

Convention for the exchange of money orders between the United States of America and the Republic of Honduras.

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ARTICLE I. There shall be a regular exchange of money orders between the United States of America and the Republic of Honduras.

Exchange of money orders.

ART. II. The amounts of orders in both directions shall be expressed in United States money, and, on account of the frequent fluctuations of the rate of exchange between the two countries, it is agreed that all amounts shall be converted into their proper equivalents, by the post-office department of Honduras; that is to say, the sums received by the post-office department of Honduras for orders drawn on the United States shall be converted, at the time of issue, into United States money, at the current rate of exchange, and the amounts of orders drawn in the United States on Honduras, shall, in like manner, be rendered by the post-office department of Honduras into the currency of Honduras, at the current rate of exchange on the day of the arrival on the exchange list.

To be expressed in U. S. money, etc.

ART. III. The maximum amount for which a money order may be drawn in either country upon the other shall be \$100.

Maximum amount.

ART. IV. No money order shall contain a fractional part of a cent.

Fractions.

ART. V. The amounts of money orders shall be deposited by the remitters and paid to the payee in gold coin, or in any other legal money of the same current value. However, in case there should be in circulation in either country a paper money of legal tender, but of less value than gold, the administration of that country shall have the right to receive and employ the same in its relations with the public, taking into account the difference in value.

Payment in legal money, etc.

ART. VI. The Post-Office Department of Honduras and the Post-Office Department of the United States shall each have the power to fix, from time to time, the rates of commission to be charged on all money orders they may respectively issue. This commission shall belong to the issuing postal administration, but the post-office department of Honduras shall pay to the Post-Office Department of the United States one-half of 1 per cent on the amount of money orders issued in Honduras and payable in the United States, and the Post-Office Department of the United States shall make a like payment to the post-office department of Honduras for money orders issued in the United States and payable in Honduras.

Rates of commission.

ART. VII. No money order shall be issued unless the applicant furnish, in full, the surname, and at least the initial of one given name, both of the remitter and the payee, or the name of the firm or company who are the remitters or payees, together with the address of the remitter and that of payee.

Names.

If, however, any applicant for a money order shall tender the name of either the remitter or payee at greater length, such particulars shall be received and entered in the list.

ART. VIII. The service of the postal money-order system between the two countries shall be performed exclusively by the agency of the offices of exchange. On the part of Honduras, the office of exchange shall be Tegucigalpa, and on the part of the United States, New York, N. Y.

Offices of exchange.

ART. IX. The particulars of all money orders drawn in the United States upon Honduras shall be entered at the exchange office, New York, in a list similar to the form marked A (in the Appendix) in which

Lists.

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shall be shown the amount of each order in United States money, which list, after having received the impression of the New York date stamp, shall be forwarded to the exchange post-office of Honduras, where it shall be impressed with the date stamp of that office, and where the requisite arrangements for effecting payment of the order shall be carried out.

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In like manner, the particulars of money orders drawn in Honduras upon the United States shall be entered at the exchange office at Tegucigalpa in a list similar to the form marked B in which shall be shown the amount of each order in the money of both countries, which list, after having received the impression of the date stamp of that office, shall be forwarded to the exchange office of New York, where it shall receive the impression of the date stamp in use at that office and where the necessary arrangements for effecting payments of the orders shall be carried out.

Lists to be numbered.

Each list, as well as the entries in the list dispatched, shall be numbered consecutively 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc., in the order of dispatch, commencing on July 1 of each calendar year, and the receipt of each list shall be acknowledged, on either side, by means of the first subsequent list forwarded in the opposite direction.

Duplicate lists.

Such a list shall be transmitted by each mail dispatched from Honduras to the port of New York, and vice versa, and in order to prevent inconvenience, in case the original lists shall be lost, each officer shall forward by the following mail a duplicate of the list sent by the preceding mail.

Should it happen that on the day when the list is to be dispatched there are no orders to be communicated for payment, the list must nevertheless be sent. But in that event the exchange office will write across the list the words "No money orders."

The orders issued in the United States during the second quarter, or the quarter ending June 30 of each year, which may arrive at the office of exchange at New York in the following quarter shall be entered on lists supplementary to the last list of the month of June and, in like manner, the orders issued in Honduras during the second quarter, or quarter ending June 30 of each year, which may arrive at the exchange office at Tegucigalpa in the following quarter, shall be entered on lists supplementary to the last list of the month of June.

Receipt of list from dispatching office, etc.

