

The 1899-1910 Aguilitas Issue The First Bicolor Stamps of México



BACKGROUND

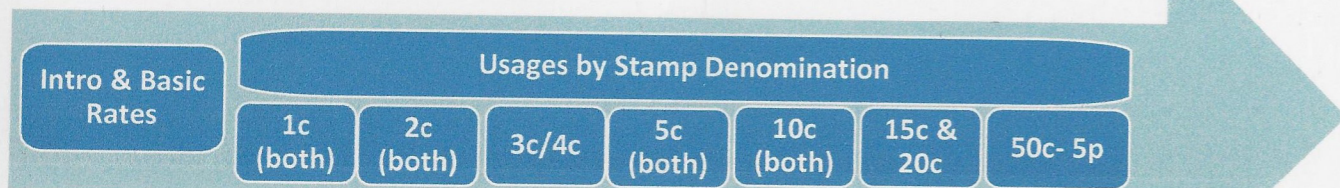
The Aguilitas issue of Mexico of 1899-1910 was launched on November 1, 1899. In 1903 four stamps were reprinted in different colors (for no known reason) and the 4c value added to the set. This issue was designed and printed by Bradbury Wilkinson after much lobbying with the government and was the first issue of Mexico with bicolor stamps (10c-5p). The previous Multas issue of 1895-1899 had many production quality issues such as varying size of stamps and all types of perforation errors. The resulting production quality of the new issue was so high that no varieties in color or perforation errors are known. "Aguilitas" translates as "Small Eagles" as most of its values (1c-20c) bear a very fine engraved eagle. The term "Small" is to differentiate this issue from the 1864 Eagles. The Postmaster allowed the use of a few Multas stamps until the first few months of 1900. Those usages are rare. No more than 50 are believed to exist.

FOCUS AND RARITY

This is organized as a traditional exhibit by stamp denomination and within each section by rate. Since the printing quality was so high and the production so large this issue is collected mostly on cover. Most of the rarity is in the usages rather than in the stamps themselves. Leftover unused stamps are common except for the 5 peso value. The focus of this exhibit is to present all the known types of usages in each stamp denomination. This exhibit focuses on what is rare (indicated ★) including:

- Mixed frankings with Multas and Centenary Issues
- Mixed frankings from other countries (postage dues)
- Printed matter uncommon usages
- Parcel rates
- Splits (only a handful known)
- Small Towns

HOW IS THIS EXHIBIT ORGANIZED (1899 and 1903)



The 1c -20c denominations were created to pay one or more specific rates while the high values 50c – 5 peso mostly for heavy parcels. Every value has its own section which is organized by usage type starting with solo usages to satisfy a particular rate. Each section starts with a blown up image of that stamp bottom frame to: 1) help the viewer know where they are in the exhibit and 2) allow the viewer to appreciate the exquisite art-nouveau frame designs.

The 1c-20c were designed to pay for specific rates. Usages of these stamps to make-up other rates are less common. The high values were used very little, mostly for parcels.



1899	1903	1c	1899	1903	5c
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Printed matter: domestic & USA (100gr) ▪ Samples or documents: domestic & USA (100 gr) ▪ Postcards: local 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Letter: domestic & USA (15 gr) ▪ AR (return receipt) flat fee
		2c			10c
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Printed matter: UPU*(50 gr) ▪ Samples or business documents: UPU* (50 gr) ▪ Letter: local ▪ Postal cards: domestic & USA 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Letter: UPU* (15 gr) ▪ Registration flat fee
		3c			15c
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		4c			20c
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1899	1903		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">50c, 1p, 5p</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To make-up rates mostly for heavy parcels. Rates for parcels depended on country of destination. </div>		

* UPU here refers to all countries in UPU except for USA, although USA was part of UPU.

The 1c stamp was issued primarily for printed matter rates both domestic and USA, samples or business documents and local postal cards. These usages did not tend to have a high survival rate, so solo uses are not common.



1 Cent Green 1899

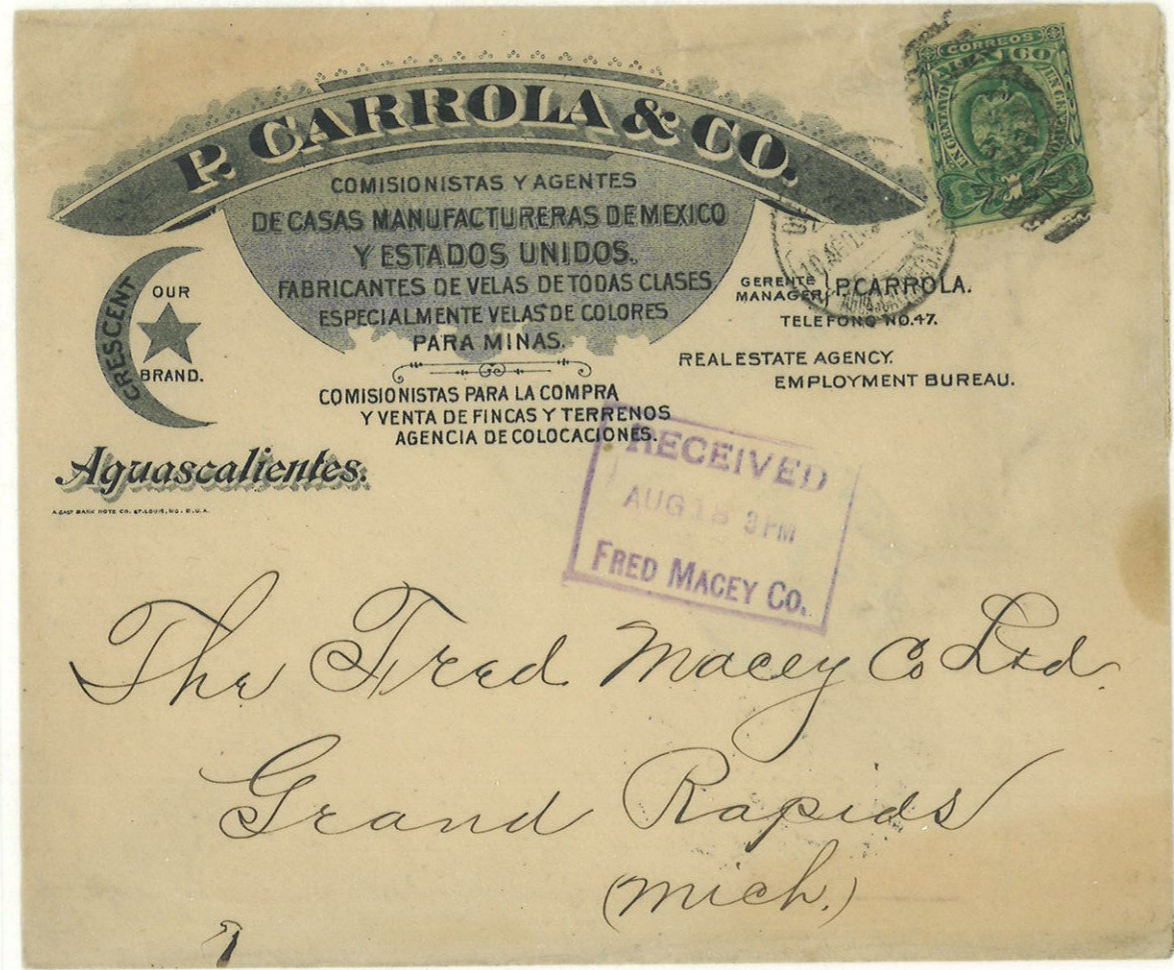


Bécal, Campeche Local Delivery Paid 1c as an open envelope applying the printed matter rate for up to 100 gr. Had it been closed it would have paid 2c as a local letter. The festive colors suggest it may have contained a personal invitation. This small town in 2010 had only 6,500 inhabitants.



Printed Matter Domestic and USA Rate: 1c (100gr including open envelopes)

Aguascalientes to Grand Rapids, Michigan Dated August 10, 1903. Transit was 8 days. Paid 1c as an open envelope applying the printed matter rate to the USA for up to 100 gr. Had it been closed it would have paid 5c as a letter. Advertising covers before 1920 are very uncommon in Mexico.



Mexico to Bristol, Connecticut Dated January 12, 1901. Transit was 10 days. Paid 1c as an open envelope applying the printed matter rate to the USA for up to 100 gr. Had it been closed it would have paid 5c as a letter. Advertising covers before 1920 are very uncommon in Mexico.

The 1c stamp on a newspaper is probably the most scarce of the printed matter usages. This example is most likely unique.

1 Cent Green 1899
Printed Matter Rate: Periodicals

Dr. Dr. Tomás Lorck. Zacatecas
Calle de arriba

AÑO III. TORREÓN, DOMINGO 13 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 1903. NUMERO 106.

Este periódico se publicará precisamente los Domingos de cada semana.

El número del día VALE UN CENTAVO, números atrasados tres centavos. Fuera de la población, los números del día valen 2 cvs. Registrado en la Oficina de correos, como artículo de segunda clase.

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SE HA TRASLADADO A LA CALLE DE MUZQUIZ NUM. 30, AL PASO DE LOS TRANVIAS. Camas arregladas á 37 y 50 centavos—
Departamentos exteriores muy baratos.
¡No admite competencia!
J. Pérez.

Las próximas elecciones

PARA EL GOBIERNO DE ZACATECAS.

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Consecuentes con la tarea que como representantes de la opinión pública, nos hemos impuesto, de ocuparnos con el detenimiento debido de los asuntos electorales de los Estados vecinos ó colindantes con el nuestro, como lo hemos hecho con los de San Luis Potosí, Nuevo León y Chihuahua, expresando con toda franqueza, con la imparcialidad y buena fé que demanda la honradéz, nuestro juicio sobre los aspirantes á figurar como candidatos á los puestos principales de la administración pública, tócale esta vez su turno al antes floreciente y rico Estado de Zacatecas, que muy en breve, pasará por esa época de prueba en que los pueblos, al abrigo de las leyes y de las instituciones liberales y democráticas

cerciorarse ó tener noticias de que pase lo mismo en la actualidad?.....

Desgraciadamente, desde que el Señor Don Genaro García se hizo cargo del ejecutivo, muy en contra de la gente de provecho y progresista, el Estado se echó fuera del carril, en que tan hábilmente y á fuerza de nobles actividades y desvelos, lo había logrado llevar el antecesor de D. Genaro. Parecerá mentira, porque la razón y el sentido común se opone á semejante procedimiento; pero su primer golpe fué dirigido al importante ramo de instrucción primaria, causando con ese insensato prólogo, el desquiciamiento completo de esa fuente sublime del saber y de la cultura de las masas.

Su economía mal entendida ó su inconmensurable avaricia, lo hicieron gestionar y conseguir la rebaja del sueldo de los Profesores y la clausura de varios planteles de educación así en la capital, como en varias poblaciones de categoría; lo que dió por resultado que los maestros que servían aquellos, no conformes con determinación tan descabellada, tuviesen que salir de su Estado; para radicarse en otros, cuyos gobiernos, no abrigaran

FACIOS SIN COMPETENCIA

Depósito: La Reina de la Moda; Fábrica, Calle ILDEFONSO FUENTES
JUAN ARANDA, Propietario.
Torreón, Coah.
Apartado Postal 6.

venta en precio de



Unique Printed Matter Newspaper Rate

Torreón to Zacatecas Dated September 13, 1903. Paid 1c as a periodical domestic printed matter rate for up to 100 gr. The only known with the stamp affixed to the newspaper sheet itself. The front article describes the upcoming elections for the Zacatecas state government.

Circulars were included in the printed matter 1c rate. Domestic and USA postcards and commercial samples (up to 50 gr) paid 2c but are occasionally found using 1c stamps. Among them, samples are the most uncommon items.

1 Cent Green 1899
Domestic Circulars, Wrappers and Postcards

Merida to Espita Dated December 8, 1899. Paid 2c as a domestic post card. Private post card with business message in the back



Pharmaceutical Samples Wrapper



Izamal to Mexico Dated January 27, 1903. Printed postal 1c matter wrapper uprated with a 1c stamp. Sent from a chemical company and most likely containing a sample of a pharmaceutical product for a drugstore, as indicated in the green labels. Paid 2c for commercial samples between 100-200 gr.. The 2 one cents uprated a 2c domestic postal card.



Zacatecas to San Luis Potosi Mourning cover dated Dec 23, 1902. Addressee did not claim it. It was listed in San Luis post office on December 24. Then it was returned to sender and received by the Zacatecas postmaster on April 17, 1903. Paid 1c as an open circular applying the domestic printed matter for up to 100 gr. Had it been closed it would have paid 5c as a letter.

Although the printed matter rate to UPU countries was 2c there are a few cases where 1c stamps were used instead of the 2c stamp.

1 Cent Green 1899
Printed Matter: UPU Countries



Erroneous Rate Assessed Postage Due

Puebla to Manchester, England. Printed circular dated February 4, 1903. Transit was 22 days. It was sent with a 1c stamp (domestic/ USA rate) instead of the correct 2c rate for printed matter to UPU countries. It was assessed postage due paid on receipt indicated by the marks T, 1/2 and 2.

Postcard Mailed as Printed Matter

Guadalajara to Dampremi, Belgium Postcard sent as printed matter dated September 7, 1903. Transit via Laredo (Sept 10). Paid 2c as printed matter to UPU countries as the sender scratched "Tarjeta Postal" and wrote "Impresos" (printed matter). This tactic worked as it was not assessed postal dues in either country. Had it been sent as post card it would have paid 4c.

