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RÉPUBLIQUE ARGENTINE,
AUTRICHE, BELGIQUE, etc.**

(Union Postale Universelle.)

Arrangement concernant les lettres
et les boîtes avec valeur déclarée,
avec Protocole final et Règlement
d'exécution de l'Arrangement,
signés à Stockholm, le 28 août
1924.

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC,
AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, etc.**

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Agreement concerning Insured Let-
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the Execution of the Agreement,
signed at Stockholm, August 28,
1924.

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AGREEMENT CONCERNING INSURED LETTERS AND BOXES.

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UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION.

No. 1003. — AGREEMENT¹ CONCERNING INSURED LETTERS AND BOXES CONCLUDED BETWEEN ALBANIA, GERMANY, ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BELGIAN CONGO, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CHILE, CHINA, REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA, REPUBLIC OF CUBA, DENMARK, THE FREE CITY OF DANZIG, EGYPT, SPAIN, THE SPANISH COLONIES, ESTHONIA, ABYSSINIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, ALGERIA, THE FRENCH COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES OF INDO-CHINA, THE WHOLE OF THE OTHER FRENCH COLONIES, GREAT BRITAIN AND VARIOUS BRITISH COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES, GREECE, GUATEMALA, REPUBLIC OF HAYTI, REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS, HUNGARY, BRITISH INDIA, THE IRISH FREE STATE, ICELAND, ITALY, THE WHOLE OF THE ITALIAN COLONIES, JAPAN, CHOSEN (KOREA), THE WHOLE OF THE OTHER JAPANESE DEPENDENCIES, LETTONIA, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBURG, MOROCCO (EXCEPT THE SPANISH ZONE), MOROCCO (SPANISH ZONE), NICARAGUA, NORWAY, NEW ZEALAND, REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, PARAGUAY, HOLLAND, DUTCH EAST INDIES, THE DUTCH COLONIES IN AMERICA, PERU, PERSIA, POLAND, PORTUGAL, THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN AFRICA, THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA, ROUMANIA, REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO, SALVADOR, THE TERRITORY OF

¹ RATIFICATIONS :

Communicated by the Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs, November 28, 1925.

	<i>Date of the instrument.</i>	<i>Date of deposit.</i>
AUSTRIA	August 10, 1925.	
BELGIUM (including the Belgian Congo)	August 10, 1925.	
BRAZIL	May 20, 1925.	
BULGARIA	June 2, 1925.	
CHINA	August 27, 1925.	October 1, 1925.
DENMARK *	August 28, 1925.	
ESTHONIA	August 22, 1925.	
FINLAND	August 4, 1925.	
FRANCE	September 1, 1925.	September 9, 1925.
GERMANY	July 22, 1925.	
GREAT BRITAIN	July 15, 1925.	
BRITISH INDIA	August 21, 1925.	
IRISH FREE STATE	August 28, 1925.	September 10, 1925.
DOMINION OF NEWFOUNDLAND	August 21, 1925.	October 1, 1925.
DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND... ..	July 2, 1925.	
FOR THE FOLLOWING BRITISH COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES AND BRITISH MANDATED TERRITORIES	September 28, 1925.	October 3, 1925.

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THE SAAR, THE KINGDOM OF THE SERBS, CROATS AND SLOVENES, THE KINGDOM OF SIAM, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TUNIS, TURKEY, THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES OF VENEZUELA, SIGNED AT STOCKHOLM, AUGUST 28, 1924.

French official text communicated by the Netherlands Acting Chargé d'Affaires at Berne and the Portuguese and Swedish Ministers for Foreign Affairs. The registration of this Agreement took place November 28, 1925.

Having regard to Article 3 of the Convention, the undersigned, Plenipotentiaries of the above-named countries, have, by mutual agreement and subject to ratification, concluded the following Agreement :

<i>Continuation of the note page 255.</i>	<i>Date of the instrument.</i>	<i>Date of deposit.</i>
Antigua, Barbados, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Honduras, Cayman Islands, Ceylon, Cyprus, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Federated Malay States, Fiji Islands, Gambia, Gold Coast, Grenada, Hong-Kong, Jamaica, Kenya and Uganda, Malta, Mauritius, Montserrat, North Borneo, Palestine, St. Helena, St. Christopher, Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somaliland, Straits Settlements and Labuan, Trinity and Tobago, Unfederated Malay States of Kedah and Perlis, Virgin Islands.		
HUNGARY	July 27, 1925.	
ICELAND *	August 28, 1925.	
LUXEMBURG	September 1, 1925.	September 7, 1925.
MOROCCO (excluding the Spanish Zone)	March 14, 1925.	
NETHERLANDS (including Netherlands Indies and the Netherlands Colonies in America)	April 28, 1925.	
NORWAY	February 27, 1925.	
SAAR TERRITORY	August 19, 1925.	
SIAM	May 13, 1925.	
SPAIN	August 20, 1925.	September 21, 1925.
SWEDEN	June 6, 1925.	
SWITZERLAND	July 7, 1925.	
TUNISIA	June 2, 1925.	
UNION OF SOCIALIST SOVIET REPUBLICS	August 31, 1925.	
Communicated by the Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs, April 10, 1926.		
FRANCE in the name of Syria and the Lebanon	December 6, 1925.	December 30, 1925.
HAITI	May 15, 1925.	January 23, 1926.
JAPAN (including Chosen and the whole of the other Japanese Dependencies)	September 24, 1925.	January 22, 1926.
PORTUGAL (valid for the whole territory of the Portuguese Nation, including the Portuguese Colonies of Africa, Asia and Oceania)	November 14, 1925.	November 27, 1925.
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	October 8, 1925.	November 2, 1925.
ADHESION : (notified until September 1, 1925).		
NICARAGUA.		

