## REGULATIONS


#### Abstract

Agreed upon between the Post-Office Department of the United States of America and the Postal Administration of Switzerland for the Execu-

November 28, tion of the Convention for the Exchange of Postal Correspondence, signed the 11 th Oztober, 1867, and in Accordance with the Provisions of Article XVIII. of said Convention.


Article I. The exchange office of New York shall make up mails for the Swiss exchange office of Basle.

The latter shall make up mails for the exchange office of New York.
Article II. Each mail exchanged between the respective offices shall be accompanied by a letter bill showing the postages and the charges of transit, the fees, etc., accruing to each office upon the different kinds of correspondence.

The form of this letter bill shall follow the models A and B hereto annexed, and they shall be consecutively numbered by the despatching office during each calendar year.

The receiving office shall acknowledge its receipt by return despatch.
Article III. The exchange offices shall divide the correspondence which they despatch into a suitable number of separate packages, according to the letter bill.

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.

Article V. Registered correspondence shall be entered upon the register list. This list shall conform to the model hereto annexed, marked C.

Registered letters shall be enveloped together in strong paper and well secured. The package shall be inscribed with the words "Registered" or "Objets Chargés," and placed in the mail.

Article VI. The receiving exchange office shall acknowledge to the despatching office the receipt of the registered articles numerically. Whenever the verification of the list shall disclose an error or any differences the fact shall be notified to the despatching office by the next mail.

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 towards the other any pecuniary responsibility in case of loss.

Article VIII. The letters exchanged between the two offices shall indicate, by stamp or writing thereon, the office of origin.

Correspondence fully paid to destination shall be stamped in the United States PAID ALL, and in Switzerland PD.

Registered articles shall be stamped "Registered" in the United States, and "Charge" in Switzerland. Correspondence insufficiently prepaid shall be stamped in the United States "Insuficiently PAID," and in Switzerland "Affranchissement Insuffisant," and the amount of deficient postage expressed in figures on the face.

Exchange offices.

Letter bills

Forms. Post, pp. 1038, 1040.

Separate packages.

Number of rates how indicated, if more than one.

Register list. Post, pp. 1046, 1047.

[^0]Registered articles.

Same subject.

Marks and stamps.

Letters unpaid or insufficiently paid shall be also stamped to indicate the route by which they are sent, if different routes are employed.

Article IX. The two postal administrations may exchange in the
Letters to foreign countries in open mails.

Post, p. 1048.
List of foreign countries.

Postage due, how indicated. 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 postage due to the foreign office of origin upon the unpaid letters so sent in transit.

Certain articles may be retained.

Letters insufficiently paid, to be sent as wholly unpaid.

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

Article XII. Articles under band which do not conform to the conditions mentioned in Article XII. of the convention, or which are in no part prepaid, shall be retained at the disposition of the administration of origin, or, if sent, shall not be subject to account.

Article XIII. Letters originating in or destined for foreign countries, sent in the open mail for transit through the United States or through Switzerland, and which are insufficiently prepaid, shall be transmitted as wholly unpaid, and no account taken between the two administrations of the amount prepaid.

Article XIV. 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 transported by either administration in closed mails, and 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.

Article XV. All correspondence wrongly addressed or missent shall be returned without delay by the receiving 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 hare been paid at the first destination.
Letter bill for closed mails.

[^1]Article XVI. The despatching exchange office shall state on the letter bill for the intermediate exchange offices to which it shall deliver closed mails, whether from the United States to Switzerland or from Switzerland to the United States, 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 such mails.

Article XVII. 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 francs and ten sentimes 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 shall be considered as the equivalent of five centimes of Switzerland.

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

Article XVIII. The accounts mentioned in Article XV. of the convention shall be prepared by the respective despatching offices of exchange. They shall be based upon the acknowledgments of receipt, and shall, respectively, be prepared according to the models hereto annexed

Certain accounts to be prepaid.

Post, pp. 1049, 1051. and marked F and $G$.

A recapitulation (or summary) of these accounts showing the definitive result, alike for the debit and the credit, shall be prepared by the United States office according to the form hereto annexed and marked H , and shall then be transmitted, with the accounts on which it is based, for the examination of the Swiss office. The latter office shall advise the United States office of the result of the verification, and any differences ascertained after mutual discussion shall be embraced in the next quarterly account.

Article XIX. The convention and these regulations shall take effect on the 1st day of April, 1868.

Post, p. 1058.

Signed at Paris this 28th day of November, 1867.
JOHN A. KASSON,
Special Com., etc., etc.
L. M. FUCHS,

Controller-General of Swiss Posts.

