration taking part in the redirection or return. The claim shall be made on the Parcel Bill relating to the mail in which the parcel is forwarded.

Article 31.

EXPRESS DELIVERY FEES, SPECIAL AND ADDITIONAL.

1. The special charge for express delivery prescribed by Article 10, section 1, shall be included in the sums credited to the Administration of the country of destination.

When an express parcel is redirected to another country before an attempt has been made to deliver it, this charge shall be credited to the Postal Administration of the new country of destination. If the latter does not undertake express delivery, the credit is retained by the Administration of the country to which the parcel was first addressed; the same applies when an express parcel cannot be delivered.

2. In case of the redirection or of the return to the country of origin of an express parcel, the additional charge prescribed by Article 10, section 2, shall be claimed from the Administration of the country in which the new destination is situated or from the Administration of the country of origin, as the case may be, by the Administration which has attempted delivery in the manner indicated in Article 30, unless this charge was paid when the parcel was presented at the addressee's residence.

Article 32.

CHARGE FOR REDIRECTION IN THE COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.

In case of further redirection or of return to the country of origin, the redirection charge prescribed by Article 13, section 1, shall accrue to the country which redirected the parcel within its own territory.

Article 33.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES.

1. The following fees shall be retained in full by the Postal Administration which has collected them :

- (a) The fee for Advice of Delivery referred to in Article 12 ;
- (b) The enquiry fee referred to in Article 19, section 1 ;

(c) The despatch fee for an insured parcel referred to in Article 20, section 3.

2. The fee for Customs clearance referred to in Article 7 shall be retained by the Administration of the country of destination.

Article 34.

INSURANCE FEE.

In respect of insured parcels the Postal Administration of the country of origin shall allow to the Postal Administration of the country of destination for territorial service a rate of 5 centimes for each 300 francs of insured value or fraction thereof. If the Administration of the country of destination provides the sea service, the Administration of the country of origin shall allow an additional rate of 10 centimes for each 300 francs of insured value or fraction thereof.

Article 35.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

1. The francs and centimes mentioned in this Agreement are gold francs and centimes as defined in the Postal Union Convention.

2. Parcels shall not be subjected to any postal charges other than those contemplated in this Agreement except by mutual consent of the two Postal Administrations.

3. In extraordinary circumstances, either Administration may temporarily suspend the parcel post, either entirely or partially, on condition of giving immediate notice, if necessary by telegraph, to the other Administration.

4. The two Administrations have drawn up the following Detailed Regulations for ensuring the execution of the present Agreement. Further matters of detail, not inconsistent with the general provisions of this Agreement and not provided for in the Detailed Regulations, may be arranged from time to time by mutual consent.

5. The internal legislation of Palestine and France shall remain applicable as regards everything not provided for by the stipulations contained in the present Agreement and in the Detailed Regulations for its execution.

Article 36.

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

This Agreement shall come into force on a date to be fixed by mutual agreement between the two Postal Administrations and shall remain in force until the expiration of one year from the date on which it may be denounced by either of the two Administrations.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorised for that purpose, have signed the present Agreement and have affixed their seals thereto.

Done in duplicate at Jerusalem, the thirty-first day of March, 1936, and at Paris, the 19th day of June, 1936.

(Sgd) W. HUDSON,
Postmaster General of Palestine.

(Sgd) R. JARDILLIER,
*Minister of Posts, Telegraphs
and Telephones of France.*

DETAILED REGULATIONS

FOR CARRYING OUT THE PARCEL POST AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE POST OFFICE OF FRANCE
AND THE POST OFFICE OF PALESTINE.

Article 1.

CIRCULATION.

1. Each Postal Administration shall forward by the routes and means which it uses for its own parcels, parcels delivered to it by the other Administration for conveyance in transit through its territory.

2. Missent parcels shall be retransmitted to their proper destination by the most direct route at the disposal of the office retransmitting them.

Article 2.

METHOD OF TRANSMISSION. PROVISION OF BAGS.

1. The exchange of parcels between the two countries shall be effected by the offices appointed by agreement between the two Postal Administrations.

2. Parcels shall be exchanged between the offices of exchange in bags duly fastened and sealed.

3. A strong label showing the office of exchange of origin and the office of exchange of destination shall be attached to the neck of each bag, the number of the parcels contained in the bag and the number of the bag being indicated on the back of the label.

4. The bag containing the Parcel Bill and other documents shall be distinctively labelled.

5. Express parcels contained in a mail should be placed together and, as much as possible, in the bag containing the Parcel Bill and other documents. When these parcels cannot be placed in the bag containing the Parcel Bill the label of the bag or bags in which they are sent shall bear the red label prescribed in Article 16 of these Regulations.