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CHAPTER I.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

*Article 1.**Subject of the Agreement.*

Letters containing valuable paper (money, securities, etc.) or documents of value as well as boxes containing jewellery or valuables may be exchanged between the contracting countries under the name of insured letters or boxes, and the contents insured up to the amount of the declared value.

In relations between countries which have come to an agreement to that effect, insured letters may also contain articles liable to Customs duty.

The service of insured boxes is limited to those countries Parties to the Agreement which have agreed to establish this service with one another.

*Article 2. (See Final Protocol.)**Maximum Declared Value.*

The different Administrations have the option of fixing a maximum of insured value in their relations with each other, but this maximum may not in any case be less than 10,000 francs per packet.

*Article 3.**Rates.*

The charges upon insured letters and boxes must be prepaid.
They are made up as follows :

- (a) for letters, the postage and fixed fee applicable to a registered letter of the same weight and for the same destination ;
- (b) for boxes, a postage rate of 20 centimes for every 50 grammes with a minimum of 1 franc and, in addition, the fixed registration fee ;
- (c) for both letters and boxes, an insurance fee which may not exceed 50 centimes per 300 francs or fraction of 300 francs insured, whatever may be the country of destination, even in countries which undertake to cover risks arising from causes beyond control.

*Article 4.**General Conditions.*

(1) Insured letters and boxes may not contain any letter, note or document addressed to persons other than the addressee or persons living with the addressee.

(2) Insured boxes may not exceed 1 kilogramme in weight, nor exceed 30 centimetres in length, 10 centimetres in breadth, or 10 centimetres in depth.

*Article 5.**Receipt.*

The sender of a packet containing insured articles receives free of charge at the time of posting a receipt for his packet.

*Article 6.**Fee for Delivery and for Customs Clearance. Poste Restante Fee.*

The country of destination may collect for the delivery of insured boxes and for their clearance through Customs a fee not exceeding 50 centimes per packet. When it is authorised by its

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legislation to deliver insured letters containing articles liable to Customs duty, it may collect for the clearance of these letters through Customs a fee not exceeding 50 centimes per packet.

It is also authorised to collect a special fee, in accordance with its own legislation, on insured packets addressed *poste restante*.

*Article 7.**Customs Duties and other non-postal Charges. Commission.*

(1) Insured boxes are subject to the legislation of the country of origin or of destination, as regards the repayment of fees for assay on exportation, and as regards the operations of the Assay and Customs authorities on importation.

(2) Fiscal charges and costs of assay leviable on importation are collected from the addressees at the time of delivery. If, in consequence of the removal of the addressee or his refusal to accept delivery or for any other reason, an insured box has to be redirected to another country taking part in the service or sent back to the country of origin, those of the charges in question which cannot be cancelled on re-exportation are collected from the addressee or the sender.

(3) In the service between offices which have come to an agreement on the subject, senders of insured boxes may make themselves responsible for the Customs and other non-postal charges to which the boxes may be liable in the country of destination, if they declare their intention beforehand at the office of posting. In this case, they must undertake to pay the sums demanded by the office of destination.

The office which advances the fees on behalf of the sender is authorised to collect for this service a commission not exceeding 25 centimes for each box. This fee is independent of that prescribed by the preceding article for Customs clearance.

*Article 8.**Express Delivery.*

The sender of a packet may ask for delivery at the residence of the addressee by special messenger immediately on arrival, subject to the conditions prescribed by Article 40 of the Convention.

The office of destination, however, is permitted, when its regulations so require, to deliver by express messenger an advice of the arrival of the packet instead of the packet itself.

*Article 9.**Declaration of Value.*

The declared value may not exceed the actual value of the contents of the packet, but the declaration of a part only of that value is permitted. The amount of the declared value of papers which represent value by reason of the cost of preparation may not exceed the cost of replacing these documents in case of loss.

The fraudulent insurance of a packet for a sum greater than the real value of the contents is subject to the legal proceedings to which it may be liable under the legislation of the country of origin.