## Post-Office Department, Washington, January 25, 1868.

The foregoing articles of detailed regulations for carrying into execution the postal convention of 11th October, 1867, between the United States and Switzerland, are hereby ratified and approved.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Post-Office Department this 25th day of January, A. D. 1868.
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ALEX. W. RANDALL,<br>Postmaster-General.

Of the Mail from the Swiss Office of Basle to the New Pork Office, via__. Despatched the ——, 18—. Arrived the ——, 18 .

A. continued.

|  | No. - Iof the Present Letter Bill.) | Statement by the SwissExchange Office. |  |  | Verification by the U.S. Exchange Office. |  |  |
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|  |  | No. of Single Rates. | Amount. |  | No. of Single Rates. | Amount. |  |
|  |  |  | Dolls. | Cts. |  | Dolls. | Cts. |
|  | TAELE III. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 20 | Number of the fixed fees collected on the registered articles. Amount of supplementary register fees due the United States upon articles registered to destination to foreign copuntries | - | - |  | - | - |  |
|  | TABLETV. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l}21 \\ 22\end{array}\right\}$ | Letters prepaid and unpaid whesever originating ad- $)$ Postage to refund to Swiss office on the unpaid dressed to persons having changed their residence $\quad$ No. of single rates . <br> Misdirected articles returned, (Mem. number, --.) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | Misdirected articles returned, (Mem. number, ———) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | TABLE V. <br> Total number of single letter rates by this mail <br> (Arts. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 22) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l} 24 \\ 25 \end{array}\right\}$ | Total weight by this mail . . . \} Journals, prints, and patterns . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  | mmes. |  |  | mmes. |  |

TABLE VI. - CLOSED MAILS IN TRANSIT WITH THIS MAIL.

|  | Origin of the Mails. | Destination. |  |  |  | Letters. |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of Single Rates. |

From the Swiss Exchange Office of —__ for the Mail from the United States Exchange Office of ——_, No. —_, the —__, 18—, via ——.


ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT. - Continued.


TABLE VI. - CLOSED MALLS IN TRANSIT, ENCLOSED BY THIS MAIL.

|  | Origin of the Mails. | Destination. |  | Letters. |  | Journals, Prints, and Patterns. <br> Net Weight in Grammes. |
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|  |  |  |  | Number of Single Rates. | Net Weight in Grammes. |  |




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| No. of the Itemsof Account. | TABHL VI. - CLOSED MAILS DESPATCHED HEREWITH FOR SWISS TRANSIT. |  | Letters. | Journals, ete., etc. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Office of Origin. |  | Net Weight in Grame. $\dagger$ | Net Weight in Kilograms. |

[^2]Post-Office, ——, the ——of $\longrightarrow$, 186-.
The Mail from —_ to ——_ by the Ship—_, of the ———, of ——_, 186—, has been received, containing the following Articles: —


ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT - continued.


Table vi. - Closed mails in transit in this mail.

|  | Origin of the Mails. | Destination. |  |  | Letters. |  | Journals, Prints, and Patterns <br> Net Weight in Grammes. |
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|  |  |  |  |  | Number of Single Rates. | Net Weight in Grammes. |  |

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(See p. 1035.)
Descriptive List of the Letters and other Registered Articles contained in the Mail sent by the Swiss Exchange Office of ——— to the United States Exchange Office of $\longrightarrow$, the $\longrightarrow$, 18-.

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(See p. 1035.)
Descriptive List of the Letters and other Registered Articles contained in the Mail sent by the United States Office of Exchange of to the Swiss Office of Exchange of $\longrightarrow$ ——, the $-18-$.

|  | Nature of the Registered Articles. <br> (1) | Origin. | To whom addressed. | Destination. | Ameunt of mentary Fees to tered Artic for Foreig | Suppletration to the Regisestined untries | Verifcation by the Receiving Offler. |
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| Total number of the Registered Articles to be carried to Art. 19 of the Letter Bill <br> Total amount to be carried to Art. 20 of the Letter Bill . \$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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(1) Letters, newspapers or book packets under band, patterns of merchandise, eto,