6. Likewise, insured parcels shall be forwarded in separate bags ; the labels of these bags shall be marked with the letter " V ".

7. The weight of any bag of parcels shall not exceed 36 kilogrammes.

8. Each Administration provides its own bags, which shall be numbered and suitably stencilled to indicate the name of the Administration or of the despatching office of exchange. The bags of one of the two Administrations shall not be used by the other and each Administration shall be called upon to reimburse the value of bags which are not returned. The responsibility for the loss of bags is determined by the principles concerning the loss of bags in Article 27 of the Agreement.

9. The bags received in each Administration shall be returned empty, made up in bundles of ten (nine bags enclosed in one) and despatched as a separate mail addressed to the office of exchange of origin. The number of bags so returned shall be advised on a Parcel Bill distinct from that used for the description of parcels and shall bear a serial number of a special annual series.

Article 3.

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED.

1. Each Postal Administration shall communicate to the other by means of a table :

(a) The names of the countries to which it can forward parcels handed over to it ;

(b) The routes available for the transmission of the said parcels from the point of entry into its territory or into its service ;

(c) The total amount to be credited to it by the other Administration for each destination ;

(d) The number of Customs Declarations which must accompany each parcel ;

(e) Any other necessary information.

2. Each Administration shall make known to the other the names of the countries to which it intends to send parcels in transit through the other, unless in any particular case, the number of parcels concerned is insignificant.

Article 4.

FIXING OF EQUIVALENTS.

In fixing the charges for parcels, either Postal Administration shall be at liberty to adopt such approximate equivalents as may be convenient in its own currency.

Article 5.

MAKE-UP OF PARCELS.

Every parcel transmitted shall :

(a) Bear the exact address of the addressee in Roman characters. Addresses in pencil shall not be allowed provided that parcels bearing addresses written with copying-ink pencil on a surface previously damped shall be accepted. The address shall be written on the parcel itself or on a strong label so firmly attached to it that it cannot become detached. The sender of a parcel shall be advised to enclose in the parcel a copy of the address together with a note of his own address ;

(b) Be packed in a manner adequate for the length of the journey and for the protection of the contents so that it is impossible to tamper with them without leaving an obvious trace of violation.

Articles liable to injure officers of the Post Office or to damage other parcels shall be so packed as to prevent any risk.

Article 6.

SPECIAL PACKING.

1. The packing of parcels which have to be conveyed over long distances or to undergo numerous transshipments and handlings must be specially strong and substantial; in particular, when the contents consist of precious metals, articles of metal or heavy goods, it is essential that stout metal boxes or wooden cases at least one centimetre thick should be used for packing.

2. Liquids and substances which easily liquefy shall be packed in two receptacles. Between the first receptacle (bottle, flask, pot, box, etc.) and the second (box of metal or of stout wood) shall be left a space which shall be filled with sawdust, bran or some other absorbent material in sufficient quantity to absorb all the liquid contents in the case of breakage.

3. Dry colouring substances such as aniline, etc., shall be admitted only if enclosed in stout metal boxes placed inside wooden boxes with sawdust between the two receptacles.

Article 7.

DESPATCH NOTES AND CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS.

1. Each parcel shall be accompanied by a Despatch Note and by a set of Customs Declarations according to the regulations of the country of destination, and the Customs Declarations shall be firmly attached to the Despatch Note.

2. Nevertheless, a single Despatch Note and a single set of Customs Declarations may suffice for two or three (but not more) ordinary parcels posted at the same time by one sender to one addressee. This provision shall not apply to Trade Charge parcels, insured parcels, express parcels, or parcels intended for delivery to the addressees free of charge.

3. The two Postal Administrations accept no responsibility in respect of the accuracy of Customs Declarations.

Article 8.

ADVICE OF DELIVERY.

1. Insured parcels of which the senders ask for an Advice of Delivery shall be very prominently marked "Advice of Delivery" or "A. R.". The Despatch Notes shall be marked in the same way.

2. Such parcels shall be accompanied by a form similar to that annexed to the Detailed Regulations of the Postal Union Convention. This Advice of Delivery form shall be prepared by the office of origin or by any other office appointed by the Administration of the country of origin and shall be attached to the Despatch Note of the parcel to which it relates. If it does not reach the office of destination, that office shall make out officially a new Advice of Delivery.

3. The office of destination, after having duly filled up the form shall return it unenclosed and free of postage to the address of the sender of the parcel.

4. When the sender makes enquiry concerning an Advice of Delivery which has not been returned to him after a reasonable interval, action shall be taken in accordance with the rules laid down in Article 9 following. In that case a second fee shall not be charged, and the office of origin shall enter at the top of the form the words "Duplicata de l'Avis de Réception".