*Article 10.**Prohibitions.*

(1) It is forbidden to enclose in insured letters :

(a) the articles mentioned in Article 41, paragraph 1, of the Convention, under the letters (a), (b), (e), (f) and (g) ;

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- (b) living animals ;
 - (c) coin ;
 - (d) articles liable to Customs duties, except valuable paper (money, securities, etc.) subject to the provisions of Article 1 ;
 - (e) gold or silver, manufactured or not, precious stones, jewellery and other valuables.
- (2) It is forbidden to enclose in insured boxes :
- (a) the articles mentioned in Article 41, paragraph 1, of the Convention under the letters (a), (b), (f), (g), and in the above paragraph, under (b) ;
 - (b) letters or notes having the character of actual and personal correspondence ; it is, however, permissible to enclose in the box an open invoice confined to the particulars which constitute an invoice, and also a simple copy of the address of the box, and of the sender ;
 - (c) current coin ;
 - (d) bank notes, or securities payable to bearer, bonds and articles included in the category of commercial papers ;
 - (e) opium, morphine, cocaine and other narcotics. This prohibition does not, however, apply to such articles sent for medical purposes to countries which admit them under this condition.
- (3) The provisions of the second paragraph of the preceding article are applicable when insured letters or boxes contain articles of which the enclosure is prohibited.

(4) The provisions of Article 41, paragraph 2, of the Convention are applicable to articles wrongly admitted to the post which fall under the prohibitions of the same article, under the letters (a), (b), (e), (f), as well as under paragraph 1, (b), above.

Other articles must be returned to the office of origin, except where the Administration of the country of destination is authorised by its legislation to deliver them to the addressee.

Where articles wrongly admitted to the post are neither returned to origin nor delivered to the addressee, the office of despatch must be informed precisely how the articles have been treated.

*Article 11.**Exemption from Postal Charges.*

(1) Insured letters relative to the postal service exchanged between Administrations or between these Administrations and the International Bureau are exempt from all postal charges.

(2) The same exemption applies to insured letters and boxes, with the exception of Trade Charge packets, sent or received by prisoners of war, and by the Information Bureau referred to in Article 43, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

*Article 12.**Withdrawal from Post. Alteration of Address.*

The sender of an insured packet may withdraw it from the post, or cause the address to be altered, with a view to its redirection either within the original country of destination or to any other of the contracting countries, under the conditions laid down by Article 45 of the Convention.

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*Article 13.**Advice of Delivery.*

The sender may obtain an advice of delivery under the conditions laid down by Article 49 of the Convention.

*Article 14.**Redirection. Undelivered Packets.*

The provisions of Article 46 of the Convention apply to redirected or undelivered insured articles.

*Article 15.**Applications.*

As regards enquiries for insured letters and boxes, Administrations follow the provisions of Article 47 of the Convention.

CHAPTER II.

RESPONSIBILITY.

*Article 16.**Extent of Responsibility.*

(1) Except as provided for in the following article, Administrations are responsible for loss, abstraction or damage in the case of insured articles.

They are equally responsible for packets transmitted "à découvert" and for those despatched in closed mails.

The sender is entitled to compensation corresponding to the actual amount of the loss, abstraction or damage, with the restriction that this compensation may not exceed in any case the amount of the declared value.

Compensation is paid to the addressee when it is claimed by him either after having made reservations on taking delivery of a packet of which the contents have been abstracted or which has been damaged, or on furnishing proof that the sender has waived his rights in favour of the addressee.

(2) Indirect loss or loss of profits is not taken into consideration.

(3) In case of loss of the packet or of complete destruction of its contents, and if compensation is paid to the sender, the latter is also entitled to repayment of the postage charges.

When an enquiry has arisen from an error on the part of the postal service, the postal enquiry fee is also repaid.

(4) The insurance fee is retained in all cases by the postal Administrations concerned.

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*Article 17.**Exceptions to the Principle of Responsibility.*

Administrations are relieved of all responsibility :

- (a) in case of causes beyond control ; but responsibility is maintained in the case of despatching offices which have undertaken to cover risks arising from causes beyond control (Art. 3, (c)) ;
- (b) when they cannot trace packets in consequence of the destruction of the relative documents through a cause beyond control ;
- (c) when the loss or damage has been caused by the fault or negligence of the sender or has arisen from the nature of the article ;
- (d) in the case of packets of which the contents fall under one of the prohibitions mentioned in Article 10 ;
- (e) when the sender has made a fraudulent declaration of value in excess of the actual value of the contents ;
- (f) when application has not been made within the period of one year provided for in Article 47 of the Convention ;
- (g) in case of sea transit, when the offices of contracting countries have notified that they are not able to accept responsibility for insured articles on board the ships used by them.

*Article 18.**Cessation of Responsibility.*

Administrations cease to be responsible for insured packets which have been delivered under the conditions prescribed by their internal regulations and of which the proper parties have taken delivery without making the reservations referred to in Article 16 above.

Responsibility is, however, maintained if the addressee, notwithstanding regular delivery, lodges a complaint without delay.

*Article 19.**Payment of Compensation. Period for Payment.*

As regards the payment of compensation, and the period for payment, the provisions of Articles 53 and 54 of the Convention apply to the insurance service.

