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**Arrangement concernant l'échange de colis postaux. Signé
à Prétoria, le 31 décembre 1954, et à Jérusalem, le 12
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No. 2984. AGREEMENT¹ FOR AN EXCHANGE OF POSTAL PARCELS BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL. SIGNED AT PRETORIA, ON 31 DECEMBER 1954, AND AT JERUSALEM, ON 12 JANUARY 1955

The undersigned being duly authorised have agreed, on behalf of their respective Governments, to the exchange of postal parcels between the Union of South Africa and the State of Israel, in accordance with the following provisions:—

Article I

There shall be a regular exchange of postal parcels between the Union of South Africa and the State of Israel. The exchange shall be effected per medium of the exchange offices of the two contracting countries as may be determined by the respective Postal Administrations.

Article II

LIMITS OF SIZE AND WEIGHT

1. Parcels may not exceed 3 feet 6 inches (1.07 metres) in length and the sum of the length and of the greatest circumference measured in a direction other than that of the length shall not exceed 6 feet (1.83 metres).

2. Parcels may not exceed 11 English pounds avoirdupois or 5 Kilograms.

3. 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.

4. The foregoing limits of size and weight shall be subject to alteration by mutual agreement between the two contracting Administrations.

Article III

PROHIBITIONS

1. The contracting Administrations shall furnish to each other a list of the articles the importation of which into their countries is prohibited.

2. Any parcel, the contents of which are found to be contrary to the regulations of the country of destination, according to the particulars furnished on

¹ Came into force on 1 January 1955, in accordance with article XXVII.

the list, shall without further formalities be returned to the Administration of origin. Exceptionally dangerous, explosive or offensive articles shall be disposed of in accordance with the internal regulations of the country concerned and a verification note will be raised in each such case against the office of exchange and a copy thereof forwarded to the Administration of origin when that Administration so requires.

3. The same procedure shall be adopted by the Administration of destination in case of confiscation or destruction of the parcel by the competent authorities of the country of destination in accordance with their internal legislation.

4. If a parcel be found to contain a letter such a letter shall be surcharged with double the letter rate of postage by surface or air mail route, as the case may be, and the amount of surcharge shall accrue to the country of destination.

Article IV

ADDRESSING OF PARCELS

1. Every parcel shall bear the name and address of the person or company for whom/which it is intended and 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 addresses shall be written on the wrapper of the parcel itself or when impracticable on a label so firmly affixed to it that it cannot become detached.

4. The Administration of destination shall in the absence of an address or when the address appears to be incorrect or incomplete, return the parcel as undeliverable but may request the Administration of origin to furnish the complete and correct address. Such information will be supplied as early as possible preferably by air mail.

Article V

CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS

1. Every parcel shall be accompanied by a despatch note and one or more customs declarations duly completed.

2. The contracting Administrations shall inform each other of the number of customs declarations required by them.

Article VI

PARCEL BILLS

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

2. The parcel bills despatched by each office of exchange shall be numbered consecutively, commencing with No. 1 for the first despatch of each calendar year and these numbers shall be termed parcel bill numbers.

3. The entries on each parcel bill shall also be numbered consecutively commencing with No. 1 for each parcel bill, and these numbers shall be termed entry numbers.

Article VII

PAYMENT FOR CONVEYANCE

1. The despatching Administration shall bear the cost of the conveyance of the parcels to the country of destination.

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 contracting Administrations.

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 contracting for the sea service has adopted for general application.

Article VIII

INTERMEDIARY SERVICES

1. The services of one Administration may at any time be utilized 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. The payment for intermediary services shall be in accordance with the scale which the creditor Administration has adopted for general application to transit parcels.