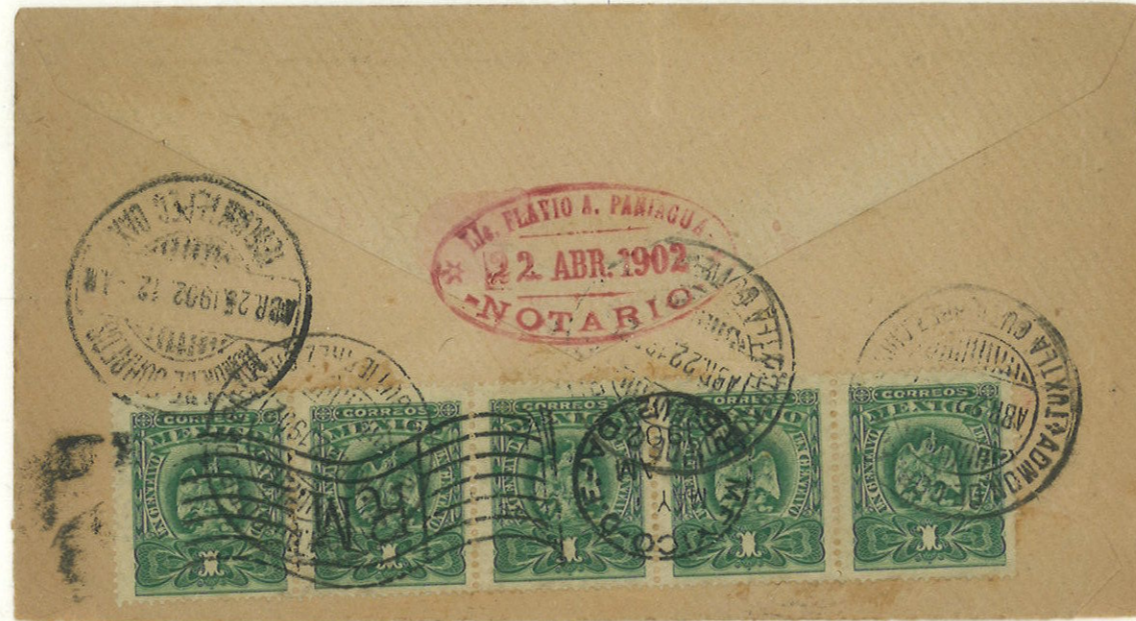


Incoming Postal card Assessed Postage Due

Dawlish, England to Mexico City Postal Card dated June 27, 1902. Transit was 14 days. Redirected within Mexico City. Paid 1 1/2 pence with a 1p uprating stamp. It was assessed 1c postage due in Mexico on receipt.

The most common rate was 5c for domestic and USA for 15 gr, which was generally paid with one 5c stamp. However there are some covers that used 1c stamps, and they are uncommon.

1 Cent Green 1899
5c Letter Rate: Domestic and USA



Tuxtla Gutierrez to Meriden, Connecticut Dated December April 22, 1902. Paid 5c letter rate to USA for 15 gr with a strip of five 1c. The sender was a Notary Public.

Printed Matter Assessed as a Postage Due Letter

Mazatlan to San Francisco, California Open Letter sent as printed matter but left uncanceled at origin. Travelled via paqueboat and assessed postage due of 4c in San Francisco, where the Mexican stamp was cancelled. It is possible that the content were not printed matter and thus the postage due was charged.



★ **Combination with Revenue Stamp**

Mexico to Puebla. Dated October 10, 1901. Arrived the same day. Paid domestic rate of 5c for 15 gr with three 1c stamps and a 2c revenue stamp. This was not allowed, yet it was not assessed postage due. Combinations with revenue stamps are very scarce.

The use of the 1c stamp for UPU rates is very uncommon, as there were specific stamps available for those rates.

1 Cent Green 1899
Other UPU Rates

4c Postcard Rate

Merida to Bruel, Germany
Postal card uprated dated
January 17, 1903. Transit
was 22 days. Paid the 4c
postcard UPU rate.



45c Registered AR Triple Rate



Mexico to Rueschlikon, Switzerland. Registered letter dated August 22, 1900. Transit was 15 days via Laredo and New York. Paid 45c: 10c registration flat fee + 30c triple rate to UPU country for 45 gr + 5c AR return receipt flat fee. Although there is no AR marking there is no other way to account for the last 5c.

10c Letter Rate Mixed Franking with Mulas

Veracruz to Lubeck, Germany
Uprated Mulas 2c postal
stationary cover dated
December 4, 1899. Transit was
18 days via Laredo (Dec 7). Paid
the Letter UPU rate for 15 gr.
The combination with the Mulas
issue is very uncommon, as it
was allowed only for a few
months until mid 1900. Less
than 50 covers are known to
exist with combinations of both
issues.

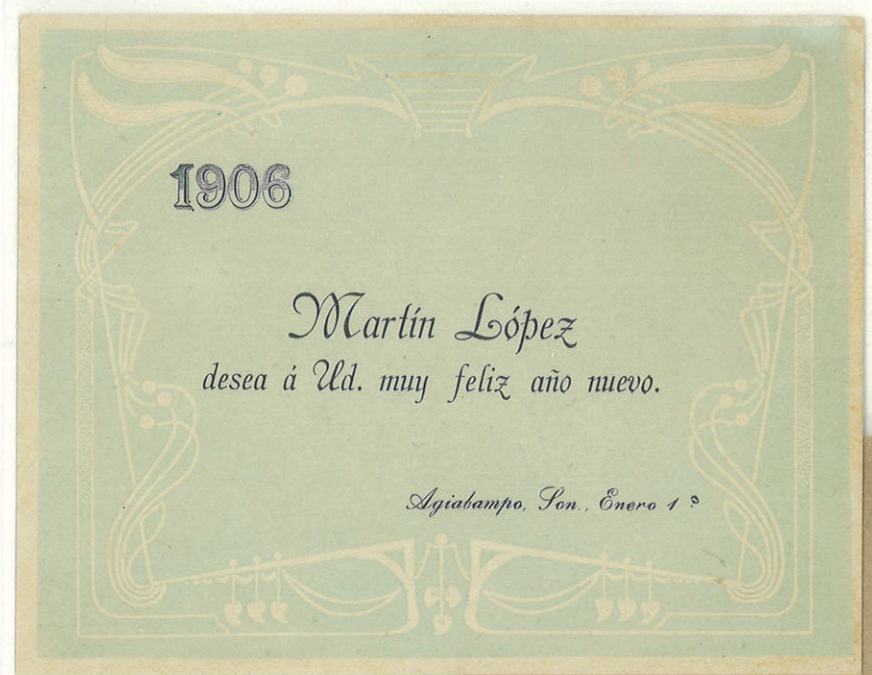


In 1903 there was a change of color for the 1c stamp from green to violet although the rates remained as before. The 1c stamp continued to be primarily for printed matter rates both domestic and USA, including samples or business documents and local postal cards. These usages did not tend to have a high survival rate, so solo uses are not common.

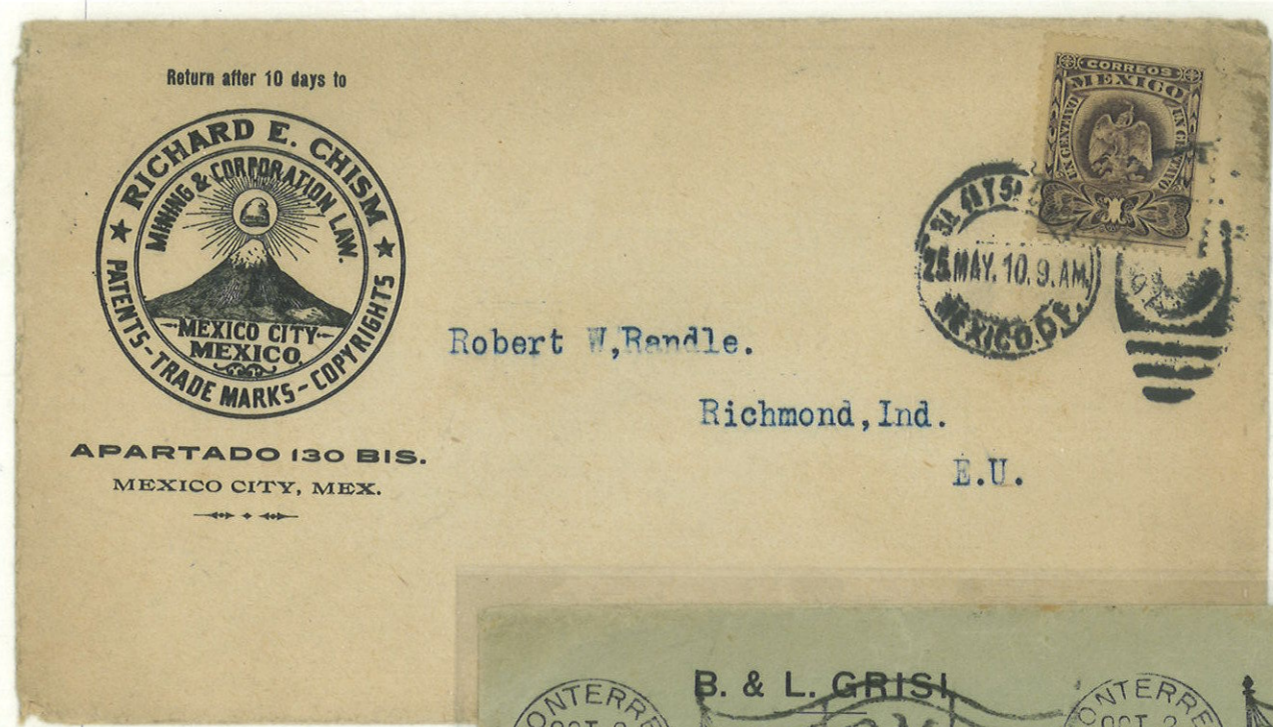
1 Cent Violet 1903



Printed Matter Domestic and
USA Rate: 1c (100gr
including open envelopes)



Agiabampo, Sonora to Alamos New Year's card dated January 5, 1906. Paid 1c as an open envelope applying the domestic printed matter rate for up to 100 gr. Had it been closed it would have paid 5c as a letter. This festive card originated from a tiny ranch-town that in 2010 had only 409 inhabitants, so this cancel is most likely unique.



Mexico to Richmond, Indiana Paid 1c as an open envelope applying the printed matter rate to USA for up to 100 gr. Had it been closed it would have paid 5c as a letter. Advertising covers were not popular in Mexico until after 1920.



Monterrey to Tampico Dated October 2, 1905. Paid 1c as an open envelope applying the printed matter rate to USA for up to 100 gr. Had it been closed it would have paid 5c as a letter.

Occasionally covers with 1c stamp using the wrong rate are found. Mexican postmasters were very vigilant to penalize those errors, with rare exceptions where a postmaster had made the error in rate.

1 Cent Violet 1903

Postage Due, Underpaid and Business Documents Usages

★ Postage Due
Local Rate

Mexico City local mail Letter sent as an open printed matter and penalized by the local postman. It probably contained a regular letter and should have paid 2c local city rate for letters of 15 gr. The cover was short 1c and paid double as penalty with a 2c supplementary stamp. The postman 156 cancelled both stamps with his personal cancellation device. Since these stamps were not issued until 1908, this cover must have been sent between 1908-1910. Postage dues usages are very uncommon.



Underpaid Registered Not Assessed 9c Postage Due



Business Documents Rate

Atlixco local delivery Court documents sent to a judge in a closed envelope dated April 13, 1910. Transit was 1 day. Paid 1c as business documents rate for 100 gr. The stamp was applied to seal the envelope with a manuscript cancel stating the date and "pliego cerrado" (closed envelope). Additionally on receipt, the judge's office certified on top that the envelope had been received properly sealed.



Jalostotitlan to Guadalajara Registered cover dated October 24, 1903. Wax sealed on back by the postmaster of that small town who apparently did not know the correct rate. Paid 6c instead of 15c (10c registration fee + 5c domestic letter). It was not penalized with postage due probably because the postmaster in city of origin had applied his seal, and therefore the shortage of rate was not responsibility of the sender. The only such case known in the issue.

UPU postcards rate was 4c and a specific stamp was printed in 1903 for that service. Sometimes 1c stamps were used. Occasionally senders underpaid the rate to UPU and were assessed postage dues, which are very uncommon.

El Zopilote, Tepic to Braunschhozig, Germany 2c uprated postal card dated August 25, 1905. Transit via Nuevo Laredo (Aug 30). Paid 4c postcard rate to UPU countries. This town is so small that in 2010 it had only 390 inhabitants so this cancel is very rare.



Campeche to Hamburg, Germany 1c uprated printed matter wrapper dated May 23, 1906. Paid 4c double rate for business documents to UPU for 100 gr.

Postage Due with French Stamp

Tampico to Marsais, France Postcard . Transit via Nuevo Laredo February 9, 1905. Transit was 17 days. Should have paid 4c postcard rate to UPU countries, but instead it paid only 2c. Assessed postage dues in France paid with 10 centimes due stamp. Any combination postage in this issue is very uncommon.