*Article 20.**Fixing of Responsibility.*

(1) Responsibility rests with the Administration which, having received the packet without making any observation, and being furnished with all the particulars for enquiry prescribed by the regulations, cannot establish delivery to the addressee or regular transfer to the next Administration, as the case may be.

Until the contrary is proved, an Administration which has despatched to another Administration an insured letter or box is relieved of all responsibility in respect of it, if the office of exchange to which the letter or box has been forwarded has not sent to the despatching Administra-

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tion by the first mail after check, a report notifying either that the whole bundle of insured articles or the particular letter or box is missing or has been tampered with.

(2) If the loss, abstraction or damage has occurred in course of conveyance without its being possible to establish in which country's territory or service the loss, abstraction or damage took place, the Administrations concerned bear the loss in equal shares. If, however, it is discovered in the country of destination that abstraction or damage has taken place, the Administration of that country must prove that neither the packing nor the make-up showed any apparent defect and that the weight was the same as that established at the time of posting.

(3) If the loss, abstraction or damage has occurred on the territory or in the service of an intermediate office which has not adhered to the present Agreement, the other administrations bear the loss in equal shares. In that case, the sender must definitely prove that the contents of the packet were complete, intact, and carefully packed.

The same applies in case of sea transit if the loss, abstraction or damage has occurred in the service of an office, Party to the Agreement, which does not accept responsibility (Art. 17, (g)).

(4) By payment of compensation, the responsible Administration takes over, up to 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 third parties.

If ultimately, however, a packet regarded as lost is found, in whole or in part, the person to whom compensation has been paid must be advised that he has the option of taking possession of it against reimbursement of the amount of compensation paid.

*Article 21.**Limitation of Responsibility.*

(1) Each Administration is only responsible to other Administrations up to the amount of the maximum of insured value that it has adopted.

(2) When a letter or a box containing insured articles has been lost, had its contents abstracted, or been damaged, through a cause beyond control, the Administration on the territory or in the service of which the loss, abstraction or damage has occurred is responsible to the despatching Administration only if both countries undertake responsibility in respect of risks arising from causes beyond control.

*Article 22.**Repayment of Compensation to the Despatching Office.*

An office which is responsible, or on behalf of which payment is made is required to repay to the despatching office the amount of the compensation paid by the latter within a period of three months after notification of payment. This repayment is made free of cost to the creditor office by means of a Money Order or a draft, payable at sight in the capital or a commercial centre of the creditor country, or in coin current in the creditor country. After the lapse of the above-mentioned period of three months, the sum due bears interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, counting from the last day of the said period.

An office which is duly proved to be responsible, and which has in the first instance declined to pay compensation, must defray all the additional expenses resulting from the unwarranted delay in payment.

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CHAPTER III.

CASH ON DELIVERY PACKETS.

*Article 23.**Charges and Conditions.*

Insured letters and boxes may be marked with a trade charge to be collected on delivery, under the conditions allowed by Article 58 of the Convention. Articles so sent are subject to the general conditions and charges for insured packets of the class to which they belong.

*Article 24.**Cancellation or Alteration of the Amount of the Trade Charge.*

The sender of an insured article marked with a trade charge may request that the trade charge be cancelled or reduced.

Requests of this kind are subject to the same provisions as requests for withdrawal from the post or alteration of address (Article 45 of the Convention).

*Article 25.**Responsibility in case of Loss, Abstraction or Damage.*

The loss of, abstraction from or damage to an insured letter or box, marked with a trade charge, renders the postal service responsible under the conditions specified in the preceding chapter.

*Article 26.**Compensation in case of Failure to collect, or of insufficient or fraudulent Collection.*

If the packet has been delivered to the addressee without collection of the trade charge, the sender has a right to compensation provided that a claim has been lodged within the period prescribed by Article 47, paragraph 2, of the Convention and unless the failure to collect is due to fault or negligence on his part, or the contents of the packet fall under one of the prohibitions mentioned in Articles 9 and 10. This applies also if the sum collected from the addressee is less than the amount of the trade charge indicated or if it has been collected fraudulently.

Compensation will not, in any case, exceed the amount of the trade charge.

By payment of compensation, the responsible Administration takes over, up to the amount paid, the rights of the sender in any action against the addressee or third parties.

*Article 27.**Guarantee of Sums collected. Obligation to pay. Period for Payment: Claims. Division of the Charges.*

The provisions of Articles 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 and 68 of the Convention apply to the service of insured articles with trade charges to be collected.

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CHAPTER IV.

ALLOCATION OF POSTAGE COLLECTIONS. TRANSIT CHARGES.

*Article 28.**Allocation of Postage Collections.*

Except as laid down in Article 68 of the Convention, the postal charges and fees prescribed by the Agreement are wholly retained by the Office which has collected them.

*Article 29.**Transit and Warehousing Charges.*

Insured letters and boxes are subjected to the transit and warehousing charges laid down by the Convention.

CHAPTER V.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

*Article 30.**Application of the Rules of the Convention.*

The provisions of the Convention and its Detailed Regulations apply to insured packets in all cases not expressly provided for in the present Agreement and its Detailed Regulations.

