

DETAILED REGULATIONS

*Arranged between the Post-Office Department of the United States of America and the Postal Administration of Italy, for the Execution of the Postal Convention signed at Florence the 8th day of November, A. D. 1867.* March 19, May 2, 1868.

- ARTICLE I. The exchange office of New York shall make up closed mails for the exchange office of Italy, Susa, Turin travelling office, and this Italian exchange office shall make up closed mails for New York. Closed mails.
- ARTICLE II. Each mail exchanged between the two administrations shall be accompanied by a letter bill showing the postages, the charges of transit, the fees, etc., accruing to each office upon the different kinds of correspondence. Letter bills.
- The form of this letter bill shall follow the models A and B hereto annexed, and shall consecutively be numbered by the despatching office during each calendar year. Forms. *Post*, pp. 1016, 1018.
- The receiving office shall acknowledge its receipt by the next despatch. Receipts.
- ARTICLE III. The exchange offices shall divide the correspondence which they despatch into a suitable number of separate packages, according to the letter bill. Separate packages.
- \* Each of these packages shall bear the proper etiquette and number corresponding to the letter bill.
- ARTICLE IV. When more than a single rate is chargeable upon any letter or other article, the number of rates to which it is subject shall be indicated by the despatching office, by a figure in the upper left corner of the address. Number of rates, if more than one, how to be indicated.
- ARTICLE V. Registered correspondence shall be described in a register list, following the model C, hereto annexed. Register list. *Post*, p. 1020.
- All registered letters shall be enveloped together in a strong paper securely fastened, and the packet inscribed with the words "*Registered*" or "*Raccomandato*," and placed in the mail. Registered letters and articles.
- The blank in the letter bill for expressing the number of registered articles shall be filled by letters expressing the number.
- In case no registered articles are sent, the proper blank of the letter bill shall be filled by the word *Nihil*, or *Nil*.
- ARTICLE VI. The registered letters despatched shall be acknowledged immediately by the receiving office. Same subject.
- If the verification by the receiving office shall disclose an error of any kind in the register list, it shall be also by the first mail notified to the despatching office.
- ARTICLE VII. The two administrations mutually engage to take needful measures for the careful transmission of registered correspondence, and for pursuing it when lost; but it is understood that neither assumes to the other any pecuniary responsibility in case of loss. Same subject.
- ARTICLE VIII. All letters exchanged between the two offices shall indicate, by stamps or writing thereon, the office of origin. Marks and stamps.
- Correspondence fully paid to destination shall be stamped *Paid All* in the United States, and *P. D.* in Italy.

Registered articles shall be stamped "*Registered*" in the United States, and "*Raccomandato*" in Italy. Correspondence insufficiently prepaid shall be stamped "*Insufficiently Paid*" in the United States, and "*Francobolo Insufficiente*" in Italy, and the amount of the deficient postage expressed in figures on the face.

Whenever different lines of communication shall be employed between the two offices, the letters unpaid and insufficiently paid shall be stamped to indicate the route by which they are sent.

Countries, &c. for exchange by open mails. *Post*, pp. 1021, 1022.

ARTICLE IX. The countries with which, and the conditions on which, letters, ordinary and registered, and also other correspondence, may be exchanged in the open mails between Italy and the United States, are indicated in the tables marked D and E, hereto annexed.

Postage due, how indicated.

ARTICLE X. The respective exchange offices shall mark, in red ink, in the upper corner of the address of prepaid letters sent for transit in the open mail, the amount of the postage due to the foreign office of destination, and in the same manner, but in black ink, shall mark the amount of the postage due to the foreign office of origin upon the unpaid letters so sent in transit.

Correspondence under band not conforming, &c. may be retained.

ARTICLE XI. Correspondence under band which does not conform to the conditions mentioned in Article IX. of the convention, or which is in no part prepaid, shall be retained by the administration of origin, or, if sent, shall not be subject to account.

Letters insufficiently paid, to be sent as wholly unpaid.

ARTICLE XII. Letters originating in or destined for foreign countries, sent in the open mails through the United States or through Italy, and which are insufficiently prepaid, shall be transmitted as wholly unpaid, and no account taken between the two administrations of the amount prepaid.