Article 9.

ADVICE OF DELIVERY APPLIED FOR AFTER POSTING.

The sender of a parcel may, by paying the fee prescribed in the Convention of the Universal Postal Union, ask for an Advice of Delivery after the posting of a parcel.

In this case, the office of origin or any other office appointed by the Postal Administration of the country of origin shall forward to the office of destination a form of enquiry to which a form of an Advice of Delivery duly completed shall be attached.

The form of enquiry accompanied by the Advice of Delivery form shall be treated according to the provisions of Article 20 of the present Regulations with the single exception that, in case of the due delivery of the parcel, the office of destination shall withdraw the form of enquiry and shall return the Advice of Delivery form to origin, in the manner prescribed in paragraph 3 of Article 8 of the present Regulations.

Article 10.

INDICATION OF INSURED VALUE.

Every insured parcel and the relative Despatch Note shall bear an indication of the insured value in the currency of the country of origin. This indication shall be made without erasure or correction even if certified. The amount of the insurance shall in addition be converted into gold francs by the office of origin. The result of the conversion shall be indicated distinctly by new figures, placed immediately below those representing the amount of the insurance in the currency of the country of origin.

Article 11.

INSURANCE LABELS, ETC.

Every insured parcel and its Despatch Note as well shall bear a red label with the indication "Insured" or "Valeur déclarée" in Roman characters.

When a parcel contains coin, bullion or other precious objects, the wax or other seals, the labels of whatever kind and any postage stamps affixed to it shall be so spaced that they cannot conceal injuries to the cover. Moreover, the labels and postage stamps, if any, shall not be folded over two sides of the cover so as to hide the edge.

Article 12.

SEALING OF INSURED PARCELS.

Every insured parcel shall be sealed by means of wax or by lead or other seals, with some special uniform design or mark of the sender, the seals being sufficient in number to render it impossible to tamper with the contents without leaving an obvious trace of violation.

Apart from the indication of the insured value prescribed in Article 10 of the present Regulations, the Despatch Note accompanying each insured parcel must bear a correct reproduction of the design or special mark of the sender.

Article 13.

INDICATION OF WEIGHT OF INSURED PARCELS.

The exact weight in grammes of each insured parcel shall be entered by the Postal Administration of the country of origin :

- (a) On the address side of the parcel ;
- (b) On the Despatch Note, in the place reserved for this purpose.

Article 14.

SERIAL NUMBER AND PLACE OF POSTING.

Each parcel and the relative Despatch Note as well shall bear a label indicating the serial number and the name of the office of posting. An office of posting shall not use two or more series of labels at the same time, unless each series is provided with a distinctive mark.

Article 15.

DATE-STAMP IMPRESSION.

The Despatch Note shall be impressed by the office of posting, on the address side, with a stamp showing the place and date of posting.

Article 16.

EXPRESS PARCELS.

Every express parcel and the relative Despatch Note as well shall be provided near to the address with a printed label of a deep red colour bearing in bold type the word " Express " or " Expres ".

Article 17.

RETRANSMISSION.

1. The Postal Administration retransmitting a missent parcel shall not levy Customs or other charges upon it.

When an Administration returns such a parcel to the country from which it has been directly received, it shall refund the credits received and report the error by means of a Verification Note.

In other cases, and if the amount credited to it is insufficient to cover the expenses of retransmission which it has to defray, the retransmitting Administration shall allow to the Administration to which it forwards the parcel the credits due for onward conveyance ; it shall then recover the amount of the deficiency by claiming it from the office of exchange from which the missent parcel was directly received. The reason for this claim shall be notified to the latter by means of a Verification Note.

2. When a parcel has been wrongly allowed to be despatched in consequence of an error attributable to the postal service and has, for this reason, to be returned to the country of origin, the Administration which sends the parcel back shall allow to the Administration from which it was received the sums credited in respect of it.

3. The charges on a parcel redirected, in consequence of the removal of the addressee or of an error on the part of the sender, to a country with which Palestine or France has parcel post communication shall be claimed from the Administration to which the parcel is forwarded, unless the charge for conveyance is paid at the time of redirection, in which case the parcel shall be dealt with as if it had been addressed directly from the retransmitting country to the new country of destination.

4. A parcel which is redirected unpaid shall be retransmitted in its original packing and shall be accompanied by the Despatch Note. If the parcel, for any reason whatsoever, has to be repacked, or if the original Despatch Note has to be replaced by a substitute Note, it is essential

that the name of the office of origin of the parcel and the original serial number and, if possible, the date of posting at that office appear both on the parcel and on the Despatch Note.

Article 18.

RETURN OF UNDELIVERABLE PARCELS.