The provisions of Part II of the Convention, however, are applied with the following reservations :

- (a) insured packets may be sent in closed mails over the territory of countries which are not Parties to the present Agreement, as well as by the sea services of countries, participating or not, for which responsibility for insured packets is not accepted ; in that case, the responsibility of these countries is limited to that prescribed for registered articles ;
- (b) the insurance fee for insured letters and boxes is collected in accordance with the rates which countries have adopted and notified to the International Bureau through the Swiss Postal Administration.

*Article 31.**Offices which transact Insurance Business.*

Administrations take the necessary measures to maintain, so far as possible, the service of insured letters and boxes in all the offices of their countries.

Nevertheless, the Administrations of countries outside Europe, and the Turkish Post Office are authorised to restrict the service to certain offices.

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Article 32.

Approval of Proposals made in the Interval between Meetings.

To become binding, proposals made in the interval between meetings (Articles 18 and 19 of the Convention) must obtain :

- (a) a unanimous vote, if they involve the addition of new provisions, or the alteration of the provisions of the present article or of articles 1 to 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15 to 30 and 33, or Article 17 of the Detailed Regulations ;
- (b) two-thirds of the votes, if they involve the alteration of the provisions of the present Agreement other than those of the above-mentioned articles, or of Articles 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 16 of the Detailed Regulations ;
- (c) a simple majority, if they involve the alteration of the other articles of the Detailed Regulations or affect the interpretation of the provisions of the present Agreement or of the Detailed Regulations, except in the case of dispute provided for by Article 10 of the Convention.

FINAL PROVISIONS.

Article 33.

Entry into Force and Duration of the Agreement.

The present Agreement will enter into force on the 1st of October, 1925, and will remain in force for an indefinite period.

In faith whereof the Plenipotentiaries of the above-named countries have signed the present Agreement in a single copy which shall remain in the archives of the Government of Sweden and of which a copy shall be delivered to each Party.

Done at Stockholm, the 28th of August, 1924.

(Les signatures ont été ajoutées au texte anglais par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations.)

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FINAL PROTOCOL.

At the moment of proceeding to sign the Agreement concerning insured letters and boxes, concluded on this day, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have agreed as follows :

*Article I.**Maximum Declared Value.*

In modification of the provision in Article 2 of the Agreement which fixes at 10,000 francs the limit below which the maximum of insured value may not in any case be fixed, it is agreed that any country may reduce this maximum to 5,000 francs, or to the amount adopted in its internal service if this amount is less than 5,000 francs.

In faith whereof the under-mentioned Plenipotentiaries have drawn up the present final Protocol, which shall have the same force and validity as if the provisions contained in it were inserted in the Agreement, and they have signed it in a single copy which shall remain in the archives of the Government of Sweden and of which a copy shall be delivered to each Party.

Done at Stockholm, the 28th of August, 1924.

(Here follow the same signatures as are appended to the Agreement.)

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DETAILED REGULATIONS FOR THE EXECUTION
OF THE INSURED LETTER AND BOX AGREEMENT.

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INSURED LETTERS AND BOXES — DETAILED REGULATIONS.

DETAILED REGULATIONS FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING INSURED LETTERS AND BOXES CONCLUDED BETWEEN ALBANIA, GERMANY, ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BELGIAN CONGO, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CHILE, CHINA, REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA, REPUBLIC OF CUBA, DENMARK, THE FREE CITY OF DANZIG, EGYPT, SPAIN, THE SPANISH COLONIES, ESTHONIA, ABYSSINIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, ALGERIA, THE FRENCH COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES OF INDO-CHINA, THE WHOLE OF THE OTHER FRENCH COLONIES, GREAT BRITAIN AND VARIOUS BRITISH COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES, GREECE, GUATEMALA, REPUBLIC OF HAYTI, REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS, HUNGARY, BRITISH INDIA, THE IRISH FREE STATE, ICELAND, ITALY, THE WHOLE OF THE ITALIAN COLONIES, JAPAN, CHOSEN (KOREA), THE WHOLE OF THE OTHER JAPANESE DEPENDENCIES, LETTONIA, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBURG, MOROCCO (EXCEPT THE SPANISH ZONE), MOROCCO (SPANISH ZONE), NICARAGUA, NORWAY, NEW ZEALAND, REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, PARAGUAY, HOLLAND, DUTCH EAST INDIES, THE DUTCH COLONIES IN AMERICA, PERU, PERSIA, POLAND, PORTUGAL, THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN AFRICA, THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA, ROUMANIA, REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO, SALVADOR, THE TERRITORY OF THE SARRE, THE KINGDOM OF THE SERBS, CROATS AND SLOVENES, THE KINGDOM OF SIAM, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TUNIS, TURKEY, THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES OF VENEZUELA.

Having regard to Article 4 of the Universal Postal Convention concluded at Stockholm on the 28th of August, 1924, the undersigned, in the name of their respective Administrations, have drawn up by mutual agreement the following regulations for carrying out the Agreement concerning insured letters and boxes.