ART. 10. As soon as the list of the dispatching office shall have reached the receiving office of exchange, the latter shall make out internal money orders in favor of the payees for the amounts specified in the list, and shall forward them, free of postage, to the addresses, or to the offices of destination, in conformity with the regulations in each country for the payment of money orders. When the lists shall show irregularities which the receiving office shall not be able to rectify, that office shall demand an explanation with as little delay as possible. Pending the receipt of the explanation, the issue of internal money orders of payment relating to the entries found to be erroneous in the list should be suspended.

One copy of each exchange list shall be returned by the receiving exchange office to the dispatching office, but, before returning such copy, the receiving exchange office shall enter therein the names of the respective offices of payment of the orders enumerated in the list, and, in the lists from the United States returned by the exchange office of Tegucigalpa, the latter office shall also enter the amount of each order, in the money of Honduras, according to the conversion made by it.

Orders subject to regulations governing domestic orders.

ART. XI. The orders issued by each country on the other shall be subject, as regards payment, to the regulations which govern the payment of domestic orders in the country of destination. It is agreed that all money orders paid in either country shall be retained in the country in which they are paid.

Errors, etc.

ART. XII. When it is desired that any error in the name of the payee or remitter shall be corrected, or that the amount of a money

order shall be repaid to the remitter, application must be made by the remitter to the postal administration of the country in which the order was issued.

Duplicate orders shall only be issued by the postal administration of the country on which the original orders were drawn, and in conformity with the regulations established in that country.

Duplicates.

ART. XIII. Repayment, whether of an original or by means of a duplicate order, shall not be made to the remitter until it has been ascertained through the postal administration of the country on which the original order was drawn that the order has not been paid, and will not be paid in the country of payment.

Repayment.

ART. XIV. Orders which shall not have been paid within twelve calendar months from the month of issue shall become void and the sums received shall accrue to, and be at the disposal of, the country of origin.

Not paid within twelve months, void, etc.

The Post-Office Department of Honduras shall therefore enter to the credit of the United States, in the quarterly account, all money orders entered in the lists received from the United States, and which remain unpaid at the end of the period specified.

On the other hand, the Post-Office Department of the United States shall, at the close of each month, transmit to the Post-Office Department of Honduras, for entry in the quarterly account, a detailed statement of all orders included in the lists dispatched from the latter office, which under this article become void.

ART. XV. At the close of each quarter an account shall be prepared by the Post-Office Department of Honduras, showing in detail the totals of the lists containing the particulars of orders issued in either country during the quarter and the balance resulting from such transactions.

Preparation, etc., of an account at close of quarter, etc.

Two copies of the account shall be transmitted to the Post-Office Department of the United States, at Washington, and the balance, which must always be stated in United States money, shall, after proper verification, if due by the post-office department of Honduras, be paid at New York, in the money of the United States, by a sight bill of exchange sent by the post-office department of Honduras at the same time that it transmits the account, and if due by the Post-Office Department of the United States it shall be paid at Tegucigalpa, at the same time that the Post-Office Department of the United States returns the accepted copy of the account, by means of a sight bill of exchange on Tegucigalpa, drawn in United States money. But it is hereby agreed that either of the two post-office departments shall be empowered to pay such balances due to the other by means of sight bills of exchange drawn on London, in sterling money, on the basis that \$4.78 of the money of the United States shall be equivalent to £1 sterling. For this quarterly account forms shall be used in exact conformity with the patterns C, D, and E in the appendix.

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If, pending the settlement of an account, one of the two postal administrations shall ascertain that it owes the other a balance exceeding \$5,000, the indebted administration shall promptly remit the approximate amount of such balance to the credit of the other.

ART. XVI. The Postmaster-General, in either country, shall be authorized to adopt any additional rules, if not repugnant to the foregoing, for the greater security against fraud, or for the better working of the system generally. All such additional rules, however, must be communicated to the Postmaster General of the other country.

Additional rules.

ART. XVII. Each administration is authorized, in extraordinary circumstances that would justify the measure, to suspend temporarily the money order service, in whole or in part, upon condition of giving notice of such suspension immediately to the other country, and, if deemed necessary, by means of the telegraph.

Temporary suspension of service.

ART. XVIII. This convention shall come into operation on the 1st day of October, 1896, and shall continue in force until twelve months

Duration.

after each of the contracting parties shall have notified to the other its intention to terminate it.

Signature.

Done in duplicate and signed in Washington on the 25th day of June, 1896, and in Tegucigalpa on the 16th day of July, 1896.

WM. L. WILSON,
Postmaster-General of the United States.

A.

MONEY-ORDER OFFICE,
New York, N. Y., ———, 189—.

SIR: I have received your list No. —, relative to money orders issued in the Republic of Honduras and payable in the United States of America.

