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No. 7483. PARCEL POST AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN JAPAN
AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. SIGNED
AT TOKYO, ON 1 MARCH 1962

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

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

Article 1

EXCHANGE OF POSTAL PARCELS

There shall be a regular exchange of postal parcels (hereinafter called "parcels") both insured and uninsured by sea and air routes between Japan and Australia. The exchange shall be effected per medium of the Exchange Offices as may be respectively determined by the Postal Administrations of the contracting countries (hereinafter called the "Administrations").

Article 2

APPLICATION OF THE PARCEL POST AGREEMENT OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

Except where they are inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of the current Parcel Post Agreement² of the Universal Postal Union and of the Regulations for the execution of that Agreement shall apply to the exchange of parcels between Japan and Australia.

Article 3

LIMITS OF SIZE AND WEIGHT

1. The size and weight of each parcel shall not exceed the following :

(a) Parcels originating in Japan

Size 1.05 metres in length and 1.80 metres for the sum of the
length and of the greatest circumference measured in a
direction other than that of the length.

Weight 10 kilograms.

¹ Came into force on 1 October 1962, the date agreed upon by the Contracting Parties, in accordance with article 18 (2).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 365, p. 3.

(b) Parcels originating in Australia

Size 3 feet 6 inches in length and 6 feet for the sum of the length and of the greatest circumference measured in a direction other than that of the length.

Weight 22 pounds.

2. For the correct computation of the weight or measurement of a parcel, the opinion of the 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 charged for each parcel shall not exceed the total cost for handling the parcel in the service of the Administration of origin, in addition to the cost of sea or air conveyance between the two countries, and the terminal credits due to the Administration of destination for handling the parcel in its service.
3. Each Administration shall inform the other of the rates of postage which have been adopted and of any subsequent alteration of such rates.

Article 5

OTHER CHARGES

Each Administration may collect the amounts for the customs clearance charge, warehousing charge, enquiry charge, internal redirection 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 those services prescribed in the current Parcel Post Agreement of the Universal Postal Union.

Article 6

PAYMENT FOR CONVEYANCE

1. The despatching Administration shall bear the cost of the conveyance of the parcels to the country of destination.
2. Each Administration shall inform the other of the routes by which the parcels shall be forwarded and of the ports at which the parcels shall be landed.
3. When one Administration uses for the conveyance of its parcels a vessel which is under contract to the other, payment for the service shall be made in accordance with the scale which the Administration providing the sea service has adopted for general application.

Article 7

INTERMEDIARY SERVICES

1. The services of one Administration may at any time be utilised by the other for the transmission of parcels to any place or country with which the former has a parcel post service.
2. In the absence of any arrangement to the contrary, the parcels shall be forwarded *à découvert*.
3. Parcels sent in transit *à découvert* are subject to the provisions of this Agreement and to the conditions of exchange of parcels between the intermediate Administration and that of the third country concerned.
4. The payment for intermediary services shall be in accordance with the scale which the creditor Administration has adopted for general application to transit parcels.

Article 8

EXPRESS AND URGENT PARCELS

The service of express delivery and of urgent parcels shall not be available to parcels exchanged between the Administrations unless an arrangement to the contrary is made between the Administrations.

Article 9

WITHDRAWAL. ALTERATION OF ADDRESS

The service of withdrawal of a parcel from the post or alteration of address shall not be given after the parcel has been despatched from the country of origin unless an arrangement to the contrary under conditions satisfactory to both parties is made between the Administrations.

Article 10

ADVICE OF DELIVERY

The sender of an insured parcel may obtain an advice of delivery. The service of advice of delivery may subsequently be extended to uninsured parcels by mutual consent of the Administrations.

Article 11

NON-DELIVERY

1. Senders may request that, in the event of non-delivery :
 - (a) the parcel be returned by surface or air either forthwith or at the end of a given period;