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

*Article 1.**Information to be furnished to Administrations.*

(1) Administrations which maintain regular sea services, used for the conveyance of ordinary correspondence within the Union, notify to the other Administrations which of these services may be employed for the conveyance of insured letters and boxes under guarantee of responsibility.

(2) The Administrations of the contracting countries which maintain direct services communicate to each other by means of tables in the form of Statement A annexed :

- (a) a list of the countries for which they can respectively serve as intermediary for the conveyance of insured letters and boxes ;
- (b) the routes available for the transmission of the packets in question, from the point of entry on their territory or into their services ;
- (c) the maximum declared value of insured packets accepted by them ;
- (d) the number of Customs declarations to be attached to insured boxes.

*Article 2.**Routes.*

By means of the Tables A received from the other countries sharing in the service, each Administration settles the routes to be used for the transmission of its insured packets.

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Article 3.

Method of Transmission.

(1) The transmission of packets containing insured articles between adjacent countries or countries connected by a direct sea service is effected by the offices of exchange which the two Offices concerned appoint for the purpose by mutual agreement.

(2) In exchanges between countries separated by one or more intermediate services, insured letters and boxes must always follow the most direct route, and be delivered *à découvert* to the first intermediate office, if this office is in a position to provide for the transmission in the conditions specified by Articles 1 and 2 above.

(3) The offices of origin and of destination, however, retain the right to arrange with one another to exchange insured articles in closed mails by means of the services of one or more intermediate countries, whether such countries are Parties to the Agreement or not. They may also arrange with one another and with the intermediate offices to provide for transmission *à découvert* by circuitous routes, where transmission by the direct route does not carry with it a guarantee of responsibility over the whole distance.

CHAPTER II.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE.

Article 4.

Packing of Insured Articles.

(1) Insured letters may only be accepted if enclosed in envelopes fastened by means of identical seals in fine wax, with spaces between, reproducing a private mark, and affixed in sufficient number to secure all the folds of the envelope. Envelopes must be strong, made up in one piece, and allow the seals to adhere completely. The use of entirely transparent envelopes or envelopes with coloured borders or transparent panels is forbidden.

(2) Every letter must be made up in such a manner that its contents cannot be got at without external and visible damage to the envelope or the seals.

(3) Spaces must be left between the postage stamps used for prepayment, and between the official labels so that they cannot serve to hide injuries to the envelope. They must not be folded over the two sides of the envelope so as to cover the edge. It is forbidden to affix to insured letters labels other than those belonging to the postal service.

(4) Jewellery and valuables must be enclosed in stout boxes of wood or metal ; the sides of wooden boxes must be at least 8 millimetres (a third of an inch) thick.

(5) The surfaces of the top and bottom of insured boxes must be covered with white paper to receive the address of the addressee, the declaration of the insured value, and the impression of the official stamps. The boxes must then be tied round crosswise with strong string, without knots, the two ends of the string being held together under a seal in fine wax bearing a private mark. They must also be sealed on the four sides with identical seals.

(6) Letters and boxes containing insured articles addressed to initials or in pencil, as well as packets which bear erasures or corrections in the address, are not accepted. Such insured packets, if forwarded in error, must be returned to the office of origin.

Article 5.

Method of Indicating Insured Value. Customs Declarations.

(1) The amount of the insured value must be expressed in the money of the country of origin, and must be written by the sender on the address side of the packet in words in Roman characters and in Arabic figures, without erasure or correction, event if certified.

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(2) The amount of the insured value must be converted into gold francs by the sender or by the office of origin. The result of the conversion must be shown by fresh figures placed at the side of or below those representing the amount of the insured value in the money of the country of origin. This provision does not apply to direct services between countries having a common currency.

The amount in gold francs must be heavily underlined in coloured pencil.

(3) In services necessitating the use of such declarations, insured boxes must be accompanied by Customs declarations identical with or similar to Form B annexed.

(4) Administrations accept no responsibility in respect of Customs declarations.

*Article 6.**Fraudulent Declaration.*

When circumstances of any kind or the enquiries made by the persons concerned disclose that a fraudulent insurance has been effected for a sum greater than the actual value of the contents of a letter or box, information is given, as soon as possible, to the Administration of origin, and is supported by the documents, if any, relating to the investigation.

CHAPTER III.

DESPATCH AND RECEIPT OF INSURED ARTICLES.

*Article 7.**Weight to be shown. Date Stamp. Insured Boxes for Delivery free of charges.*

(1) The exact weight in grammes of each insured letter or box must be marked by the office of origin in the top left-hand corner of the address side of the packet.

(2) The packet must also be impressed by the office of origin on the address side with a stamp indicating the place and date of posting. In addition, each packet must bear a label indicating, in Roman characters, the name of the office of posting and the serial number under which it is entered in the records of that office, as well as a red label bearing in large letters the words " Valeur déclarée " (Insured).

Nevertheless, Administrations whose inland regulations do not at present permit of the use of labels may postpone the introduction of this arrangement, and continue to employ the special stamps in use in their service to distinguish insured letters and boxes.