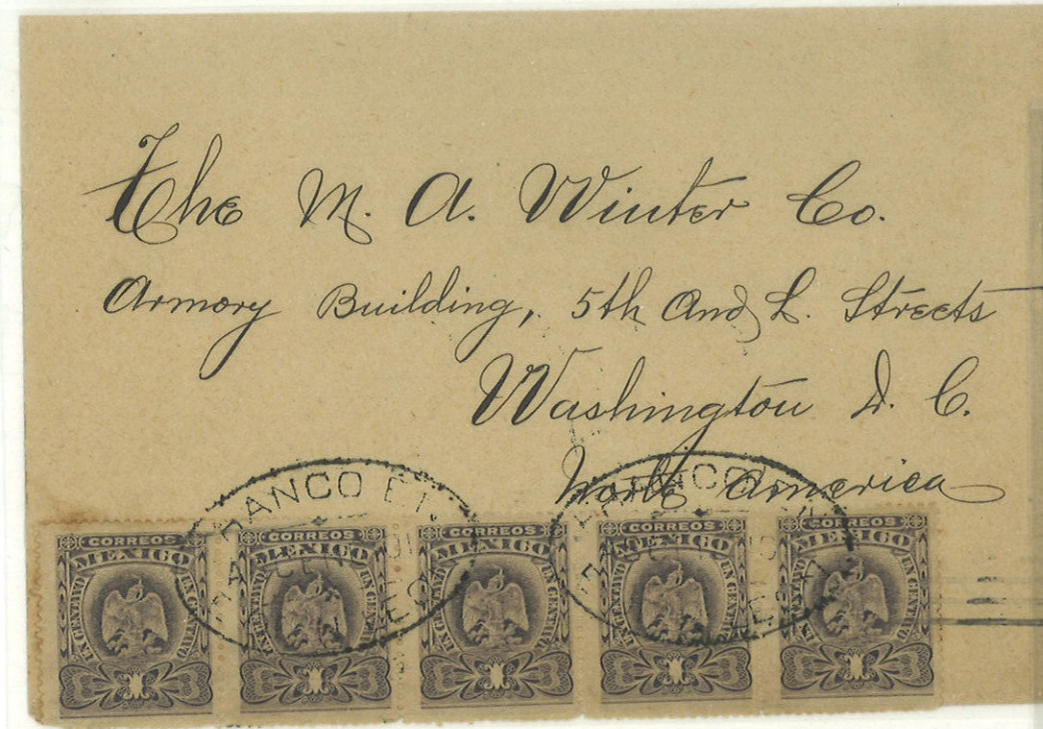
Postage Due with French Stamp

Mexico to Paris Uprated postal card dated November 13, 1906. Should have paid 4c postcard rate to UPU countries, but instead it paid only 2c. Assessed postage dues in France paid with 10 centimes due stamp. Returned to sender as the addressee refused payment. Who paid the 10 centimes stamp is unclear. The sender was a stamp dealer. Any combination postage in this issue is very uncommon.

Occasionally the 1c stamp was used to make up the 5c and 10c rates. Since there were stamps designed to serve these rates, these usages are not common

5c USA Rate

Congregacion de la Ascencion, N.L. to Washington, D.C. Transit via Linares (July 2, 1906). Transit was 4 days. Paid 5c USA letter rate for 15 gr. Strips of 5 on cover are not common. This cancel is very unusual as it is from a very small town.



The M. A. Winter Co.
Armory Building, 5th and L. Streets
Washington D. C.

10c UPU Rate
Addressed to a Person in a Ship's Port of Call

Veracruz to Wilhelmshaven, Germany Uprated 5c postal cover dated February 8, 1904. Transit was 19 days. Paid 10c single rate to UPU countries for 15 gr. It is addressed to Kurt Barthel, passenger of the ship S.M.S. Niobe, to be delivered once he reached Wilhelmshaven.



Senor Kurt Barthel
of Bordo Vapor S.M.S. Niobe
Wilhelmshaven
Alemania

10c Double USA Rate

Estacion Llano, Sonora to Columbus, Ohio Received on November 21, 1907. Paid 10c USA letters double rate for 30 gr. Strips of 5 on cover are not common. The advertising label on the back was to announce the 1908 American Philatelic Convention in Columbus.



H. R. Howard
Est. Llano - Sonora.
Mr. Chas. B. Hood, Jr.
292 So. Champion Ave
Columbus, Ohio
E.U. del N.

5c Rate to Hawaii
Only Known

(Mexico) to Honolulu, Hawaii Received on September 7, 1907. Paid 5c letter USA rate for 15 gr. The only cover known to Hawaii.



Mrs. A. Barnes
915 Prospect St.
Honolulu
Hawaii
U.S.A.

The business documents rate was used primarily by the court system to send judiciary files from one court to another as a case progressed. The domestic and USA rate was 1c for 100 gr.

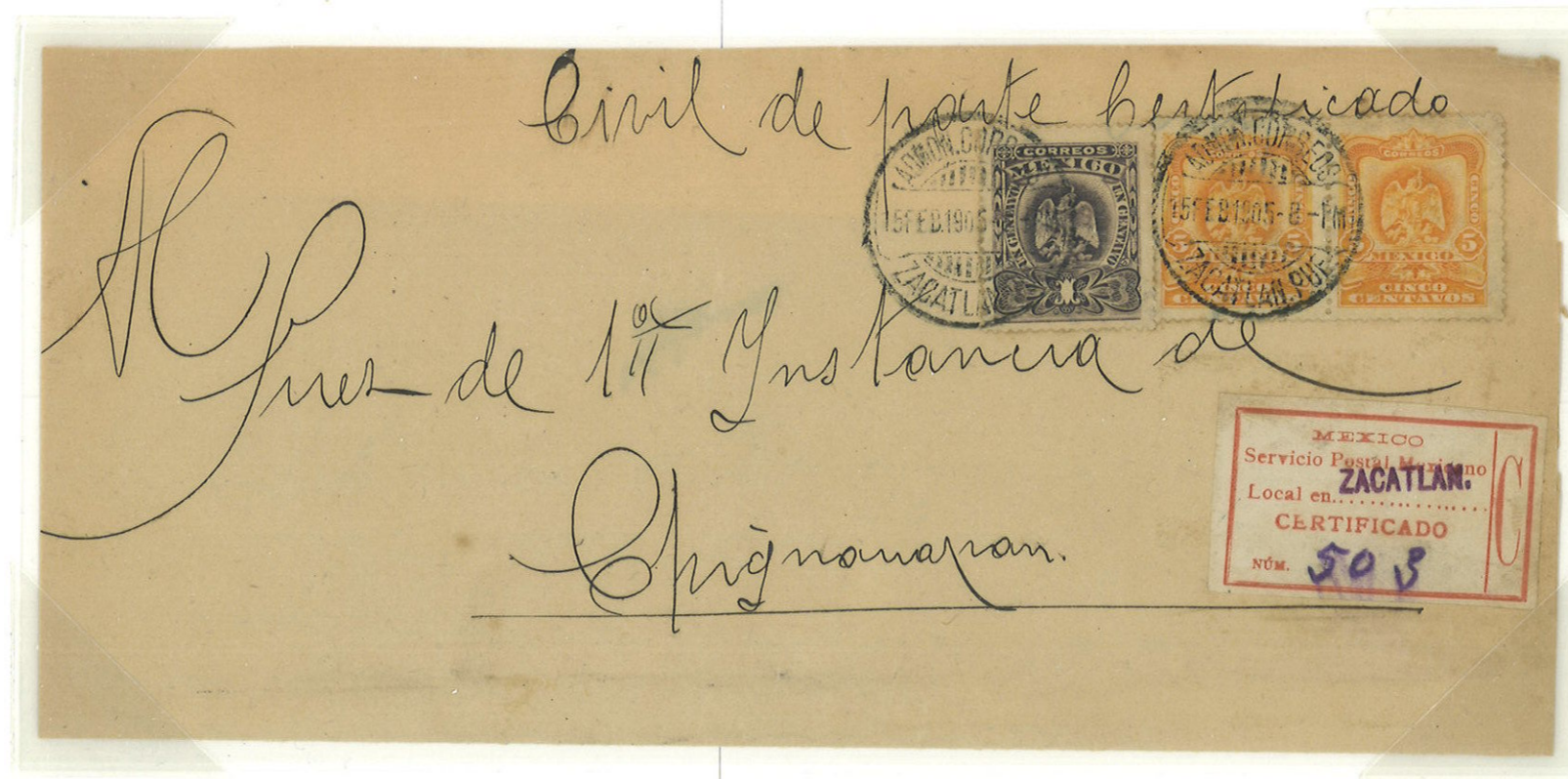
1 Cent Violet 1903
Business Documents Domestic Rates



Puebla to Atlixco
Registered wrapper from the State Superior Court to a lower court judge in a smaller town dated April 5, 1910. Paid 13c: 10c flat registration fee + 3c triple rate for 300 gr domestic business domestic rate.

Only Known Usage from Payo Obispo

Payo Obispo, Quintana Roo Dated June 22, 1907. The only cancel known from this small town for this issue. This town was founded for military purposes in May 5, 1898 and became Chetumal in 1937. Very little mail exists under this old name.



Zacatlan to Chignahuapan
Registered wrapper dated February 15, 1905. Sent by the lower town court to a judge, containing court documents. Paid 11c: 10c Registration flat fee + 1c domestic business documents rate for 100 gr.

The 2c stamp was primarily for UPU printed matter rates, including samples or business documents. Also for domestic and USA postal cards and local city letters. These usages did not tend to have a high survival rate, so solo uses are not common.

Printed Matter 2c Rate:

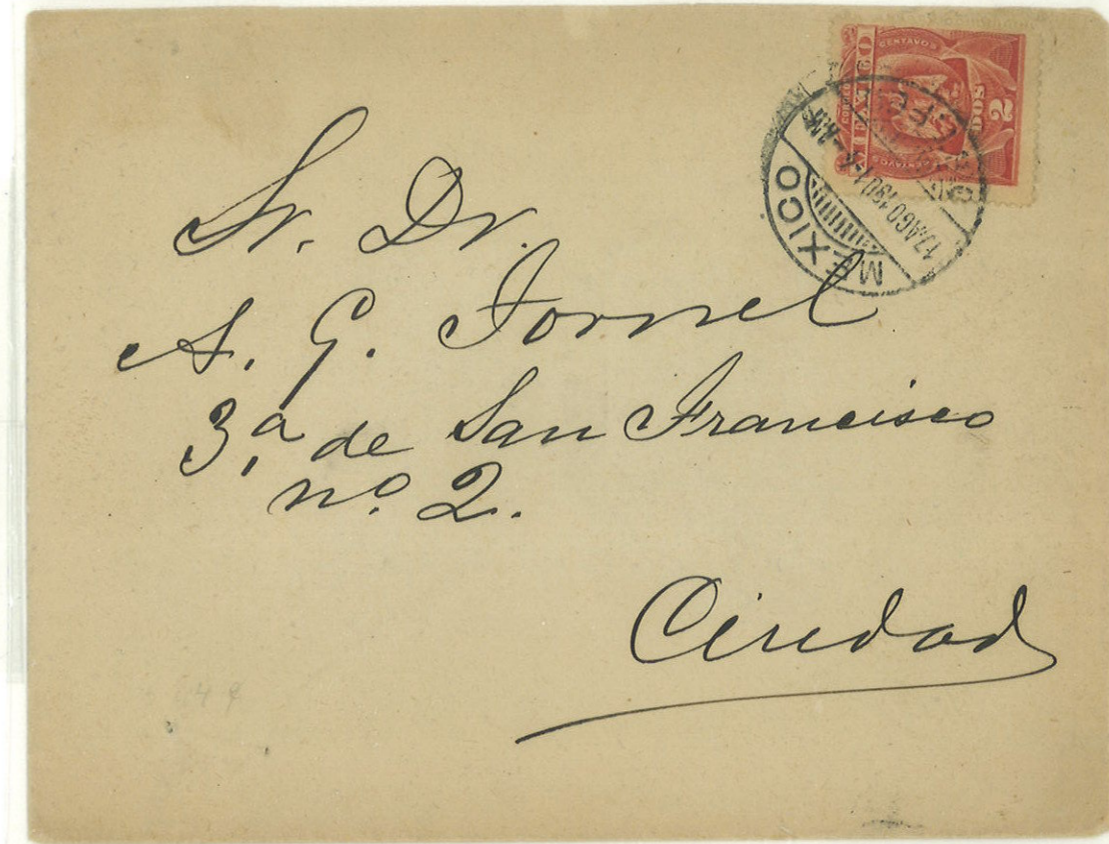
- Printed Matter UPU 50 gr including open envelopes, documents and samples)
- Domestic & USA postcards
- Local letters

Guadalajara to Sierrerne, France

Presentation card dated December 14, 1902. Paid 2c as an open envelope applying the UPU printed matter rate for 50 gr. Had it been closed it would have paid 10c as a letter.



