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No. 7482. PARCEL POST AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN JAPAN
AND CANADA. SIGNED AT TOKYO, ON 16 FEBRUARY
1956, AND AT OTTAWA, ON 20 MARCH 1956

The Government of Japan and the Government of Canada desiring to improve the parcel post service between the two countries;

The undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments for that purpose, have agreed upon the following articles :

Article 1

CONDITIONS OF EXCHANGE

1. Parcels under the designation of postal parcels, may be exchanged between the contracting countries by direct sea service.
2. Parcels sent to or from a third country may be forwarded in either closed mails or in open transit and shall be reforwarded by the most rapid land and sea routes which are used for their own mails by the countries undertaking the transit.
3. The parcels shall be despatched in bags, and mails shall only be made up on such offices of exchange as may be mutually agreed upon by the Postal Administrations of the contracting countries (hereinafter called the "Administrations").

Article 2

WEIGHT AND DIMENSIONS

The weight and dimensions of each parcel shall not exceed the following :

(a) Parcels accepted in Japan :

Weight 10 kilogrammes.

Dimensions 1.05 metres in length, and 1.80 metres in length and girth combined.

(b) Parcels accepted in Canada :

Weight 20 pounds.

Dimensions 3 feet 6 inches in length, and 6 feet in length and girth combined.

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1956, the date agreed upon by the Contracting Parties, in accordance with article 24 (2).

Article 3

POSTAGE RATES

1. The postage rates shall be composed only of the sum of the territorial and maritime rates of origin, transit and destination.
2. Prepayment of postage on all parcels is obligatory except in the case of redirected parcels.

Article 4

TERRITORIAL AND MARITIME RATES

1. The territorial and maritime charges for each country shall be as follows :

(a) Parcels originating in Japan addressed to Canada :

	<i>Not over 1 kilo (fr. c.)</i>	<i>Over 1 kilo but not over 3 kilos (fr. c.)</i>	<i>Over 3 kilos but not over 5 kilos (fr. c.)</i>	<i>Over 5 kilos but not over 7 kilos (fr. c.)</i>	<i>Over 7 kilos but not over 10 kilos (fr. c.)</i>
Territorial rate of Japan . .	0.50	1.15	1.50	2.00	3.00
For sea conveyance from Japan to Canada	see Paragraph 2.				
Territorial rate of Canada . .	0.50	1.15	1.50	2.55	4.25

(b) Parcels originating in Canada addressed to Japan :

	<i>Not over 3 lbs. (fr. c.)</i>	<i>Over 3 lbs. but not over 7 lbs. (fr. c.)</i>	<i>Over 7 lbs. but not over 10 lbs. (fr. c.)</i>	<i>Over 10 lbs. but not over 15 lbs. (fr. c.)</i>	<i>Over 15 lbs. but not over 20 lbs. (or 22 lbs. in case of parcels to be re- turned) (fr. c.)</i>
Territorial rate of Canada . .	0.50	1.15	1.50	2.55	4.25
For sea conveyance from Ca- nada to Japan	see Paragraph 2.				
Territorial rate of Japan . .	0.50	1.15	1.50	2.00	3.00

2. The maritime rates shall be the total amount of the cost of sea conveyance between the two countries and the other costs necessary for the Administration of origin in respect to that transport.
3. The Administration of origin undertakes to pay for the sea conveyance of the parcel mails despatched to the country of destination.

Article 5

CLEARANCE FEE, WAREHOUSING CHARGE, ETC.

The Administrations may collect the amounts for the customs clearance fee, warehousing charge, and the other postal charges for the various services

mentioned hereinafter in this Agreement, of which the amounts are not fixed clearly therein, within the limits of maximum amounts for these services prescribed in the Parcel Post Agreement¹ of the Universal Postal Union.

Article 6

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The sender of a parcel may make a request for information about the disposal of the parcel within the period of one year counting from the day following that of posting.

Article 7

RESPONSIBILITY

1. The Administrations are not responsible in principle for the loss of ordinary parcels, spoliation or damage of their contents; but either Administration is at liberty to indemnify the sender for the loss of such parcels, or spoliation or damage of their contents, which may occur in its own service, without recourse to the other Administration. The Administrations, however, make enquiry in cases which are submitted to them in connection with the loss, spoliation or damage.
2. The sender of a parcel shall be responsible for ensuring that it is securely packed in such a manner as to protect the contents from damage and to make it impossible to tamper with the contents without leaving an obvious trace of violation.

Article 8

PROHIBITIONS

1. Parcels may not contain substances of a dangerous, destructive, explosive or offensive nature, or contraband articles or substances, or liquids (unless securely packed in proper cases) nor may they contain a letter or any article, the transmission of which by parcel post is prohibited by the country of destination.
2. The Administrations shall exchange a list of the articles which are prohibited in their country.
3. Any parcel, the contents of which are found to be prohibited in terms of the foregoing shall be disposed of in accordance with the internal regulations of the country concerned.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 365, p. 3.

4. If the parcel be found to contain an unpaid or insufficiently prepaid letter, such letter shall be charged with double the deficient postage at the letter rate and amount of charge shall accrue to the country of destination.

Article 9

CANCELLATION OF CUSTOMS AND OTHER NON-POSTAL CHARGES

1. The Administrations agree to consult with the competent authorities of their respective countries in order to obtain the cancellation of customs and other non-postal charges on parcels returned to the country of origin, abandoned by the sender, wholly destroyed or forwarded to a third country.
2. Similar action is undertaken in respect of the loss of parcels, or spoliation or damage of their contents in their service.

Article 10

ADDRESSING OF PARCELS

1. Every parcel shall bear the name and address of the person for whom it is intended, given with such completeness as will enable delivery to be effected.
2. Addresses in pencil shall not be allowed, provided that parcels bearing addresses written in copying pencil on a surface previously damped shall be accepted.
3. The sender of a parcel shall be advised to enclose in the parcel a copy of address together with a note of his own address.

Article 11

CUSTOMS DECLARATION

1. Every parcel shall have affixed thereto a Customs Declaration duly completed.
2. The Administrations assume no responsibility for the correctness of the Customs Declaration.

Article 12

PARCEL BILLS

Parcels exchanged between the Administrations shall be entered by the despatching office of exchange on parcel bills in the manner agreed upon by the Administrations. The parcel bills shall be forwarded with the parcels to the office of exchange of the country of destination.