It is, however, compulsory for offices which have not adopted the label, to distinguish each insured letter or box by a serial number. This number must appear in the upper left-hand corner of the address side. It is obligatory on redirecting offices to designate the article by the original number.

(3) The office of destination applies on the back its date-stamp showing the date of receipt.

(4) The provisions of Articles 10 and 32 of the Detailed Regulations¹ of the Parcel Post Agreement are applicable to boxes due to be delivered free of charges, with the sole exception that the Franking Note is securely attached to the Customs declaration.

*Article 8.**Despatch Lists. Making up of Bundles and Method of Inclusion in the Mails.*

(1) Insured letters and boxes are entered individually by the despatching office of exchange on special despatch lists identical with Form C annexed, all the details required by this form being entered.

¹ See page 307 of this volume.

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The word " *Exprès* " (Express) must be entered in the " *Observations* " column against the entry of articles intended for express delivery.

(2) The insured letters and boxes are made up with the despatch list or lists (*i.e.* : Form C) into one or more special bundles, which are tied up and enclosed in stout paper, then tied outside and sealed with fine wax on all the folds with the seal of the despatching office of exchange. These bundles are marked with the words " *valeurs déclarées* " (insured articles), or " *lettres de valeur déclarée* " (insured letters) and " *boîtes de valeur déclarée* " (insured boxes).

Instead of being made up in a bundle, insured letters may be placed in an envelope of stout paper closed by means of wax seals.

If the number or the volume of insured letters and boxes renders it necessary, they may also be enclosed in a bag which must be suitably closed and sealed with wax or lead.

(3) The presence of these bundles or bags is advised on the letter bill by an entry of their number in the appropriate space. When the mail does not contain any bundles or bags of insured articles, the word " *Néant* " is entered in that space.

(4) The bundles or bags of insured articles are enclosed in the bundles or bags of registered articles.

(5) Whenever one of two corresponding offices so requests, the insured boxes must be entered on separate forms C and must be packed separately.

*Article 9.**Checking of Bundles. Various Irregularities.*

(1) On receipt of a bundle of insured articles, the office of exchange of destination begins by examining the bundle to see if it shows any irregularity in either its condition or external packing, or in the carrying out of the rules laid down for its transmission in the preceding article.

(2) That office then proceeds to check one by one the insured letters and boxes, and, if necessary, to report missing articles or other irregularities and to correct the despatch lists, acting in accordance with the rules laid down for registered articles by Article 51 of the Detailed Regulations of the Convention.

(3) The loss of an article, or an alteration or irregularity of such a kind as to involve the responsibility of the respective Administrations, is notified by means of a formal report which is forwarded, officially registered, together with the wrappers, string and seals of the bundle as well as of the bag which contained it, to the central Administration of the country to which the despatching office of exchange belongs, this report being sent independently of the Verification Note due to be transmitted directly to that office. A duplicate of the report is at the same time forwarded to the central Administration which controls the receiving office of exchange, or to any other superior authority appointed by that Administration.

(4) Without prejudice to the observance of the provisions of paragraph 3, an office of exchange which receives from a corresponding office an article insufficiently packed, or in a damaged condition, must repack it, if necessary, and send it on, the original packing being as far as possible preserved.

If the damage is such that the contents of the packet may have been abstracted, the office must at once open the packet officially and check its contents.

In both cases, the weight of the packet must be checked before and after repacking and noted on the outside. The note is followed by the words " *Remballé à ...* " (Repacked at ...), an impression of the date-stamp and the signature of the officers who have repacked the article.

The result of the check of the contents forms the subject of a formal report of which a copy is attached to the packet.

(5) Articles addressed to initials or in pencil are returned to the office of origin.

(6) Insured articles unpaid or insufficiently prepaid are delivered to the addressees without surcharge.

*Article 10.**Redirection. Undelivered Packets.*

(1) If insured boxes, which are either redirected to another country in consequence of the addressee's change of residence, or are undeliverable, are marked with supplementary charges (fiscal charges, assay

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fees, &c.), which cannot be cancelled on redirection, the amount of such charges is debited to the corresponding office in column 6 of the despatch list C, a brief entry being made in column 7 in explanation of any such charges due to be recovered from the addressee or the sender (stamp fee, assay fee, &c.).

(2) If the addressee of an insured letter or box has left for a country which is not a Party to the present Agreement, the packet is sent back immediately as undeliverable to the country of origin for return to the sender, unless the first office of destination is in a position to provide for its delivery.

(3) Insured packets, which are undeliverable for any reason whatever, must be sent back as soon as possible, and, at latest, within the periods fixed by the Convention (Article 46).

These packets are entered on the despatch list C and included in the bundle labelled " Valeurs déclarées " (insured articles).

CHAPTER IV.

'ACCOUNTING, SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

*Article 11.**Transit and Warehousing Charges.*

Transit and Warehousing charges due to intermediate offices are calculated in the manner prescribed by the Convention.