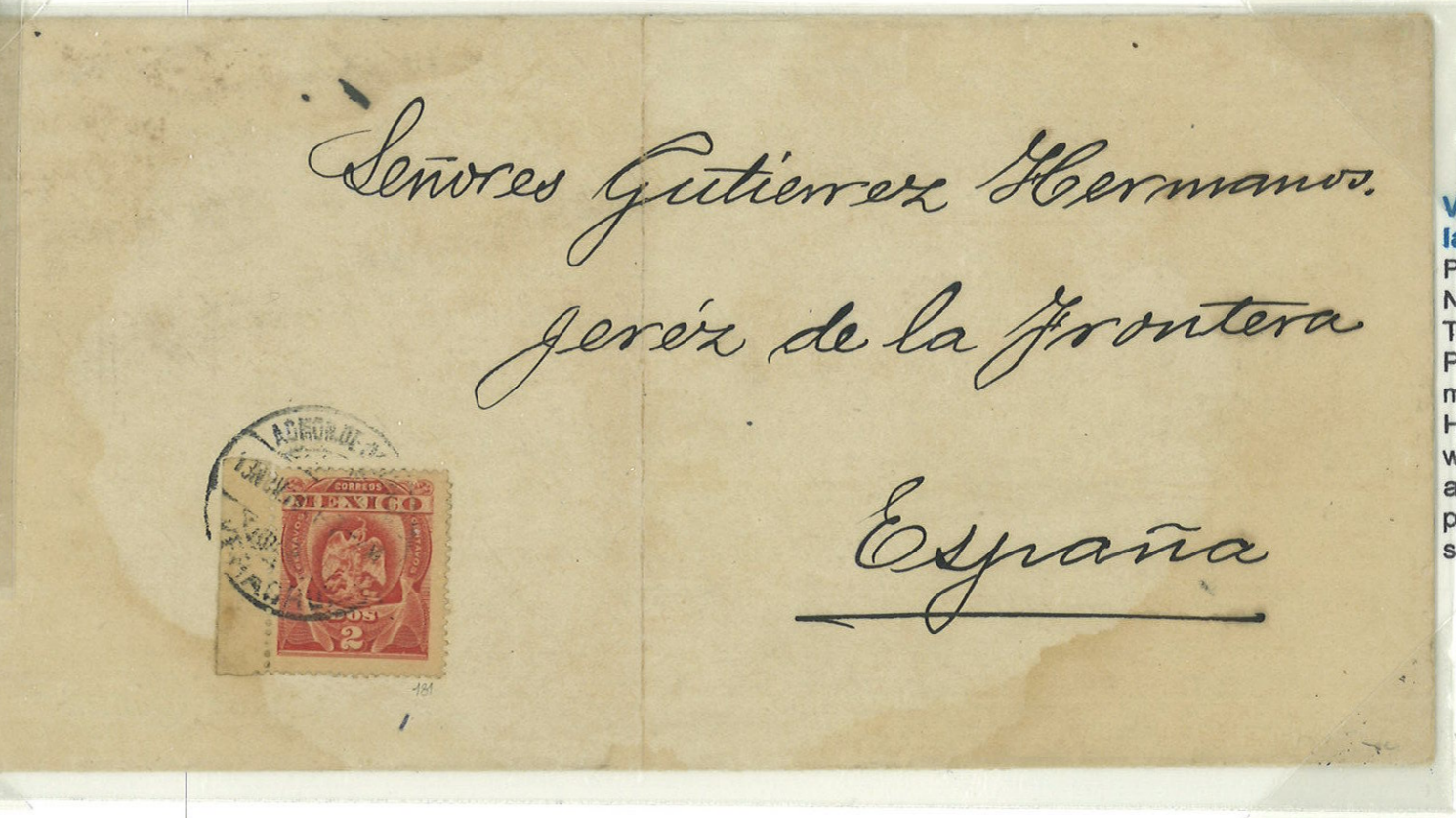
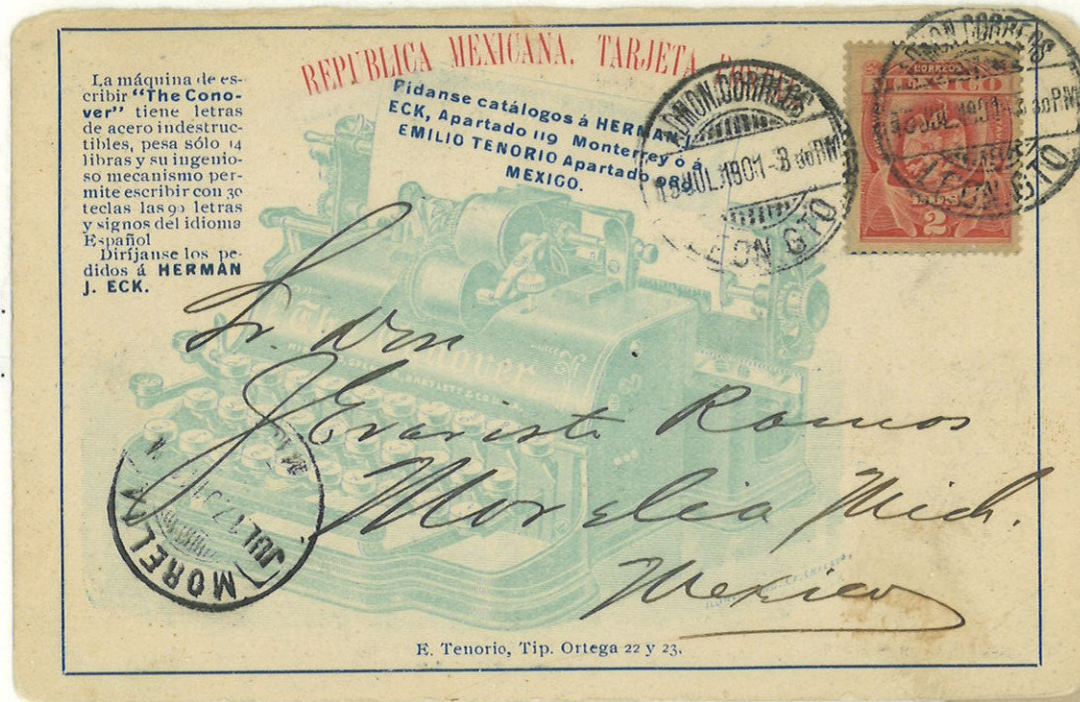
2 Cents Vermillion 1899



Mexico City Local Delivery Dated August 17, 1901. Paid 2c as local intercity letter rate, indicated by the word "Ciudad" (city). Intercity letters are very scarce, probably because of it was easier to use private messengers.

Leon to Mexico

Privately printed advertising postcard. Dated July 13, 1901 via Morelia (July 17). Paid 2c domestic postcard rate.



Veracruz to Jerez de la Frontera, Spain

Printed Circular dated November 13, 1901. Transit was 18 days. Paid 2c circular printed matter rate for 50 gr. Had it been closed it would have paid 10c as a letter. Very few printed circulars have survived.

The 2c stamp was also used to make up other rates, such as the domestic and USA business rate which was 1c per every 100 gr

2 Cents Vermillion 1899
Domestic Business Documents Rates



Zacatlan to Alatraste Registered court wrapper dated May 20, 1902. Paid 19c: 10c Registered flat fee + 9c for 900 gr of business documents. Most courts did not qualify for the official mail rate as their documents were not sent to the Federal government.



Puebla to Atlixco Registered court wrapper dated December 22, 1900. Paid 17c: 10c Registered flat fee + 7c for 700 gr of business documents. Most courts did not qualify for the official mail rate as their documents were not sent to the Federal government.

The 2c stamp was also used to make up other rates, including UPU rates. Non-Philatelic bisects are extremely scarce in this issue.

2 Cents Vermillion 1899
Bisect and UPU Rates

**Postcard
Postage Due**

Mexico to Bois Colombes, France Postcard dated September 20, 1903. Transit was 24 days. Should have paid 4c UPU postcard rate, but only paid 3c. Assessed one Mexican cent or 2 1/2 centimes missing postage resulting in 5 centimes due to doubling the rate missing as penalty. Paid with French postage due stamp on receipt.



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**Samples Rate
with Bisect**

Pluma Hidalgo, Oaxaca to Hamburg, Germany
Registered linen cover dated February 2, 1903. Paid 21c: 10c Registered flat fee + 11c for 275 gr of samples. The last 1c was paid with a 2c bisect because this office run out of 1c stamps. Although rates were established in multiples of 50 gr the postmaster in such a small office was flexible in calculating the fraction of rates as he rarely managed the uncommon samples rate. No more than 5 non-philatelic bisects are known in the issue. The cut-out corners were for postal inspection. MEPSI cert (c).

**20c UPU
Double Rate**

Progreso, Yucatan to Bochum, Germany Uprated postal stationary cover dated November 14, 1901. Transit 18 days via New York, Paid 20c UPU double rate for 30 gr.



**UPU Printed Matter
Mulitas Mixed Franking**

Puebla to Withington, Manchester
Uprated postal stationary wrapper dated December 19, 1899. Paid 6c UPU printed matter rate for 150 gr. It bears a 2c Mulitas making this a rare mixed franking. The use of Mulitas was valid only for a brief period of only a few months.

The 2c stamp was also used to make up other rates, including domestic and USA rates. Bisects are extremely scarce in this issue. Two covers here show the speed of railroad postal agencies. If you wanted your mail dealt with in a hurry, it was best to take it (properly franked) direct to the railway station and hand it to the postal agent to be put on the train, especially if the train was departing outside post office opening hours.

2 Cents Vermillion 1899
Bisect and Domestic & USA Rates

5c USA Letter Rate
Railroad Cancel

Silao to Cleveland, Ohio Dated February 2, 1900. Transit was only 4 days. Paid 5c domestic and USA rate for 15 gr. The advertising in this cover is from a hotel in Silao, Guanajuato across the railroad station. The sender brought this letter with stamps attached to the railroad office directly (to prevent delays). It traveled via the Ferrocarril Central Mexicano starting in its Mexico-Zacatecas route, then via Chihuahua and Cd. Juarez.

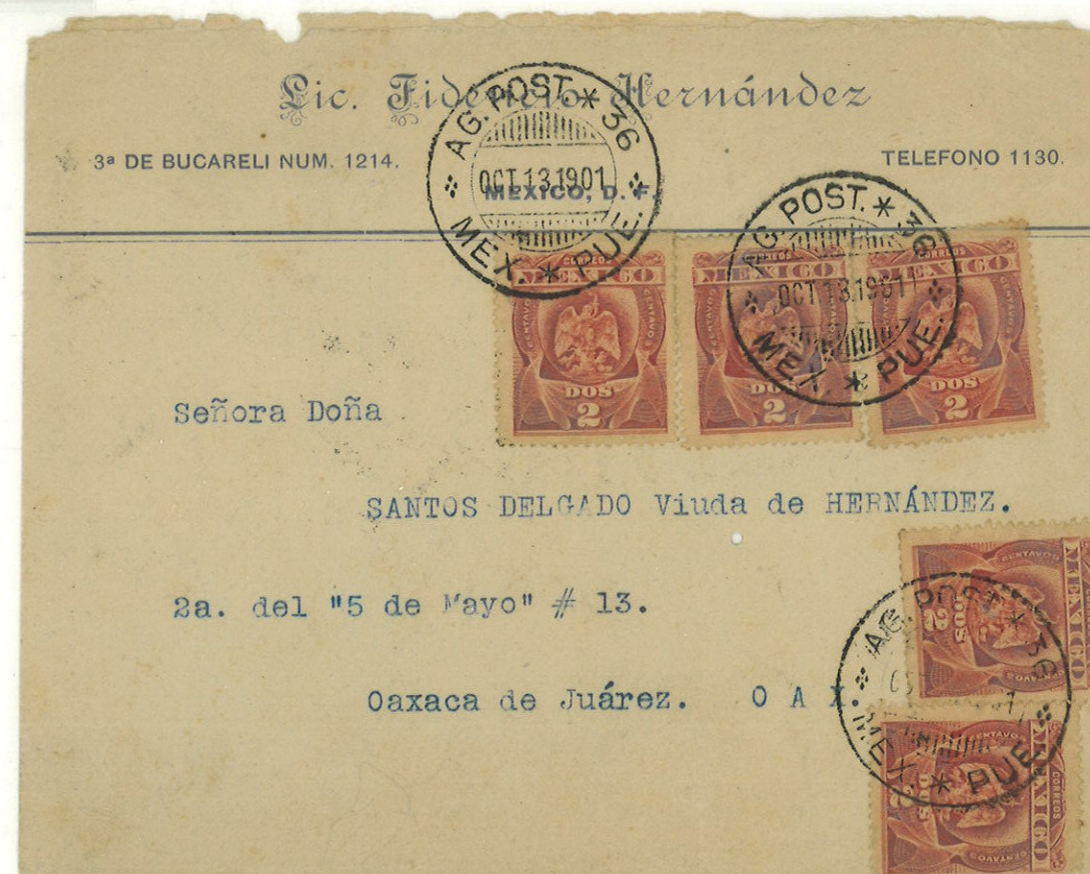


1c Local Rate Bisect

Veracruz local delivery Small envelope addressed to the same city (Ciudad). Paid 1c printed matter rate for open envelopes. Had it been closed it would have paid 2c for local delivery. The use of a bisect makes this cover a rarity as few are known, MEPSI cert.

17c Registered AR
Postcard Domestic
Rate

Mexico to Guadalajara Registered uprated postal card dated October 4, 1901. Transit was 1 day via New York, Paid 17c: 10c registration fee +5c AR service +2c domestic postcard rate. This rate is seldom found and, although it was sent by a stamp dealer, it is not philatelic. In the text he is asking for payment for stamps he sold to the addressee, thus the need for AR service.



10c Domestic Double
Rate. Railroad Cancel

Mexico to Oaxaca Dated October 13, 1901. Paid 10c double domestic rate for 30 gr. Transit was 1 day. The sender brought this letter with stamps attached to the railroad office directly (to prevent delays). It traveled via the Ferrocarril Mexicano (Mexico-Puebla) as the cancel states Agencia Postal 36 Mexico-Puebla. Then to Oaxaca. This is a remarkable fast transit even for today's standards.