In return, I transmit to you a detailed account of the amounts received for orders issued in the United States of America and payable in Honduras, the particulars of which have reached this office since the dispatch of my previous list No. —.

Awaiting an acknowledgment of the present list, I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

—————,
Postmaster.

To ————,
Exchange Post-Office, Tegucigalpa.

OFICINA GENERAL DE CORREOS, DIVISION DE GIROS,
Tegucigalpa, ———, 189—.

SEÑOR: He examinado esta Lista de Giros del No. — al No —, inclusive, por sumas recibidas en los Estados Unidos para ser pagadas en la República de Honduras, ascendiendo el total a \$——.

La lista dicha fué encontrado correcta con las siguientes excepciones: ———.

Soy de Ud. muy atento servidor,

Al ADMINISTRADOR DE CORREOS,
OFICINA DE CAMBIO DE GIROS,
Nueva York, N. Y.

List No. —.]

Office
stamp.

List of money orders issued in the United States of America and payable in the Republic of Honduras.

International number of order.	Original number of order.	Date.	Office of issue.	Name of remitter.	Address of remitter.	Full name of payee.	Full address of payee.	Amount in United States money.	For use of the Tegucigalpa office.				Remarks.
									Amount in Honduras money.	Number of inland order issued by the Tegucigalpa office.	Office on which final order is drawn.		
								\$ c. Pesos. c.					

B.

List No. —.]

Sello de la
oficina.

Listade giros librados en la República de Honduras, y pagaderos en los Estados Unidos de América.

Número internacional de orden.	Número original de orden.	Fecha.	Oficina libradora.	Nombre del remitente.	Dirección del beneficiario.	Nombre entero del beneficiario.	Dirección entera del beneficiario, yendi oficina, estado y si es posible el distrito.	Monto en moneda de Honduras.	Monto en moneda de los Estados Unidos.	Para uso de la oficina de Nueva York.	
										Número de orden interno librado por la oficina de Nueva York.	Observaciones.
								Pesos. c. \$ c.			

OFICINA GENERAL DE CORREOS,
DIVISION DE GIROS,
Tegucigalpa, ———, 189 .

SEÑOR: He recibido su lista No. — conteniendo los giros librados en los Estados Unidos de América y pagaderos en la República de Honduras.

A mi vez remito a Ud. una cuenta especificada del monto recibido por giros librados en Honduras y pagaderos en los Estados Unidos, cuyos detalles han llegado á esta Oficina despues del envio de mi lista anterior No. —.

Esperando recibo de la presente lista, soy de Ud. atento servidor.

Al ADMINISTRADOR DE CORREOS,
OFINCIA DE CAMBIO DE GIROS,
Nueva York, N. Y.

POST-OFFICE, NEW YORK, N. Y.,
MONEY ORDER EXCHANGE OFFICE,
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SIR: I have examined this list of money orders from No. — to No. —, inclusive, for sums received in the Republic of Honduras for payment in the United States, amounting in the aggregate to \$——.

The said list was found to be correct with the following exceptions:

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,
————— Postmaster.

To ———,
Exchange Post-Office, Tegucigalpa.

C.

List of money orders authority for the repayment of which to the remitters has been given to the country of issue during the quarter above mentioned.

Orders issued in Honduras.				Orders issued in the United States.			
Number of list.	Date of list.	International number of order.	Amount of order.	Number of list.	Date of list.	International number of order.	Amount of order.
			\$				\$
		Total.				Total.	

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Money orders not paid and to be credited to the issuing office.

Orders issued in Honduras.				Orders issued in the United States.			
Number of list.	Date of list.	International number of order.	Amount of order.	Number of list.	Date of list.	International number of order.	Amount of order.
			\$				\$
		Total.				Total.	

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General statement of the result of the exchange of money orders between the Republic of Honduras and the United States of America.

To credit of Honduras.		To credit of the United States.	
Orders issued in the United States and payable in Honduras, viz:	\$	Orders issued in Honduras and payable in the United States, viz:	\$
As per list No.	\$	As per list No.	\$
Do.		Do.	
Do.		Do.	
Do.		Do.	
Do.		Do.	
Commission of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on above.		Commission of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on above..	
Repaid orders		Repaid orders	
Orders become void		Orders become void	
Paid on account by the Post-Office Department of Honduras:		Paid on account by the Post-Office Department of the United States:	
..... 189	\$ 189	\$
..... 189	 189	
..... 189	 189	
..... 189	 189	
Total credit to Honduras		Total credit of the United States...	
Balance due the United States		Balance due Honduras	