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No. 7489. PARCEL POST AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES. SIGNED AT TOKYO, ON 16 JANUARY 1963, AND AT MANILA, ON 19 JANUARY 1963

The Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines being desirous of establishing the service of exchange of postal parcels between the two countries;

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

Article I

EXCHANGE OF PARCELS

Between the Postal Administrations of the two contracting countries, there may be a regular exchange by surface and air routes of ordinary postal parcels up to the weight of 10 kilograms.

Article II

POSTAGE

1. The Administration of each contracting country shall fix the rates of the postage it shall charge on parcels mailed in its country on the basis of the total amount of the credits set forth in Article III of this Agreement, and of the cost of sea or air conveyance between the two countries and the other costs necessary for that Administration in respect to transmission.

2. The prepayment of the postage referred to in the preceding section shall be compulsory.

Article III

CREDITS

1. The Administration of the country of origin shall credit to the Administration of the country of destination for each parcel dispatched to the latter a terminal charge of 40 centimes for each kilogram or fraction thereof.

¹ Came into force on 1 September 1963, the date agreed upon by the Contracting Parties, in accordance with article XIX (1).

2. The Chief of each Administration has authority to increase the above-mentioned terminal charge to be credited to his Administration within a maximum of 50 per cent or to reduce the same by agreement, in either case, with the Chief of the other Administration made in advance.

3. Either of the two countries which, within its territory, transmits by air route an incoming parcel with prior consent of the other, is entitled, for that transmission, to a special air charge collectible from the latter country. This charge shall be the same as the remuneration for the domestic air transportation of international A.O. mails. The Administration can nevertheless apply the above-mentioned special air charge indistinctly to all incoming air parcels, regardless of their domestic air journey.

4. No refund shall be made to the country of origin for the charges referred to in the preceding sections on any parcel returned or redirected to it or to another country.

Article IV

PROHIBITIONS

1. The following articles are prohibited transmission by the parcel-post service herein provided :

- (a) Articles excluded from the domestic mail of either country.
- (b) Articles the importation of which is not admitted in accordance with Customs and other laws and regulations in force in the country of destination.
- (c) Letters or communications having the nature of an actual and personal correspondence, whether attached to, enclosed in, or written on a parcel. (However, open invoices shall not be considered as letters and communications mentioned above.)
- (d) Packages enclosed in a parcel but addressed to a person other than the person indicated in the address of the parcel itself.
- (e) Articles which, by their nature or packing, may expose postal employees to danger or soil or damage other parcels.

2. When a parcel containing any prohibited article is received at the country of destination, it shall be treated in accordance with the internal laws and regulations of that country. However, explosive or inflammable articles, as well as documents, pictures, and other articles injurious to public morals are under no circumstances forwarded to destination, delivered to the addressees or returned to origin.

*Article V*APPLICATION OF CUSTOMS AND OTHER LAWS,
CUSTOMS DUTIES AND OTHER CHARGES

1. Parcels are subject to all Customs and other laws and regulations in force in the country of destination. The Customs duties and other non-postal charges payable on that account are collected from the addressees.

2. Customs duties and other non-postal charges on parcels either returned to origin, abandoned by the sender, destroyed on account of the whole loss of the contents, or redirected to a third country shall be canceled.

3. For Customs examination, the seals or other fastening of parcels may be broken without authority of the addressees. In case this faculty is exercised, the parcels must be repacked in such a manner as prescribed in the internal legislation of the country of destination, if delivery is not effected immediately after the examination.

Article VI

FEE FOR CUSTOMS FORMALITIES, FEE FOR DELIVERY, WAREHOUSING CHARGES

1. The Administration of the country of destination may collect from the addressee, either in respect of delivery to the Customs and clearance through the Customs, or in respect of delivery to the Customs only, a fee not exceeding 80 centimes per parcel.

2. The Administration of the country of destination may collect from the addressee for delivery of parcels at the post office or at the addressee's residence a fee not exceeding 50 centimes per parcel. The same fee may be charged for each presentation after the first at the addressee's residence.

3. The Administration of the country of destination may collect from the addressee a suitable warehousing charge for parcels which are not withdrawn within the period which it has fixed. However, this charge may not exceed 5 francs per parcel in Japan, and 10 centimes per parcel per day in the Philippines.

4. The fees and charges prescribed by the above three sections shall not be canceled even in case the parcel is redirected or returned out of the country.