The 2c stamp was also used to make up other rates, including UPU rates. These combinations with this stamp are very uncommon.

2 Cents Vermillion 1899
UPU Rates

10c UPU Letter Rate
Postage Due

Mexico to Braunschweig, Germany

Domestic uprated postal stationary dated April 28, 1902. Transit was 15 days. Should have paid 10c UPU rate for 15 gr. But instead paid 5c. 5c postage missing assessed (12 1/2 centimes: 2 1/2 for each 1 Mexican cent due) + 100 penalty, translated into 20 pf. in Germany



★
20c Double UPU Rate
Mixed Franking with Multitas
Largest Used Multiple



Mexico City to Bordeaux, France Commercial letter dated February 3, 1900. Transit via Paris (Feb 18). Paid 20c double UPU rate for 30 gr. It bears a strip of five of 2c, the largest multiple on cover. The rest of the postage was paid with Multitas issue stamps which were allowed for just a few months. Any combination franking with both issues is scarce. Less than 50 covers or postcards are known, but this combination is unique.

10c UPU Rate

Mexico to Paris, France

Dated April 1, 1903. Paid 10c UPU rate for 15 gr. This is a very unusual usage as it was paid with only 2c stamps.



The 2c stamp changed color to green in 1903. It was still primarily for UPU printed matter rates, including samples or business documents. Also for domestic and USA postal cards and local city letters. These usages did not tend to have a high survival rate, so solo uses are not common.

2 Cents Green 1903



Guadalajara to Forcalquier France Dated December 17, 1904. Transit via New York. Paid 2c as an open envelope applying the UPU printed matter rate for 50 gr. Had it been closed it would have paid 10c as a letter.



Mexico to Waverly, Washington Small card with a design made of natural feathers. Paid 2c USA postcard rate. Had it been inside of an open envelope it would have paid 1c. Message reads: *I wonder if this card will make it to Waverly? It seems it did!*

Printed Matter 2c Rate:

- Printed Matter UPU 50 gr open envelopes, documents and samples
- Domestic & USA postcards
- Local letters



Mexico to London Wrapper dated November 21, 1903. Paid 2c UPU printed matter rate for 50 gr.



Registered UPU Printed Matter

Mexico to Westend Berlin, Germany Closed registered wrapper. Arrived June 19, 1905. Paid 12c: 10c Registration fee +2c printed matter/samples rate for 50 gr. It probably contained a book. Non philatelic registered printed matter rates are seldom found.



Quilá, Sinaloa to Hamburg, Germany Uprated postal wrapper. Transit via New York. Paid 8c UPU quadruple printed matter rate to the USA for 200 gr. Quilá is a very small town so this cancel is probably unique. In 2010 it had only 5,800 inhabitants.

Occasionally the 2c stamp was used to make up rates for domestic and USA usages.

2 Cents Green 1903
Domestic and USA Rates



Booklet

24 stamp booklet A small portion of the 1c, 2c and 5c 1903 stamps was set up in booklets, which are all rare either complete or not.



Registered Documents Rate

Puebla to Tetela Wrapper containing court documents. Dated October 20, 1905. Paid 12c : 10c flat registration fee +2c domestic double rate for business papers for 200gr.



Registered Printed Matter

Puebla to Tehuacan Registered newspaper wrapper. Dated March 7, 1910. Paid 17c: 10c registration fee +7c printed matter/samples rate for 700 gr. Since it is sent to a barber shop it either contained magazines and newspapers or samples.



Mexico to Boston Dated April 26, 1909. Paid 5c USA letter rate for 15 gr. It is uncommon to find this rate paid with two 2c stamps, as 5c stamps were plentiful.

The UPU rate for postcards was 4c. Occasionally the 2c stamp was used to make up this rate. Sometimes the sender would mistake the domestic and USA postcard rate of 2c for UPU rate, resulting in postage dues. According to article 451 of the Mexican regulations handbook every missing 1c Mexican would translate to 2 ½ centimes. Any missing postage would pay 100% additional penalty for the postage due on the receiving country. This regulation was sometimes confusing to postmasters. Sometimes they marked the missing postage and some others they noted the total postage due including the doubling for the penalty.

2 Cents Green 1903
 UPU Postcard Rates and Postage Dues

Haiti 4c Rate
 Proper Postage

Mexico to Port-au-Prince, Haiti
 Uprated postal card dated May 29, 1907. Transit was 13 days. Paid 4c UPU postcard rate. Rate was properly paid. Very rare destination.



GB Postage Due

Mexico to Blackpool, Lancashire, GB Postcard dated June 13, 1908. Should have paid 4c UPU postcard rate but instead it was sent with 2c. It was notated the TOTAL additional postage due: 10c (2 Mexican cents missing X 2 ½ centimes per 1 Mexican cent + 100% penalty). It translated into 1d postal due in UK. It should have been noted 5c instead.

★
 France & Italy
 Postage Due

Cuernavaca to Paris redirected to San Remo, Italy Postcard dated December 31, 1908. Should have paid 4c UPU postcard rate, yet it only paid 2c. Was assessed 10 centimes postage due (2 ½ centime x 2 Mexican cents + 100% penalty). Paid with a 10 centimes due stamp in France. Redirected to Italy with an added 10 centesimi postage due stamp. Very seldom found with postage dues from two countries.



Italy Postage Due
 Underpaid

Mexico to Arquata Seribia, Italy Postcard dated August 23, 1904. Should have paid 4c UPU postcard rate but instead it was originally sent with 2c. Should have been charged 10 centimes postage due (2 ½ centimes per 1 Mexican cent + 100% penalty). Instead it only paid 5 centesimi. The Mexican "5" due marking did not include the penalty and just indicated the missing original postage.

Occasionally the 2c stamp was used to make up USA and UPU rates producing some very colorful frankings

2 Cents Green 1903
USA and UPU Rates

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20c Registered UPU Rate to Canal Zone



Mexico to Ancon, Panama Canal Zone Registered letter dated July 11, 1910. Transit was 14 days via Nuevo Laredo (July 13), New York (July 18). Paid 20c: 10c Registration flat fee +10c UPU rate for 15 gr. Exceptional combination of 7 two cent stamps.



10c Double USA
Rate

Tesechoacan, Veracruz to Washington, D.C. Mourning cover dated January 3, 1908. Transit was 6 days via Paso del Macho (Jan 3), Mexico (Jan 4). Paid 10c USA letter double rate for 30 gr. This cover originated in a very small town. In 2010 it had 1,160 inhabitants so this cancel is probably unique.



10c UPU Rate

Mexico to Salzuflen Lippe, Germany Uprated postal stationary cover dated February 5, 1904. Paid 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr.

Occasionally the 2c stamp was used to make up the 10c single UPU rate

2 Cents Green 1903
UPU Single 10c Rate



Guadalajara to Niel,
Belgium Dated January
12, 1908, Transit was 16
days via Nuevo Laredo
(Jan 15). Paid 10c UPU
letter rate for 15 gr.



Redirected
Overpaid 1c

Irapuato, Guanajuato to Voiron,
France, redirected to Viesti Sul
Mare Salerno, Italy Dated Jan 10,
1908. Transit was 18 days via
Nuevo Laredo (July 12), Voiron
(Jan 25). Paid 11c: 10c UPU rate
for 15 gr + 1c overpaid.



Culiacan, Sinaloa to Munich, Germany Advertising cover dated May 7, 1908. Transit was 20
days via Nogales. Paid 10c UPU rate for 15 gr. The only known with a block of four of 2c Green.

3 Cents Orange Brown



Tehuacan, Puebla to Silacayoapan, Oaxaca
Court letter from a judge to another judge in a much smaller town in a different state. Dated March 14, 1904. Transit via Huajuapán (March 16). Paid 3c discounted official rate for 15 gr. "SO" (*Servicio Oficial*) manuscript on top right signed Diaz.



*Silacayoapan
E. de Cas*

GOBIERNO
DEL
ESTADO LIBRE Y SOBERANO
DE PUEBLA.
SECRETARIA DE JUSTICIA Y POLICIA.
Circular n° XXXIV.

SE ha advertido por parte de este Gobierno exacto cumplimiento á lo dispuesto cuya observancia se les recomendó, una vez rigió, bajo el número XLIII, en 25 de Julio. También se ha notado que las mismas signada en esa circular, pues que no remiten mensualmente á esta misma Oficina más que una acta, en lugar de cuatro lo menos, de visita de cárcel.
Como fuera de duda está que las funciones que ahora tienen los Regidores como Síndicos, no son las que éstos desempeñaban en 78; es innecesaria su intervención en las visitas de cárceles, como es precisa la del Ministerio público que, en el caso, ha venido á sustituir á aquellos Síndicos, y así puede comprenderse atento lo dispuesto en la fracción V del art. 23 de la ley orgánica de ese Ministerio, que impone á los Procuradores de 1.ª Instancia la obligación de asistir á las visitas general y semanales de cárceles. Y como en el citado año de 78, el Regidor 1.º, en su carácter de decano, era quien en tales actos tenía el de Presidente del Ayuntamiento, es de juzgarse indispensable la asistencia á ellos, no del Regidor 1.º, porque sucede que no es él el Presidente, sino la

Lic. José de Jesús López.

*Tepeaca, Julio
9-1903.*

Removido res.


*R. C. Juez de 1.ª Inst. de
Tepeaca.*

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Puebla to Tepeaca Printed circular dated June 17, 1891 sent on July 8, 1903. Transit was 1 day. Paid 3c discounted official rate for state governments for 15gr. domestic letters. Sent from the Justice and Police Ministry of the state of Puebla to a judge in a small town. Probably the judge needed to be reminded of the legal policy regarding prison visits reports set up 12 years before. It is curious that the sender used this official rate when he could have used a 1c printed matter rate for open circulars.

Official domestic letters: 3c per each 15 gr. from State Governments

Article 396 of the postal law states that State Governments had a discount on the letter rate paying only 3c for each 15 gr instead of 5c. So the 3c stamp was designed for this domestic official letter rate. Free franking existed but only from Federal authorities and official letters from States to the Federal government. Usages of the 3c stamp for official rates are scarce.

Multiple, registered and AR rates in official mail are very scarce. The 3c stamp was also occasionally used to make up other non official rates.

3 Cents Orange Brown
Official Usages and UPU Postcard Rates

★
18c Registered AR
Official Rate

Chilpancingo, Guerrero to Mexico Official registered letter from the Governor of the state of Guerrero dated December 24, 1901. Transit was 3 days. Paid 18c: 10c registration flat fee + 5c AR flat fee + 3c discounted official rate for 15 gr. This rate combination is probably unique.



9c Triple Official
Rate
Chilpancingo, Guerrero to Puebla. Official letter from the President of the Superior Court of the State of Guerrero to his counterpart in the State of Puebla. Dated November 17, 1906. Transit was 3 days. Paid 9c discounted triple official rate for 45 gr. "Off." (*Servicio Oficial*) manuscript on top center.



UPU Postcard Rate
Overpaid 1c
Tampico to Hamburg, Germany Uprated postal card dated January 22, 1906. Transit was 20 days via Nuevo Laredo (Jan 24). Paid 5c: 4c UPU postcard rate +1c overpayment. This overpayment was probably an error and not philatelic since the postcard contains a printed commercial receipt related to customs paperwork.

The 3c stamp was also occasionally used to make up other non official rates such as the 5c domestic and USA rate. Since 5c stamps were plentiful, such usages are rarely found.

3 Cents Orange Brown
Single Domestic and USA Rate

Tehuizingo, Puebla to Veracruz Dated January 11, 1908. Transit was 2 days via Matamoros, Pue. Paid 5c domestic letter rate for 15 gr. This is a very small town founded in 1895 with 4,739 inhabitants in 2010. This cancel is very scarce.



divase si no es entregada á los 5 dias



Ciudad Guzman to Guadalajara Dated May 22, 1908. Transit was 1 day. Paid 5c domestic rate for 15 gr.

★
Overpaid 1c

Badirahuato, Sinaloa to Los Angeles, CA Dated August 24, 1903. Transit was 19 days via Culiacan. Paid 6c: 5c USA rate for 15 gr. + 1c overpayment. Given the small size of this town (3,725 inhabitants in 2010), the overpayment was probably due to scarcity of stamps of other denominations.



Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua to New York Uprated postal stationary cover dated November 16, 1899. Transit was 5 days. Paid 5c USA rate for 15 gr.

The 3c stamp was also occasionally used to make up other non official rates. Covers making UPU rates are rarely found with this stamp.

3 Cents Orange Brown
UPU Rates

10c Single UPU
Rate to Biarritz

Jalapa, Veracruz to Biarritz Dated April 24, 1902. Transit was 66 days via Mexico (Apr 25) and New York. Paid 10c domestic letter rate for 15 gr. This letter had a considerable delay as this journey should have taken about 20 days.



★
20c Double UPU
Rate to Java, Asia

Mexico to Weltevreden, Java
Dated May 16, 1905. Transit was 41 days via Cd. Juarez (May 18). Paid 20c UPU letter double rate for 30 gr. (It has a 5c stamp on back. Probably the most exotic destination of the entire issue!

10c Single UPU
Rate to Paris

Tajimaroa to Paris Dated July 6, 1905. Transit was 14 days via Nuevo Laredo (July 8). Paid 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. The use of strip of three 3c is most unusual and maybe unique for this rate.



