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POSTAL UNION CONVENTION OF ROME.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR BRITISH OFFICES OF EXCHANGE making up Mails for Places in the Postal Union or receiving Mails from such Places.

THE Postal Union Convention concluded at Rome in May, 1906, will come into operation on the 1st October next, and will supersede the Convention signed at Washington in 1897.

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Convention.—Article 5.

On and after the 1st October next the postage to be prepaid on letters from the United Kingdom for all *foreign countries* (except Egypt) will be $2\frac{1}{2}d.$ for the first ounce and $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ for each additional ounce. At the same time one ounce will be adopted as the unit of weight for letters sent under the *Imperial penny-postage* scheme to *British colonies and possessions* generally and to *Egypt*, making the scale of postage $1d.$ per ounce.

Although under the new Postal Union Convention the unit of weight for letters is raised from 15 to 20 grammes (1 oz. for countries not using the decimal metric system), and the rate of postage is to be 25 centimes for the first unit and 15 centimes for every successive unit or fraction thereof, it is not obligatory for all countries to adopt the new unit and the rate of postage for letters posted in their services. A certain number of countries will retain the old rate of 25 centimes for every 15 grammes.

Foreign countries which will retain rates of letter-postage differing from the new Union rate referred to above are as follow:—

Country, &c.	First Rate.	Subsequent Rates.
Brazil	200 reis for 15 grammes	200 reis per 15 grammes.
Sea surtax	100 reis per 15 grammes.	
Congo Free State	25 centimes for 15 grammes	25 centimes per 15 grammes.
Sea surtax	25 centimes per 15 grammes.	
Costa Rica	10 centimos for 15 grammes	10 centimos per 15 grammes.
Ecuador	5 centavos for 15 grammes	5 centavos per 15 grammes.
Sea surtax	5 centavos per 15 grammes.	
France	25 centimes for 15 grammes	15 centimes per 15 grammes.
French agencies in China	10 cents for 15 grammes	6 cents per 15 grammes.
French agencies in Morocco	25 centimos for 15 grammes	15 centimos per 15 grammes.
Greece	25 lepta for 15 grammes	25 lepta per 15 grammes.
Hayti	5 centavos for 15 grammes	5 centavos per 15 grammes.
Montenegro	25 paras for 15 grammes	25 paras per 15 grammes.
Peru	10 centavos for 15 grammes	10 centavos per 15 grammes.
Surtax by Panama route	2 centavos per 15 grammes.	
Persia	13 chahis for 15 grammes	13 chahis per 15 grammes.
Russia	10 kopeks for 15 grammes	10 kopeks per 15 grammes.
Russian agencies in China	10 cents for 15 grammes	10 cents per 15 grammes.
Siam	9 atts for 15 grammes	9 atts per 15 grammes.

The undermentioned British colonies maintain rates of postage differing from the Union standard on letters addressed to foreign countries:—

Colony.	First Rate.	Subsequent Rates.
Australia	} $2\frac{1}{2}d.$ per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.	
Bechuanaland Protectorate		
Cape Colony		
Natal		
Orange River Colony		
Rhodesia (Southern)		
Transvaal	$2\frac{1}{2}d.$ for $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ounce	$1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.
Cyprus	$2\frac{1}{2}d.$ for 1 ounce	$1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per 1 ounce.
	80 paras for $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce	80 paras per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

The undermentioned British colonies still retain the rate of 1d. or 2d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. as the rate for letters posted in their services and addressed to the United Kingdom, Egypt, or British colonies:—

Colony.	Rate.
Cape Colony	} ... 1d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.
Natal	
Orange River Colony	
Transvaal	
Australia	} ... 2d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.
Rhodesia	

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