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D．
（See p．1036．）
Table showing the Foreign Countries with which the United States Post－Office may ex－ change Letters and other Correspondence in open Mails，through the Intermediary of the Swiss Post－Office，with Indication of the Foreign Charges to be paid to the latter Office（independently of the International Postage）for Correspondence pre－ paid from the United States addressed to the said Countries，and also for unpaid Letters from the same Countries addressed to the United States．

| Countries of origin and des－ tination． | Nature of the correspond－ ence． | Weights per single rate． | Foreign postages due the U．S．per single rate． | Supplementary tran－ sit register fees due U．S．office． | Observations． |
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（See p．1036．）
Table showing the Countries with which Switzerland may exchange Correspondence through the United States open Mails，and the Amount to be added to the International Rates between Switzerland and the United States for Account of exterior Service．

| Countries． | Letters． |  |  | Newspapers． |  |  | Book packets， prints，and samples． |  |  | Observations． |
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| Acapulco． <br> Aspintrall | 15 | 10 |  | ${ }^{120}$ | － |  | ${ }_{10}^{120}$ | 4 | Cts． |  |
| Betize，British Mon－ |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | only for Canada，New Bruns－ |
| duras ．．．． | ${ }^{6}$ | 10 |  | ＂ | 2 |  | ＂ | 4 |  | wick，and Nova Scotia，and for letters only |
| Brazils ．．．．． | ＂ | 10 |  | ＂ | 2 |  | ＂ | 4 |  |  |
| Canada ．．．．． <br> New Brunswick | ＂ |  | 5 | ＂ |  |  | ＂ |  |  |  |
| New Brunswick <br> Nova Scotia ． | ＂ |  | $\stackrel{5}{5}$ | ＂ |  | \％ | ＂ |  | ＇8̇80 | Samples must be confined to |
| Central America and |  |  |  |  |  | $\stackrel{\text { \％}}{\square}$ |  |  | $\stackrel{\stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{8}}{\stackrel{8}{8}}$ | samples and sample cards of dry，flexible material． |
| Pacific Coast，via Panama | ＂ | 10 |  | ＂ |  | $\xrightarrow{\text { T3 }}$ |  |  | シ̊ | dry，flexible material． <br> Packages of hardware，grocer－ |
| China ．．．．． | ＂ | 10 |  | \％ | 2 | \％ | ＂ | 4 | 萵 | ies，etc．are subject to full |
| Costa Rica ．－ | ＂ | 10 |  | ＂ | 2 | $\stackrel{\square}{8}$ | ＂ | 4 | $\stackrel{+}{*}$ | letter rate of postage under |
| Cuba－．． | ＂ | 10 |  | ＂ | 2 | a | ＂ | 4 | \％ | existing laws of the United |
| Guatemala ．． | ＂ | 10 |  | ＂ | 2 | ． | ＂ | 4 | 8 | States，and hence cannot be forwarded through U．S．to |
| Japan ．${ }_{\text {Mexico }}$ by sea＊：－ | ＂ | 10 |  | 4 | 2 | 家 | ＂ | 4 | ＊ | countries beyond at less |
| Nicaragua，pea pacific | ${ }^{6}$ | 10 |  | 4 | 2 | 参 | ＂ | 4 | 害 | than letter rate of postage． |
| Coast，via Panama． | 16 | 10 |  | 4 |  | 足 | ${ }^{\prime}$ |  | \％ |  |
| Panama Sandwich Yslands． | ＂ | 10 |  | ＂ | 2 |  | 4 | 4 |  |  |
| Sandwich Islands ． <br> St．Thomas，via U．S． |  | 10 |  | 4 | 2 |  | ＂ | 4 |  |  |
| Brazilian Packets． | ＂ | 10 |  | ＂ | 2 |  | ＂ |  |  |  |
| Fenezuela | ＂ | 10 |  | ＂ | 2 |  | ＂ | 4 |  |  |
| West Indies，British ． | ＂ | 10 |  | ＊ | 2 |  | 4 | 4. |  |  |

Quarterly Account of the Mails sent by the Swiss Exchange Office of - to the United States Exchange Office of $\qquad$

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RECAPITULATION OF THE WITHIN ACCOUNT.

G.
(See ${ }_{i} .1037$.)
QUarterly account
Of the Mails sent by the United States Exchange Office of__ 18_ via Swiss Exchange Office of ——, during the Quarter ending


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SUMMARY OF THE WITHIN ACCOUNT.


Dated at ——, this _ day of ——_ 18-.
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$\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { CORRESpondenge with } \\ \text { Switzerland. }\end{array}\right.$
(See p. 1037.)
RECAPITULATION.


United States Post-Office to the -_Post-Office.
bordereau of correspondence returned not deliverable-(DEAD.)



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[^1]:    Accounts between the two offices.

[^2]:    * This line to be left blank in letter bills for Belcium and Holland; but are to be flled In letter bills for Germany, Switzerland, and Italy
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