★
30c Registered
Double UPU Rate
Mulitas Combination

Mexico to Altona, Hamburg redirected to Menslage, Germany
Uprated registered postal stationary cover dated April 6, 1900. Transit was 18 days via Altona (April 23). Paid 30c: 10c Registered fee + 20c double UPU letter rate for 30 gr. The combination with multiple Mulitas stamps is very rare as their usage was allowed just for a few months after the issue ended.

The 4c stamp was added to the set in 1903 to satisfy the rate for UPU postcards.

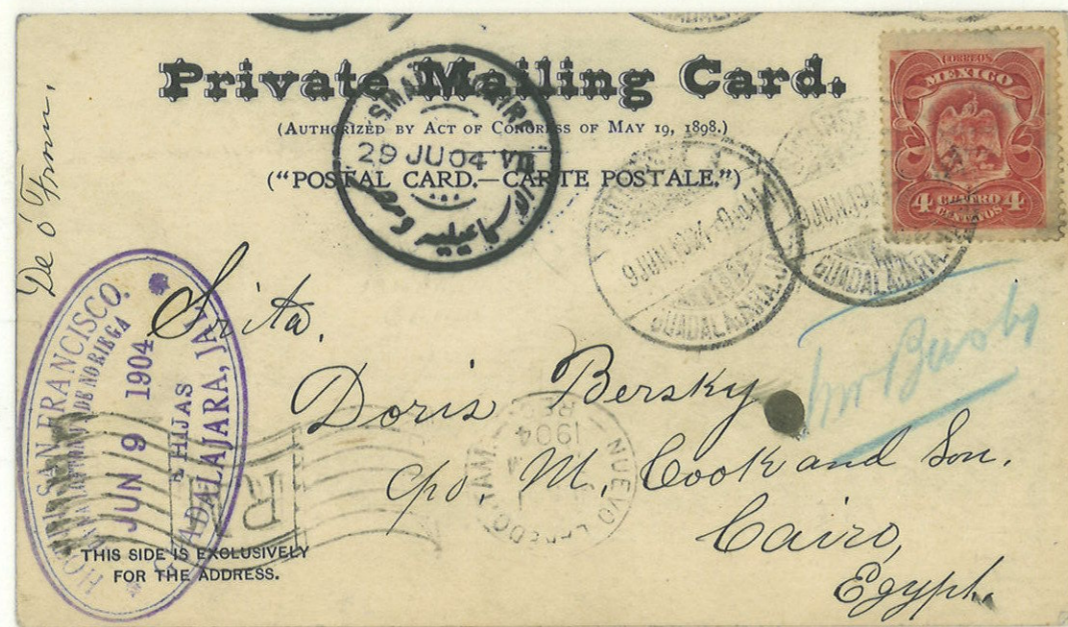
4 Cents Carmine 1903



UPU Postcard Rate

Guadalajara to Cairo, Egypt

Guadalajara to Cairo, Egypt
Private postcard dated June 9, 1904. Transit was 20 days via Nuevo Laredo. Paid 4c postcard rate to UPU countries,

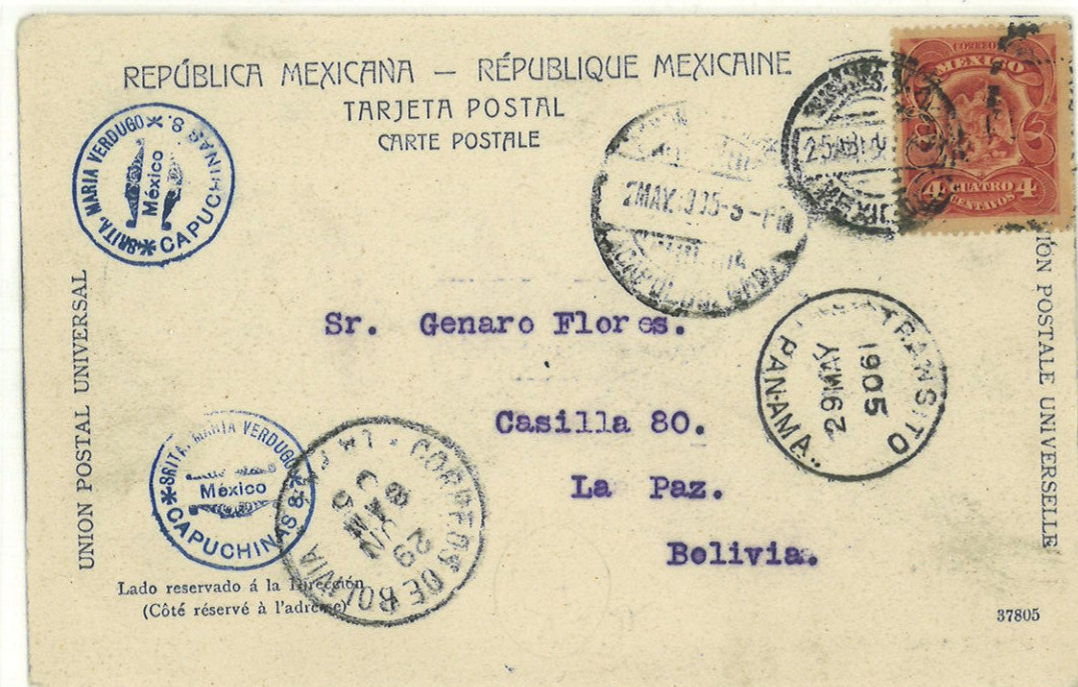


Mexico to London, England

Mexico to London Official postcard dated February 17, 1907. Paid 4c postcard rate to UPU countries. The back contains an illustration of the new postoffice in Mexico city open on the same date of the postcard.

Mexico to La Paz, Bolivia

Mexico to La Paz, Bolivia Postcard dated April 25, 1905. Transit was 64 days via Acapulco (May 2), and Panama (May 29). Paid 4c postcard rate to UPU countries,

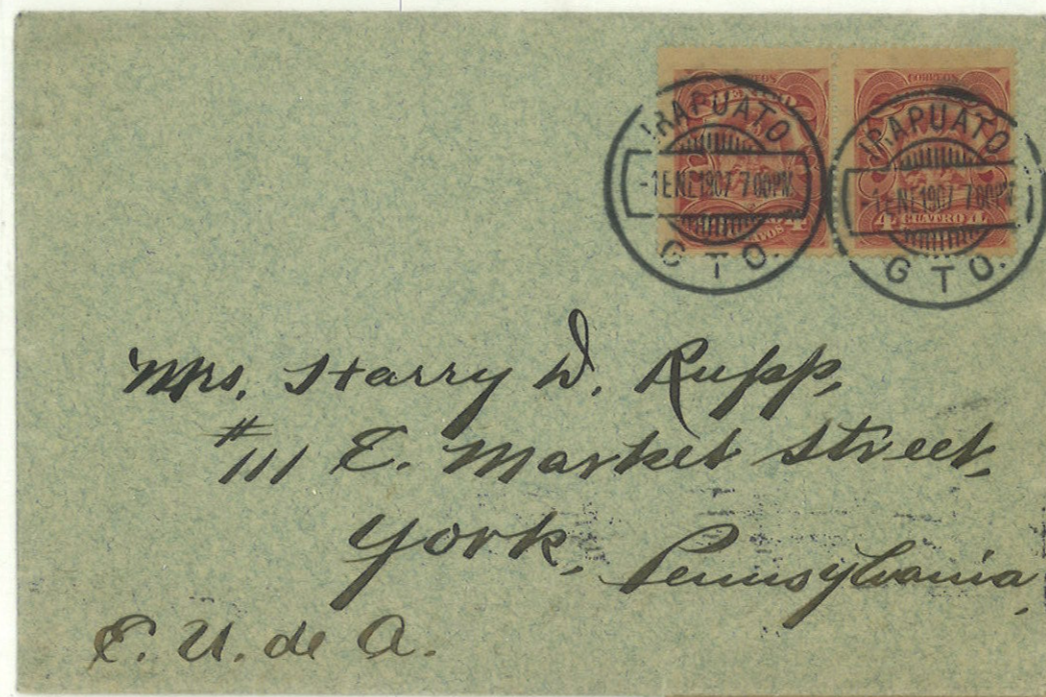


Mexico to Larvik, Norway

Mexico to Larvik, Norway redirected to Kristiania
Postcard dated August 25, 1904. Transit was 22 days via Nuevo Laredo (Aug 26), Larvik (Sept 15) and Kristiania (Sept 16). Paid 4c postcard rate to UPU countries.

The 4c stamp was very occasionally used to make up other rates. Among those Postage Dues are among the most scarce.

4 Cents Carmine 1903
Postage Dues, USA and UPU Rates



Overpaid 3c

Irapuato to York, Pennsylvania Letter dated January 1, 1907. Transit was 7 days. Paid 8c: 5c USA letter rate for 15gr +3c overpayment. Why the overpayment is unclear, since this is not a philatelic usage.



★ Postage Due
Postcard Sent as a
Letter

Mexico to Allies, France
Postcard dated April 17, 1905. Should have paid 4c as a UPU postcard, yet it was sent as a letter and paid 9c instead of 10c UPU letter rate. Deficiency of 1c (or 2 1/2 centimes) paid on receipt as a postage due of double, or 5 centimes.



★ UPU Registered
Printed Matter Rate

Frontera, Tabasco to Kirchdorf, Barsinghausen Germany Uprated printed matter wrapper dated December 3, 1900. Transit was 26 days via Nuevo Laredo and New York. Paid 20c: 10c registration fee +10c UPU printed matter rate for 250 gr. There is a year's error in the canceling device (reads 90 instead of 00). Registered printed matter is seldom found.

★ Postage Due Incoming UPU
Postcard

Erlensee, Germany to Torreón Postcard dated February 19, 1906. Transit was 14 days. Paid 10pf, which were not recognized as payment in Torreón. The postmaster assessed a postage due of 4c postcard rate to UPU countries x penalty of double the deficiency and collected from the addressee. Then Mexican stamps were added and cancelled. It is unclear why the German stamp was not accepted.



The 4c stamp was very occasionally used to make up UPU rates, particularly high rates.

4 Cents Carmine 1903
UPU Rates

★
50c Registered
Quadruple Rate

Mexico to Osnabruck,
Germany Registered
cover dated January
26, 1904. Transit was
17 days via Nuevo
Laredo and New York.
Paid 50c: 10c
registration flat fee +
40c quadruple UPU
rate for 60 gr. High
postage is rarely seen
particularly with 4c
stamps.



20c Registered

Mexico to Nice, redirected to Paris,
France Registered cover received in
Nice May 23, 1905 via Paris (May 22)
and redirected back to Paris May 25.
Paid 20c: 10c registration flat fee + 10c
UPU letter rate for 15 gr. The only cover
with this rate recorded to pay entirely with
4c stamps. It is not philatelic.



30c Registered
Double Rate to
Buenos Aires

Tepic, Sinaloa to Buenos
Aires, Argentina Registered
uprated postal stationary
dated July 25, 1903. Transit
was 38 days via New York
(Aug 4). Paid 30c: 10c
registration fee +20c UPU
double UPU letter rate for 30
gr. Very uncommon
destination.



\$1.20 Peso: The Largest 4c Known Combination



Acapulco to Canal Zone



Acapulco, Guerrero to Pedro Miguel, Panama Canal Zone Uprated postal stationery cover dated December 26, 1907. Transit was 25 days via Ancon (Jan 20) and Pedro Miguel (Jan 20). Paid 25c: 20c double UPU letter rate for 30 gr +5c overpaid. Probably sent by a philatelist (as it bears all the values from 1c to 5c) yet posted by maritime mail to a very unusual destination.

Tapachula, Chiapas to Quedlinburg, Germany Registered heavy linen cover dated May 31, 1909. Transit via Nuevo Laredo (June 9) and New York (June 15). Paid 1.20p: 10c registration fee +1.10p UPU letter rate for 165 gr. The largest used multiples and combinations of the 4c stamp known. Probably non-philatelic as it bears the cachet of a merchant company in the wax seal. Tapachula postoffice could have ran out of high denomination stamps.

While the 5c stamp was issued to pay the basic letter rate, the blue stamp was used only for 4 years from 1899-1903 while the yellow was used for 7 years (1903-1910).