*Article 12.**Accounting.*

Each Administration taking part in the insured box service draws up at the end of the year a statement, in conformity with Form D annexed, of the sums debited against it in column 6 of the despatch lists for the non-postal charges to be recovered from the addressees or senders of the said boxes.

This statement, accompanied by the relative vouchers, is submitted during the first month of the year following that to which it relates, for check by the corresponding office, which must return it within one month.

In the absence of other arrangements, the amount of this statement is then included either directly or through the medium of another office in the next Parcel Post Account. The offices which do not maintain direct Parcel Post services have the option of requesting that these accounts shall be settled under the conditions laid down by Article 66 of the Detailed Regulations of the Convention.

*Article 13.**Insured Boxes for Delivery free of Charges. Settlement of Accounts.*

The provisions of Article 46 of the Detailed Regulations of the Parcel Post Agreement are applicable to the settlement of the accounts relating to insured boxes for delivery free of charges.

Nevertheless, offices which state that they are unable to adopt the method of settlement laid down by that article must indicate the arrangement that they wish to adopt.

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CHAPTER V.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Article 14.

Advice of Delivery. Cash on Delivery. Express Delivery. Withdrawal from the Post. Alteration of Address. Enquiries.

The provisions of the Detailed Regulations of the Convention are applicable as shown below :

- (a) Articles 23 and 24 to advice of delivery ;
- (b) Articles 25 to 35 to cash on delivery ;
- (c) Articles 37 and 48 to express delivery ;
- (d) Articles 41 and 42 to withdrawal from the post or alteration of address ;
- (e) Article 44 to enquiries.

Article 15.

Forms.

In view of the application of the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 31 of the Convention, Form B (Customs declaration) is considered as a form for the use of the public.

Article 16.

Information to be furnished.

(1) At least three months before the Agreement is brought into operation, Administrations must communicate or notify to other Administrations through the medium of the International Bureau :

- (a) the insurance fees applicable in their service to insured letters and boxes in accordance with Article 3 of the Agreement ;
- (b) an impression of any special stamp used in their service for insured articles ;
- (c) the maximum amount up to which they admit insurance ;
- (d) the number of Customs declarations to be attached to insured boxes ;
- (e) if necessary, a list of those of their offices for which insured packets may be accepted (see Article 31 of the Agreement).

(2) Every modification subsequently introduced in regard to one or other of the points above-mentioned must be notified at once in the same manner.

FINAL PROVISIONS.

Article 17.

Entry into Force and Duration of the Regulations.

The present Regulations shall come into force on the day on which the Agreement concerning insured letters and boxes comes into force.

They shall have the same duration as that Agreement, unless renewed by mutual agreement between the contracting Parties.

Done at Stockholm, the 28th of August, 1924.

(Here follow the same signatures as are appended to the Agreement.)

INSURED LETTERS AND BOXES — FORMS.

¹ TRADUCTION. — TRANSLATION.

A.

OFFICE DESPATCHING
the present table :EXCHANGE OF INSURED LETTERS AND BOXES
BETWEEN NON-ADJACENT COUNTRIES.Table giving the countries for which the Postal Administration of
serves as intermediary.

Country of Destination	Route of transmission	Intermediary countries and maritime services to be utilised.	Maximum insurable value	Number of Customs declarations to accompany boxes	Observations
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.

(Dimensions : 210 × 297 mm.)

B.

CUSTOMS DECLARATION.

Déclaration of contents	Value of contents	Weight		Observations
		Gross weight of box	Net weight of contents	
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
		Grammes	Grammes	

To, (Date) 192.....

Sender,

(Dimensions : 105 × 148 mm.)

¹ Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations.¹ Translated by the Secretariat of League of Nations.

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C.

POSTAL
ADMINISTRATION

CORRESPONDENCE WITH
THE OFFICE

of

of

Stamp of
despatching office

DESPATCH LIST

Stamp of office
of destination

OF INSURED LETTERS AND BOXES

forwarded by the exchange office of
to the exchange office of

Departure (..... consignment) on 192....., at..... h..... m

Arrival on 192 at h..... m.

Serial Number	Office of origin	Registration number in office of origin	Destination	Amount for which insured	Miscellaneous expenses to be recovered by the office despatching the mail	Observations
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
1				Fr. c. (gold)	Fr. c. (gold)	
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						
16						
17						
18						
19						
20						
21						
			Total			

Employees of despatching office,

Employees of office of destination,

(Dimensions : 148 × 210 or 210 × 297 mm.)

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D.

(Front of form.)

POSTAL
ADMINISTRATION

CORRESPONDENCE WITH
THE OFFICE

of

of

STATEMENT

of sums debited to
under column 6 of the despatch list for non-postal charges in respect of insured boxes delivered by the
exchange offices of
during the year 192.....

Date of Despatch list	Exchange office of origin	Exchange office of destination	Amount	Observations
			Fr. c. (gold)	

D.

(Back of form.)

Date of Despatch list	Exchange office of origin	Exchange office of destination	Amount	Observations
			Fr. c. (gold)	
		Total.		

(Dimensions : 210 × 297 mm.)