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The Commonwealth of Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany, desirous of regulating the exchange of postal parcels, have agreed as follows :

Article 1

There shall be a regular exchange of postal parcels both insured and uninsured between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany. The exchange shall be effected per medium of such Post Offices of the Contracting Parties as may be determined by the respective Postal Administrations.

Article 2

Except where they are inconsistent with the provisions of the following Articles of this Agreement, the provisions of the current Universal Postal Union Parcel Post Agreement² shall apply to the exchange of postal parcels between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany.

Article 3

LIMITS OF SIZE AND WEIGHT

- (1) The Postal Administrations of the two Contracting Parties undertake that they will not, unless otherwise agreed, accept for despatch to each other any parcel exceeding the limits of size and weight mentioned hereunder.
- (2) The limits of size of the parcels from the Commonwealth of Australia to the Federal Republic of Germany shall be: 3 feet 6 inches (1.07 metres) in length and 6 feet (1.83 metres) for the sum of the length and of the greatest circumference measured in a direction other than that of the length.
- (3) The limits of size of the parcels from the Federal Republic of Germany to the Commonwealth of Australia shall be : 1.05 metres in length and 54 cubic decimetres in cubical contents.

¹ Came into force on 13 December 1963, the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification at Bonn, in accordance with the provisions of article 21.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 365, p. 3 ; Vol. 391, p. 327 ; Vol. 404, p. 381, and Vol. 412, p. 352.

(4) In the absence of agreement to the contrary, the maximum weight of the parcels to be exchanged between the Postal Administrations of the two Contracting Parties shall be 10 kg.

(5) For the correct computation of the weight and cubical contents or measurements of a parcel the opinion of the Postal Administration of origin shall be taken as final unless an obvious error has been made.

Article 4

POSTAGE

(1) The prepayment of postage shall be compulsory.

(2) The postage shall be made up of sums accruing to the Postal Administrations (including the Postal Administrations of the two Contracting Parties) taking part in the conveyance of the parcels by land or by sea.

(3) The Postal Administration of each Contracting Party shall inform the other of the rates of postage which have been adopted and of any subsequent alteration to such rates.

Article 5

PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR SEA CONVEYANCE

(1) In the event that the Postal Administration of the despatching country entrusts a shipping company with the forwarding of the parcels destined for the other Contracting Party, this postal Administration shall pay the costs for sea conveyance directly to the shipping company used.

(2) The routes by which the parcels shall be forwarded and the ports at which the parcels shall be landed shall be determined by mutual arrangement between the Postal Administrations of the two Contracting Parties.

Article 6

INTERMEDIARY SERVICES

(1) The services of one Contracting Party may at any time be utilised by the other Contracting Party for the transmission of parcels to any place or country of destination with which the former has a parcels post service.

(2) In the absence of any arrangement to the contrary the parcels shall be forwarded *à découvert*.

(3) The payment for intermediary services shall be in accordance with the scale which the Postal Administration of the creditor Contracting Party has adopted for general application to transit parcels.

Article 7

EXPRESS AND URGENT PARCELS

Express delivery and urgent parcels shall not be exchanged between the two Contracting Parties. The exchange of such parcels may, however, be effected by the mutual consent of the Postal Administrations of the two Contracting Parties.

Article 8

WITHDRAWAL—ALTERATION OF ADDRESS

The Postal Administration of the Federal Republic of Germany shall permit the withdrawal of and alteration of address on parcels despatched from the Federal Republic of Germany to the Commonwealth of Australia, even after the parcels have been despatched.

On the other hand the withdrawal of and alteration of address on parcels despatched from the Commonwealth of Australia to the Federal Republic of Germany, shall not be permitted. It shall, however, be open to the Postal Administration of the Commonwealth of Australia to cancel this restriction in accordance with an agreement to such end with the Postal Administration of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Article 9

ADVICE OF DELIVERY

The sender of an insured parcel may obtain an advice of delivery in accordance with the provisions of the current Universal Postal Union Parcel Post Agreement. Such service shall not be given in respect of an uninsured parcel. Nevertheless it shall be open to the Postal Administrations of the two Contracting Parties at a later date mutually to arrange for the extension of the "advice of delivery" service to uninsured parcels.

Article 10

REDIRECTION OF PARCELS

For the redirection of a parcel by the Postal Administration of either Contracting Party to a third country or for the return of a parcel by the Postal Administration of either Contracting Party to the Postal Administration of the other Contracting Party, additional postage shall be charged at the rate applicable for the transmission of parcels from the redirecting Postal Administration to the country of destination to which the parcel is redirected.

Article 11

NON-DELIVERY

- (1) To provide for the event of non-delivery the sender may request in advance that
 - (a) the parcel be immediately returned to the sender ;