5 Cents Blue 1899



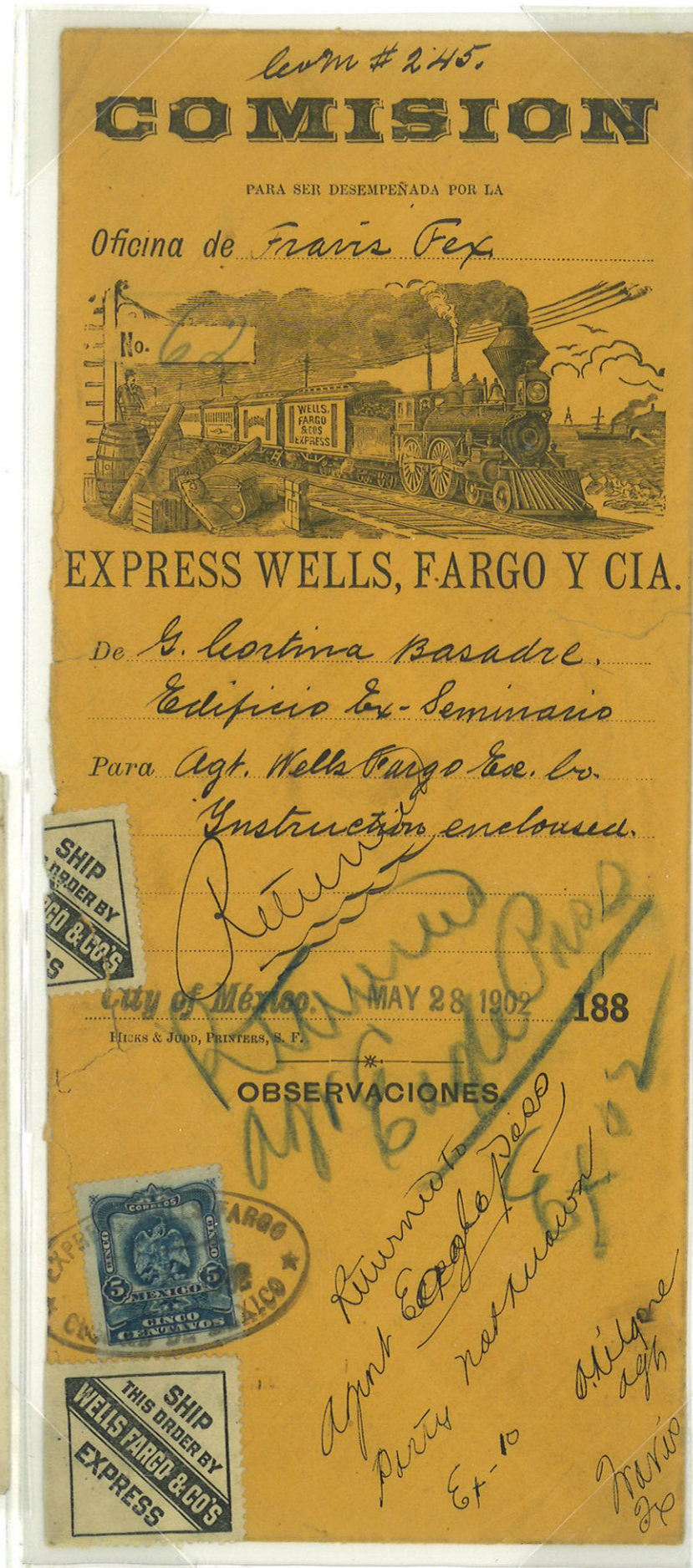
Tampico to New York

Drugstore advertising cover dated November 12, 1900. Transit was 5 days via Monterrey and Laredo. Paid 5c USA letter rate for 15 gr. Advertising covers before 1920 are very uncommon in Mexico. The blue rubber stamp indicates this was meant to travel via the Ferrocarril Central Mexicano to the Gulf of Mexico.



Mexico to North Adams, Mass.

Advertising cover dated August 16, 1902. Transit was 7 days. Paid 5c USA letter rate for 15gr. Advertising covers were not common in Mexico until 1920's.



- Domestic & USA letter rate for 15 gr.
- AR Return receipt flat rate



Mexico to the Agent of Wells Fargo in Travis, Texas Full preprinted Wells Fargo commission cover dated May 28, 1902. Paid 5c USA domestic rate for 15 gr. Sent via Wells Fargo to its office in Eagle Pass to be forwarded to Travis, Texas. Returned to sender as such agent was not known in that location. The stamp is cancelled by Wells Fargo although it never used the mails because Wells Fargo transportation contract with the Mexico government required payment of postage as if it had. A very scarce example of this usage, most likely, unique.

**25c Registered
Triple Rate**

**Atlixco, Puebla to
Tepeaca** Court
wrapper dated August
14, 1901. Paid 25c:
10c registered flat fee
+15c triple domestic
letter rate for 45gr.
Although it originated
in the Court system
this entity did not
enjoy the discounted
rate for official mail.



**20c Registered
Double Rate**

Durango to Port Huron, Mich.
Registered letter dated
February 18, 1902. Transit was
7 days via Cd. Porfirio Diaz
(Feb 20), Eagle Pass (Feb 21).
Paid 20c: 10c Registered flat
fee +10c USA double letter rate
for 30gr.



★ **5c Single Rate**
Redirected and Returned to Sender
Cerrado y Sellado Label



Marin, N.L. to Camargo, Chihuahua Cover dated May 14, 1901. Arrived in Camargo (May 17). Redirected to Monterrey, N.L. (May 20) and posted, but the addressee was unknown (DESCONOCIDO). Sent to Mexico City to the dead letter office (Jul 31). Opened to look for the sender's address (August 1) after retrieving the name the cover was resealed with an official "Cerrado y Sellado" label (closed and sealed), and then sent back to Marin via Monterrey (Aug 4) but the letter was never claimed (NO RECLAMADA). This label is very uncommon in this period.

The 5c stamp was also used to make up other rates, like the 10c single rate to UPU countries. Occasionally people may have assumed that the 5c rate was applicable also to Europe, creating the need to be charged postage due on receipt. These cases are very uncommon

5 Cents Blue 1899
 UPU Basic Rate & Postage Due

Mexico to Burdeos, France Advertising cover dated September, 1901. Paid 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. Advertising covers were very uncommon in Mexico before 1920. This is from a candles and paraffin manufacturer specialized in varnish for carriages.



Hand Drawn Cover
Mexico to Tours, France Hand drawn cover dated August 14, 1901. Transit was 15 days via Laredo and New York. Paid 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr.

★
Underpaid Postage Due to France

Campeche to Sant-Etienne, France Letter dated July 5, 1901. Transit was 28 days. Paid 5c although the correct rate was 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. Paid in France 10 centimes, which was incorrect. It should have paid 25 centimes: 5c deficiency X 2 ½ (conversion rate to centimes) x 2 for double penalty. The French postmaster probably assumed 5c were missing x 2=10 centimes without considering the exchange rate.



Occasionally the 5c stamp was also used to make up other rates, like the 20c single registered rate to UPU countries. Since there were 10c and 20c stamps available these usages are scarce.

5 Cents Blue 1899
20c UPU Basic Registered Rate

To Tucuman,
Argentina

Mexico to Tucuman, Argentina Registered cover dated 1902. Transit via New York (March 5 & 6) and Tucuman (Apr 6). Paid 20c: 10c registration fee + 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. This is a very uncommon destination.



To Messina, Italy



Mexico to Messina, Italy Registered cover dated October 12, 1900. Transit was 17 days via Laredo and Paris (Oct 26). Paid 20c: 10c registration fee + 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. Italian destinations are very uncommon from Mexico.

To Munich, Germany

Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz to Munich, Germany Registered cover dated November 21, 1899. Transit was 27 days via Nuevo Laredo (Dec 5) and New York. Paid 20c: 10c registration fee + 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. This town is small and its registered mail is uncommon.



Occasionally the 5c stamp was used to make up UPU rates, although such usages are uncommon as there were 10c and 20c available for them.

5 Cents Blue 1899
UPU Rates



★
5c To New York,
Redirected to UPU Country-
No Postage Dues

Jalapa, Veracruz to New York, redirected to London and then to S. Hampstead Dated January 10, 1900. Transit was 15 days via Mexico (Jan 11), New York (Jan 16), London (Jan 25) and Hampstead (Jan 26). Paid 5c USA letter rate for 15gr. Although this was redirected to a UPU country and the rate should have been 10c, there were no postage due assessed. Very uncommon redirecting.

★
30c Registered
Double Rate with
Multas Combination

Mexico to Nuremberg
Registered cover dated April 14, 1900. Transit via Nuevo Laredo and New York. Paid 30c: 10c registration fee +20c UPU letter double rate for 30 gr. The combination with Multas stamps makes this very uncommon as such combinations were allowed just for a few months.



50c Registered
Quadruple Rate

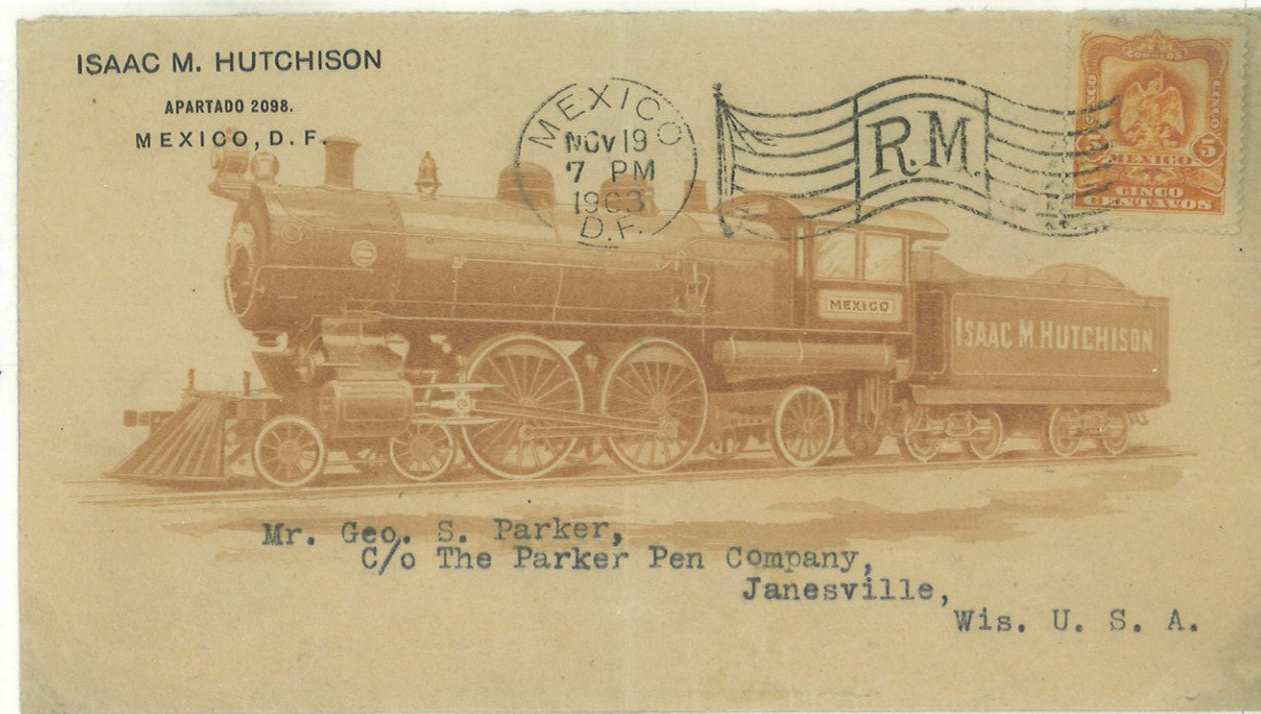
Durango to Munich, Germany Registered cover dated January 14, 1903. Transit was 16 days via Eagle Pass (Jan 16) and New York (Jan 21). Paid 50c: 10c registration fee +40c Quadruple UPU letter rate for 60 gr. A very unusual usage paid entirely with 5c stamps.

The 5c Orange appeared in 1903 and was used until 1910. It was designed to pay for the most common letter domestic and USA letter rates

5 Cents Orange 1903



Mexico to Janesville, Wisconsin Advertising cover dated November 19, 1903. Transit was 6 days. Paid 5c USA letter rate for 15 gr. Advertising covers are very uncommon before 1920.



Very Small Town Unique Cancel

Calotmul, Yucatan to Washington, D.C. Cover dated December 20, 1909. Transit was 8 days via Merida (Dec. 20), Espita (Dec 20), Progreso (Dec. 21). Paid 5c USA letter rate for 15gr. A very small town with 4,050 inhabitants in 2010. This is the discovery copy of this cancel.

Mexico to Zacatecas

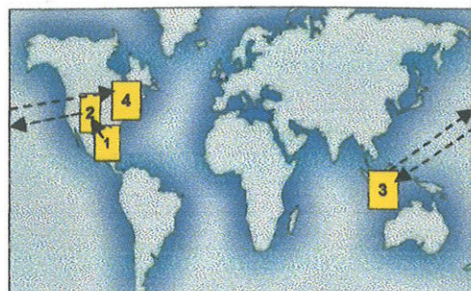
Advertising cover from a cigar and cigarettes factory dated October 1, 1910. Transit was 1 day. Paid 5c domestic letter rate for 15 gr. Placed in a mail box (BUZON cancel). Advertising covers in Mexico are uncommon before 1920.



- Domestic & USA letter rate for 15 gr.
- AR Return receipt flat rate

Occasionally the 5c stamp was used to make up UPU rates, although such usages are uncommon as there were 10c and 20c available for them.