Letters, &c. not deliverable, to be returned.

ARTICLE XIII. Letters, and all registered articles not deliverable, shall be respectively returned to the despatching administration at the end of every month.

The postage on unpaid letters so returned shall be deducted from the account against the office originally charged therewith.

The postage on prepaid letters so returned shall remain in the account as originally entered.

The expense of transit of unpaid correspondence which has been transmitted by either administration in closed mails, and which shall be returned to the despatching office as not deliverable, shall be deducted from the original amount charged for transit upon a declaration of the amount by the office claiming the reduction. No charge will be made by either administration for the transit of correspondence returned as not deliverable.

Missent, &c. letters.

ARTICLE XIV. All correspondence wrongly addressed or missent shall be returned without delay by the receiving office to the exchange office which despatched it. The receiving office shall also correct accordingly, in the column of verification, the original entries of the letter bill relating to such correspondence. The articles of a like nature addressed to persons who have changed their residence shall be mutually forwarded or returned, charged with the rate that would have been paid at the first destination.

Letter bills to state what.

ARTICLE XV. The despatching exchange office shall state on the letter bill to the intermediate exchange offices the exact number of single rates of letters (or weight, if required) and the total weight of the other correspondence which shall be despatched in closed mails.

Accounts between the two offices.

ARTICLE XVI. It is understood that the accounts between the two offices shall be established on the respective letter bills in the proper money of the despatching office.

For the international charges, the reduction of these moneys shall be effected in the general accounts at the rate of five lire ten centesimi for one dollar of the United States.

In entering the foreign charges on the letter bill in the money of the despatching office, the *cent* of the United States and five centesimi of Italy shall be taken as equivalents.

It is also understood that the quarterly accounts shall be paid, respectively, in gold, and in the denominations of the money of the creditor office.

ARTICLE XVII. The quarterly accounts shall be prepared by the respective despatching offices of exchange. They shall be based upon the acknowledgments of receipt, and shall, respectively, be arranged according to the models hereto annexed and marked F and G.

Quarterly accounts.  
*Post*, pp. 1023, 1025.

A recapitulation of these accounts, showing the definitive results alike for the debit and credit, shall be prepared by the United States office, and shall then be transmitted, with the accounts on which it is based, for the examination of the Post-Office of Italy.

ARTICLE XVIII. These detailed regulations shall be ratified on the part of the United States by the Postmaster-General, and on the part of Italy by the Director-General of Posts.

Regulations when to be ratified.

Done at Florence, in duplicate original, this 19th of March, 1868, and at Washington this 2d of May, 1868.

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JOHN A. KASSON.  
G. B. TANTESIO.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, May 2, 1868.*

The foregoing articles of detailed regulations for carrying into execution the postal convention of 8th November, 1867, between the United States and Italy, are heréby ratified and approved.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Post-Office Department this 2d day of May, A. D. 1868.

[SEAL.]

ALEX. W. RANDALL,  
*Postmaster-General.*

LETTER BILL.

Of the Mail from the Office of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Office of \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 186\_\_\_\_\_.

