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to the first weight step for priority items or letters dispatched abroad. To this charge, it shall add the handling charge prescribed under 2. The delivering designated operator may, if it so wishes, collect only the handling charge.

12 If the fraction laid down under 8 has not been shown beside the T stamp by the designated operator of origin or the reforwarding designated operator in the case of non-delivery, the designated operator of destination may deliver the underpaid item without collecting a charge.

13 Postage stamps and postal franking impressions not valid for prepayment of postage shall not be taken into account. In that case, the figure nought (0) shall be placed beside such postage stamps or impressions, which shall be marked around in pencil.

14 Registered items and insured items shall be regarded on arrival as duly prepaid.

#### Article 06-007

##### Prepayment and stamping of items posted on board ship

1 Items posted on board ship at the two terminal points of the voyage or at any intermediate port of call shall be prepaid by means of postage stamps and according to the rates of the country in whose waters the ship is lying.

2 If the items are posted on board on the high seas, they may be prepaid, in the absence of special agreement between the designated operators concerned, by means of the postage stamps and according to the rates of the country to which the ship appertains or is under contract. Items prepaid in this way must be handed over to the post office at the port of call as soon as possible after the arrival of the ship.

3 The stamping of items posted on ships shall be the responsibility of the postal official or the officer on board charged with the duty, or, failing those, of the post office at the port of call at which these items are handed over. In that case, the office shall impress the correspondence with its date-stamp and add the word "Navire", "Paquebot" or any other similar note.

#### Article 07-001

##### Environmental aspects

1 Designated operators should make their products and services as environment friendly as possible within the limits imposed by technologies and resources.

2 The consumption of materials and energy should be optimized and be the minimum consistent with the efficient conduct of operations.

3 Materials used should comply with non-pollution or non-toxic standards established by the relevant national and international agencies.

4 Designated operators should promote the recycling of paper and other materials. They should also promote the use of recycled materials.

#### Article 08-001

##### Postal security

1 The postal security strategy implemented by member countries and designated operators shall aim to:

- 1.1 raise quality of service as a whole;
- 1.2 increase employee awareness of the importance of security;
- 1.3 create or reinforce security units;