1. If the sender of an undeliverable parcel has made a request not provided for by Article 15, section 2, of the Agreement, the Postal Administration of the country of destination need not comply with it but may return the parcel to the country of origin, after retention for the period prescribed by the regulations of the country of destination.

2. The Administration which returns a parcel to the sender shall indicate clearly and concisely on the parcel and on the relative Despatch Note the cause of non-delivery. This information may be furnished in manuscript or by means of a stamped impression or a label. The original Despatch Note belonging to the returned parcel must be sent back to the country of origin with the parcel.

3. A parcel to be returned to the sender shall be entered on the Parcel Bill with the word " Rebut " in the " Observations " column. It shall be dealt with and charged like a parcel redirected in consequence of the removal of the addressee.

Article 19.

SALE. DESTRUCTION.

1. When a parcel has been sold or destroyed in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of the Agreement, a report of the sale or destruction shall be prepared.

2. The proceeds of the sale shall be used in the first place to defray the charges upon the parcel. Any balance which there may be shall be forwarded to the Administration of the country of origin for payment to the sender, on whom the cost of forwarding it shall fall.

Article 20.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING PARCELS.

For enquiries concerning parcels a form shall be used similar to the specimen annexed to the Detailed Regulations of the Parcel Post Agreement of the Universal Postal Union. These forms shall be forwarded to the offices appointed by the two Postal Administrations to deal with them and they shall be dealt with in the manner mutually arranged between the two Administrations.

Article 21.

PARCEL BILL.

1. Insured, returned and unpaid redirected parcels shall be entered individually by the despatching office of exchange on a Parcel Bill similar to the specimen annexed to the Detailed Regulations of the Parcel Post Agreement of the Universal Postal Union. Other parcels, except transit parcels, shall be entered on the Parcel Bills in bulk with a summary statement of the amounts to be credited, a note being made on the Bills of the number of express parcels. Transit parcels

shall be entered individually, provided that two or more transit parcels addressed to the same country for which the same amount of credit has to be allowed may be entered in bulk. The Despatch Notes, Customs Declarations, Advices of Delivery, etc., shall be forwarded with the Parcel Bill.

2. Each despatching office of exchange shall number the Parcel Bills in the top left-hand corner in an annual series for each office of exchange of destination, and as far as possible shall enter below the number the means of conveyance of the mail. A note of the last number of the year shall be made on the first Parcel Bill of the following year.

Article 22.

CHECK BY OFFICES OF EXCHANGE. NOTIFICATION OF IRREGULARITIES.

1. On the receipt of a mail, whether of parcels or of empty bags, the office of exchange shall check the parcels and the various documents which accompany them, or the empty bags as the case may be, against the particulars entered on the relative Bill, and, if necessary, shall report missing articles or other irregularities by means of a Verification Note.

2. Any discrepancies in the credits and accounting shall be notified to the despatching office of exchange by Verification Note. The accepted Verification Notes shall be attached to the Parcel Bills to which they relate. Corrections made on Parcel Bills not supported by vouchers shall not be considered valid.

Article 23.

ACCOUNTING FOR CREDITS.

1. Each Postal Administration shall cause each of its offices of exchange to prepare monthly for all the parcel mails despatched to it during the month by each of the offices of exchange of the other Administration a statement of the total amounts entered on the Parcel Bills, whether to its credit or to its debit.

2. These statements shall be afterwards summarised by the same Administration in an account which, accompanied by the monthly statements and the Verification Notes, if any, relating thereto, shall be forwarded to the corresponding Administration in the course of the month following that to which it relates.

3. The monthly accounts, after having been checked and accepted on both sides, shall be summarised in a general quarterly account prepared by the Administration to which the balance is due.

Article 24.

SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

1. Payment of the balance of general accounts shall be made by the debtor to the creditor Postal Administration in the manner prescribed by the Convention of the Postal Union for the liquidation of the balances of Transit Accounts.

2. The preparation and transmission of a general account and the payment of the balance of that account shall be effected as early as possible and, at the latest, within a period of three months from the end of the period to which the account relates. After the expiration of this term the sums due from one Administration to the other shall bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum to be reckoned from the date of expiration of the said term.

Article 25.

COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS.

Each Administration shall furnish to the other all necessary information on points of detail in connection with the working of the service.

Article 26.

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION OF THE DETAILED REGULATIONS.

The present Detailed Regulations shall come into operation on the day on which the Parcel Post Agreement comes into force and shall have the same duration as the Agreement.

The Administrations concerned shall, however, have the power by mutual consent to modify the details from time to time.

Done in duplicate at Jerusalem on the thirty-first day of March, 1936, and at Paris on the 19th day of June, 1936.

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