Nos. of the Articles of Account.	Nature of the Correspondence.	Weight per Single Rate.		Statement by the Italian Office.			Verification by the American Office.		
		Grammes.	Ctms.	No. of the Single Rates.	Amount in		No. of the Single Rates.	Amount in	
					Frcs.	Ctms.		Frcs.	Ctms.
<b>TABLE I.—INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b>									
1	Prepaid letters (including those registered)	15	.80	—	"	"	—	"	"
2	Unpaid letters . . . . .	15	.80	—	"	"	—	"	"
3		15	"	—	"	"	—	"	"
4	Insufficiently paid letters . . . . .	No. of rates	Amount of postage stamps affixed	"	"	"	"	"	"
5				Amount of deficient postage	"	"	"	"	"
6	Prepaid or insufficiently prepaid newspapers and prints, and amount of their full or insufficient postage	40	12	"	—	—	"	—	—
6 bis.	Prepaid or insufficiently prepaid patterns of merchandise, and the amount of their postage	100	60	"	—	—	"	—	—
<b>TABLE II.—EXTRANATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.</b>									
7	Letters from Italy for countries beyond the United States . . . . .	Unpaid . . . . .	International rates . . . . .	—	"	"	—	"	"
8				Prepaid . . . . .	Foreign rates to credit of the United States	"	"	"	"
9	Letters from foreign countries for the United States . . . . .	Prepaid . . . . .	International rates . . . . .	"	"	"	"	"	"
10				Unpaid . . . . .	Foreign rates to credit of Italy	"	"	"	"
11	Letters from foreign countries for countries beyond the United States . . . . .	Prepaid . . . . .	International rates . . . . .	"	"	"	"	"	"
12				Unpaid . . . . .	Foreign rates to credit of the United States	"	"	"	"
13	Journals, prints, and patterns, prepaid, originating in Italy for countries beyond the United States, and originating in the countries beyond Italy for the United States, and for countries beyond the United States . . . . .	Prepaid . . . . .	International rates . . . . .	"	"	"	"	"	"
14				Unpaid . . . . .	Foreign rates to credit of Italy	"	"	"	"
15		Prepaid . . . . .	International rates . . . . .	"	"	"	"	"	"
16				Unpaid . . . . .	Foreign rates to credit of the United States	"	"	"	"
17		Prepaid . . . . .	International rates . . . . .	"	"	"	"	"	"
18				Unpaid . . . . .	Foreign rates to credit of the United States	"	"	"	"
<b>TABLE III.—REGISTERED CORRESPONDENCE.</b>									
19	Number of the registered articles, and of their fixed fees			—	"	"	—	"	"
20	Amount of supplementary register fees due to the United States upon registered correspondence for countries beyond the United States			"	—	—	"	—	—

**TABLE IV. — CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED ON ACCOUNT OF CHANGE OF RESIDENCE.**

21 } Letters prepaid and unpaid forwarded to persons } Prior postage to credit of Italy . . . . .  
 22 } having changed their residence . . . . . } No. of the international rates  
 Mem. — Missent articles: ———.

Number of the Registered Articles contained in this Mail : ———.

“	“	“	“	“	“
Rates.	Amounts.		Rates.	Amounts.	
	Frs.	Cent		Frs.	Cent.
Grammes.			Grammes.		

**TABLE V. — FOR ACCOUNTING FOR INTERMEDIATE TRANSIT CHARGES.**

23 Total number of letter rates contained in this mail . . . . .  
 (See Arts. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, and 22, of this Letter Bill)  
 24 } Net weight of the articles contained in this mail { Letters . . . . .  
 25 } { Prints . . . . .

**TABLE VI. — CLOSED MAILS IN TRANSIT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES.**

No. of the Articles of Account.	Office of Origin.	Office of Destination.	Letters.		Prints.
			Number of Rates.	Net Weight in Grams.	Net Weight in Grams.
			Total . . . . .		
26		Total . . . . .			
27		Total . . . . .			
28		Total . . . . .			





POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF }  
THE UNITED STATES. }

C.  
(See p. 1013.)

{ CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE  
ITALIAN POST-OFFICE.

*Descriptive List of the Letters and other Registered Articles contained in the Mail sent by the United States Office of Exchange of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Italian Office of Exchange of \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, 18—.*

Numbers.	Nature of the Registered Articles. (1)	Origin.	To whom addressed.	Destination.	Amount of the Supplementary Registration Fees to pay to the Italian Office on Registered Articles destined for Foreign Countries.		Verification by the Receiving Officer.
					Dollars.	Cents.	
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
11							
12							
13							
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15							
16							
17							
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19							
20							
Total number of the Registered Articles to be carried to Art. 19 of the Letter Bill . . . . .							
Total amount to be carried to Art. 20 of the Letter Bill . . \$							

Certified by \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Letters, newspapers or book packets under band, patterns of merchandise, etc.



D.

(See p. 1014.)

TABLE of the Countries with which the Postal Administration of the United States may exchange Correspondence through the Italian Post-Office, together with the Foreign Postage to which such Correspondence is subjected over and above the International Postage.

Foreign Countries.	Letters.			Journals, Books, and Prints.			Patterns.			Observation.
	Weight per Single Rate.	Additional Postage.	Additional Registration Fee.	Weight per Single Rate.	Additional Postage.	Additional Registration Fee.	Weight per Single Rate.	Additional Postage.	Additional Registration Fee.	
Pontifical State.....	10	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	Letters, newspapers, prints, and patterns from the United States or the Pontifical States should be prepaid to within the boundaries of the kingdom of Italy.
Greece.....	10	30	30	40	07	.....	.....	.....	.....	Registration of newspapers and prints for Greece is not allowed, and patterns are subject to letter postage.
Alexandria, in Egypt..	10	30	30	40	05	30	50	20	30	Samples of groceries and drugs, or any articles of material not dry nor flexible, are subject to letter postage as by existing laws in the United States.
Tunis.....	10	30	30	40	05	30	50	20	30	

## E.

(See p. 1014.)

TABLE showing the Countries with which Italy may exchange Correspondence through the United States open Mails, and the Amount to be added to the International Rates between Italy and the United States for Account of exterior Service.

Countries.	Letters.			Newspapers.			Book Packets, Prints, and Samples.			Observations.
	Standard weight.	Additional postage.	Additional register fee.	Standard weight.	Additional postage.	Additional register fee.	Standard weight.	Additional postage.	Additional register fee.	
	Grams.	Cents.	Cents.	Grams.	Cents.	Cents.	Grams.	Cents.	Cents.	
Acapulco . . . . .	15	10		120	2		120	4		At present, registration exists only for Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and for letters only. Samples must be confined to samples and sample cards of dry flexible material. Packages of hardware, groceries, &c. are subject to full letter rate of postage under existing laws of the United States, and hence cannot be forwarded through the United States to countries beyond at less than letter rate of postage.
Aspinwall . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Belize, British Honduras . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Brazils . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Canada . . . . .	"		5	"			"			
New Brunswick . . . . .	"		5	"			"			
Nova Scotia . . . . .	"		5	"			"			
Central America and Pacific Coast, <i>via</i> Panama . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
China . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Costa Rica . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Cuba . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Guatemala . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Japan . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Mexico, by sea . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Nicaragua, Pacific Coast, <i>via</i> Panama . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Panama . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Sandwich Islands . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
St. Thomas, <i>via</i> United States, Brazilian packets . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
Venezuela . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		
West Indies (British) . . . . .	"	10		"	2		"	4		

F. (See p. 1015.)

ACCOUNT of the Correspondence despatched in closed Mails from the Italian Office of \_\_\_\_\_ to the United States Office of \_\_\_\_\_, via \_\_\_\_\_, during the Quarter ending the \_\_\_\_\_, 18—.

[NUMBERS OF THE ARTICLES OF THE LETTER BILL.]

		1	2	4	5	6	6 bis.	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	25	
		INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.						EXTRANATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.												REGISTERED CORRESPONDENCE.	RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.	INTERMEDIATE TRANSIT CHARGES.				
Dates of the mails.		Prepaid letters.	Unpaid letters.	Letters insufficiently prepaid.		Prepaid newspapers and prints.	Prepaid samples of merchandise.	Letters from Italy for countries beyond the United States.			Letters from foreign countries for the United States.			Letters from foreign countries for countries beyond the United States.			Newspapers, prints, and patterns, from Italy and the countries beyond Italy, addressed to the United States and to countries beyond the United States.			No. of the registered articles and of their registration fees.	Amount of the supplementary register fees, due to the United States for registration to countries beyond the United States.	Amount of the prior postages to credit of Italy.		Unpaid international postages.	Letters.	Newspapers, prints, and patterns.
Nos. in annual order of the letter bill.		Number of rates.	Number of rates.	Amount of the postage stamps affixed.	Amount of the postage deficient.	Amount of their prepayment.	Amount of their prepayment.	Unpaid.	Prepaid.	Paid.	Unpaid.	Prepaid.	Unpaid.	Amount of the international postages.	Amount of the foreign postages due to the United States.	No. of rates.	Foreign postages due to Italy.	No. of rates.	Foreign postages due to the United States.			No. of rates.	Foreign postages due to Italy.			
		lire.	c.	lire.	c.	lire.	c.	lire.	c.	lire.	c.	lire.	c.	lire.	c.					lire.	c.			lire.	c.	lire.
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