5 Cents Orange 1903
USA Letter Rate and Postage Dues

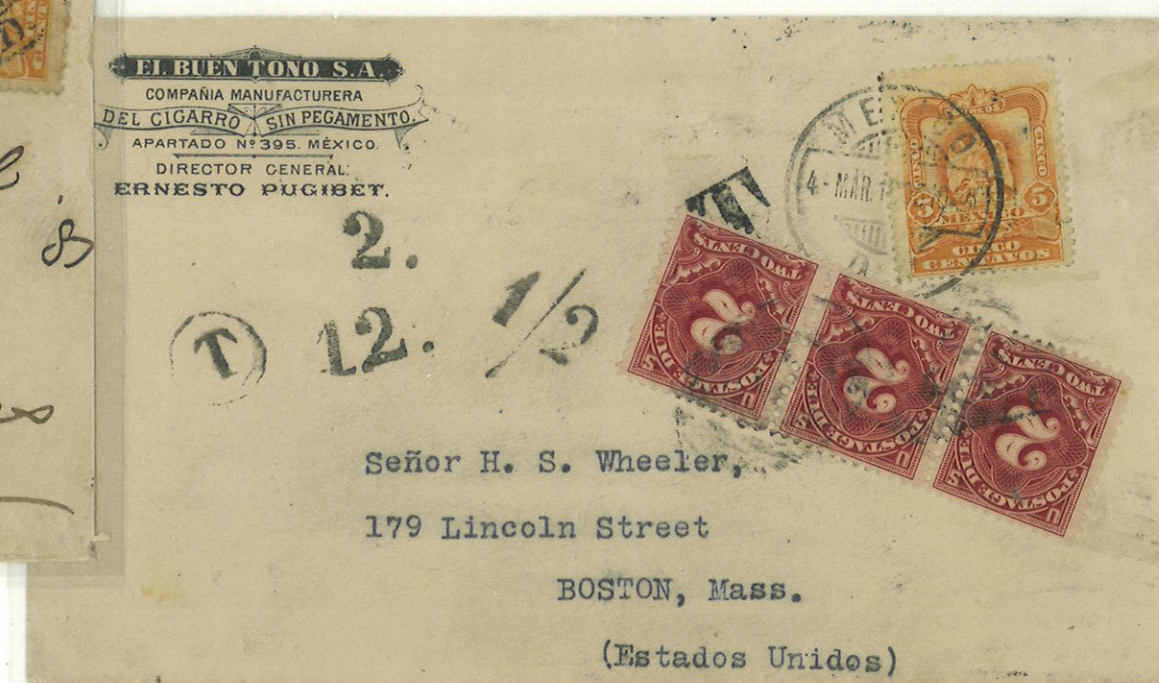


★
Redirected to Manila,
Philippines

Matamoros to Arkansas, redirected to Manila and Washington, D.C. Cover dated December 4, 1909. Transit to Manila was 38 days via Brownsville (Dec 6), Hot Springs (Dec 6), Manila (Jan 11, 1910). Redirected again to Washington. Paid 5c USA letter rate for 15gr. Sent by the American Consulate following a Capitan through his travels and hopefully reaching him in Washington, D.C.

Double Rate
Postage Due
without US Stamps

Mexico to Paris, Texas Dated September 3, 1904. Transit via Nuevo Laredo (Sept 6). Should have paid 10c double USA letter rate for 30 gr. but paid 5c instead. Mexican post office indicated 12 ½ centimes due (5 Mexican cents), then corrected with T 10c (which include the penalty) and the marking "Insuficientemente Franqueado" (Franking insufficient). Paid on receipt although no US stamps were added to pay postage due.



Double Rate
Postage Due Paid
with U.S. Stamps

Mexico to Boston, Mass. Dated March 4, 1905. Transit was 6 days via Nuevo Laredo (March 7). Should have paid 10c double USA letter rate for 30 gr. But paid 5c instead. Mexican post office indicated 12 ½ centimes due (5 Mexican cents). On arrival it paid 6c (USA) postage due.

The 5c stamp paid the 5c AR Return receipt flat rate, although such service was uncommon. This stamp occasionally was used in multiple USA letter rates.

5 Cents Orange 1903
AR Flat Fee Rate & USA Registered Letter Rates



**60c Registered Multiple Rate
Supposed Liable for Duties
Largest Strip on Cover**

San Luis Potosi to New York Registered large cover dated September 6, 1904. Transit was 6 days via Nuevo Laredo (Sept 8), Laredo (Sept 8) and New York (Sept 12). Given its size the USA postmaster assumed it could be liable for customs duties since it came from a bank. He pasted a customs inspection label. It paid 60c: 10c registration + 50c USA letter rate for 150 gr. This is the largest strip of 5c orange on cover known (10 stamps).



**20c Registered
AR Rate**

Ures, Sonora to Los Angeles, CA Registered cover dated July 31, 1907. Transit was 7 days via Nogales, Sonora (Aug 5), Nogales, AZ (Aug 5) and Los Angeles, CA (Aug 7). Paid 10c: 10c registration + 5c AR return receipt fee + 5c USA letter rate for 15 gr. AR covers are scarce, let alone with the AR canceling the stamp which paid for that service.



**25c Registered
Triple Rate**

Tamazula, Durango to Oakland, CA Uprated postal stationary cover dated November 29, 1906. Transit was 18 days via Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, Coah (Dec 12), Eagle Pass (Dec 13), Oakland (Dec 17). Paid 25c: 10c registration + 15c triple USA letter rate for 45 gr. The Chinese characters contain the address as it is in Chinatown Oakland.

Occasionally the 5c stamp was used in UPU postcard rates. These are scarce as 5c is more than any of the regular postcard rates. Combination frankings with foreign stamps are seldom found.

5 Cents Orange 1903
 UPU Postcards: Mixed Frankings with Foreign Stamps

★
 Sent Back to England
 Overpaid '1c

St. John's Wood, U.K. to Cotzacoalcos, Veracruz, sent back to England Postcard dated March 26, 1908. Transit via O.P.A. (Apr 8) and Mexico (Apr 10) arriving April 12, but the person was no longer there. A 5c stamp was added and sent back to Johns Wood. When sent back it paid 5c: 4c UPU postcard rate + 1c overpayment.



★
 Postage Due Incoming
 Postal Card-Stamps
 Not Accepted

Buenos Aires, Argentina to Mexico Postcard dated August 2, 1905. Transit was 33 days. Was posted and picked up. Paid 8c postage due (double the UPU postcard rate) as the Argentinean stamps were not recognized.



Combination with
 German Postal
 Card Overpaid 1c

Guadalajara to Dusseldorf, Germany German postal card dated October 14, 1903. Transit via Nuevo Laredo (Oct 16). Sender paid 5c: 4c UPU postcard rate + 1c overpaid. She probably used the postal card to ensure that the local German postage was paid, although it already was with Mexican stamps per UPU rules.



Combination with
 Austrian Postal
 Card Overpaid 1c

Saltillo, Coahuila to Vienna Austrian postal card sent from Mexico dated May 15, 1907. Transit via New York. Sender paid 5c: 4c UPU postcard rate + 1c overpaid. He probably used the postal card to ensure that the local Austrian postage was paid, although it already was with Mexican stamps per UPU rules.



The 5c stamp was seldom used to pay large UPU rates, as there were 10c and 20c for this purpose.

5 Cents Orange 1903
UPU Rates

40c Registered Triple Rate

Mexico to Sheffield, England
Registered cover dated February 16, 1908. Transit was 34 days. Paid 40c: 10c registered fee + 30c UPU triple letter rate for 45 gr.



80c Rate to Norway

Progreso, Yucatan to Tonsberg, Norway Large envelope dated November 29, 1904. Transit was 25 days. Paid 80c UPU rate for 120 gr. Very few covers are known to the Nordic countries.



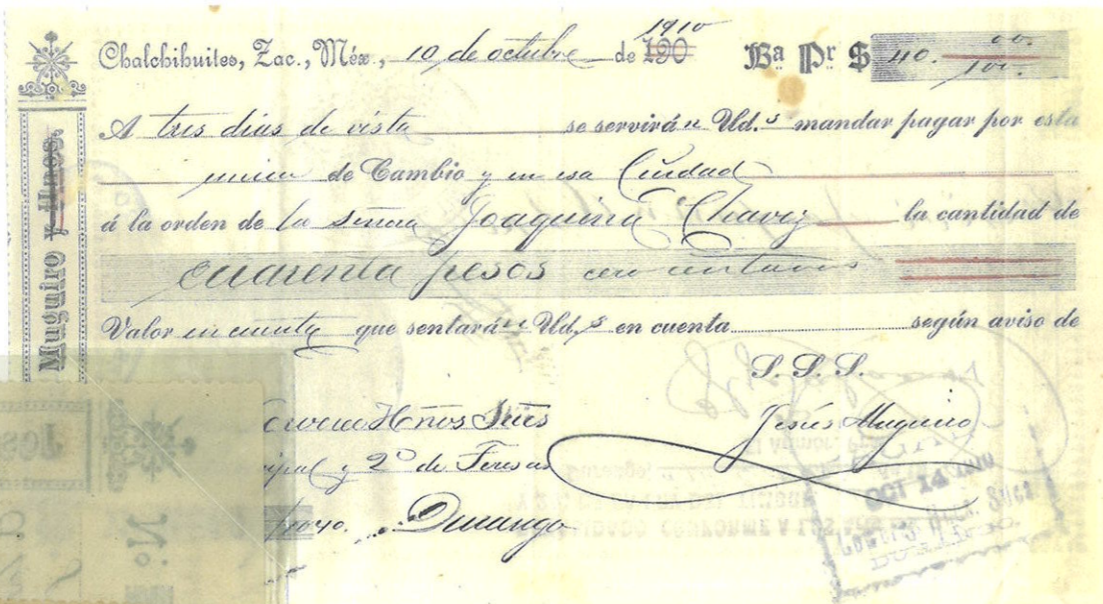
10c Basic Rate to Australia

Mexico to Torrensville, Australia
Up-rated postal stationery dated July 28, 1905. Transit was 47 days via San Francisco. Paid 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. A very uncommon destination.

The 5c stamp very occasionally was misused, including as a revenue or UPU underpaid covers.

5 Cents Orange 1903

Erroneous Usages: Revenue and UPU Underpaid Rates



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Erroneous Usage as a Revenue Stamp

Chalchihuites, Zacatecas Promissory note (letra de cambio- bill of exchange) dated October 10, 1910 to pay \$40 pesos to Mrs. Joaquina Chavez in Durango. This type of documents were used as private money orders to transfer cash from one town to another. The signer (Jesus Mugiro y Hermanos) would use an agent in the city where the money was to be paid in (Loweree Hermanos, Durango). According to the article 240 of the Revenue Code these instruments needed to pay revenue tax and be validated by the tax authorities. The rate was 2c for documents under \$100 pesos, and double that fee if revalidated at "Oficina del Timbre". In this case the merchant "Jesus Mugiro" did not have the revenue stamps on hand and erroneously used a 5c postage stamp which he cancelled with his cachet. When this document was taken to the Oficina del Timbre in Durango to be validated the administrator did not accept the postage stamp and added, and cancelled, the 4c with revenue stamps. The \$40 pesos was given on October 14 to the beneficiary Mrs. Joaquina Chavez, who signed next to the stamps. This example of misusing a 5c as a revenue is probably unique.



5c UPU Underpaid Postage Due
(Mexico) to Hasting, England Dated March 22, 1910. Transit was 16 days via Nuevo Laredo (March 24) and Ashford, Kent (Apr 7). Should have paid 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. But instead it paid 5c. Should have paid double (10c or 25 centimes). T, 20c and 2" markings in England.

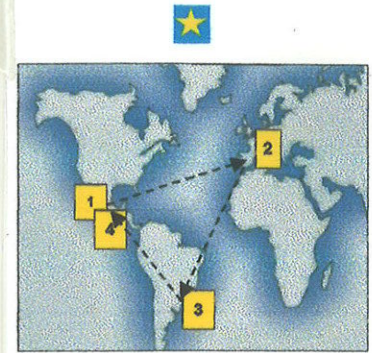
5c UPU Underpaid to France Postage Due

Monterrey to Paris Cover dated January 14, 1904. Transit was 15 days via Nuevo Laredo (Jan 15), Paris (Jan 29). Should have paid 10c UPU letter rate for 15gr, but instead it paid 5c, creating a deficiency of 5c, or 12 1/2 centimes. Paid postage due in France for double or 25 centimes.



 Incoming UK Cover
Resent to USA

London to Mexico then resent to New York
Dated September 13, 1909. Arrived in September 27 but the addressee was no longer there. His agent then added a 5c stamp and place it again in the mail to be resent to New York (Sep 29). Paid 2 1/2 d in England, then when resent it paid 5c USA letter rate for 15gr. True mixed frankings like this are very rare in this issue. The original letter is still in the cover.



Underpaid to Spain
Redirected to Buenos Aires and Mexico

Mexico to Marbella, Spain, redirected to Buenos Aires, then returned to sender
Dated November 29, 1906. Transit via Irun (Dec 16). The addressee had left for Buenos Aires. Redirected arriving March 26, 1907. Sent back to sender as the person could not be found. Sent to the Rezagos office in Mexico (Nov 9, 1907). Total transit: 11 months. Should have paid 10c UPU letter rate for 15gr, but instead it paid 5c, creating a deficiency of 5c, or 12 1/2 centimes. Marked 25 centimes (correctly doubled as penalty) in Spain. Reassessed 15c in Argentina.

Underpaid Postage Due
Unique Cancel

San Fernando, Durango to Paris
Dated October 8, 1906. Transit via Tamazula (Oct 9), Cd. Porfirio Diaz (Oct 21), Eagle Pass (Oct 22), New York. Should have paid 20c double UPU letter rate for 30 gr. but instead it paid 10c. Should have paid double (20c or 50 centimes) but paid only 20 centimes postage due. San Fernando is a tiny town with 64 inhabitants in 2010!



The 10c stamp was designed for UPU frankings and the registration flat fee.

10 Cents Violet and Orange 1899

- UPU letter rate for 15 gr.
- Registration flat rate



Tampico to Hamburg, Germany Advertising cover dated April 8, 1901. Transit was 16 days via Nuevo Laredo (Apr 9). Paid 10c UPU letter rate for 15gr. Advertising covers are uncommon in Mexico before 1920.



★ Double USA Rate & Resent

La Paz, Baja California to New York Dated February 4, 1900. Transit was 9 days via Guaymas (Feb 7), New York (Feb 12). Then it was readdressed to a different location in New York and resent on February 13 adding a 2c USA stamp. Although not technically a mixed franking, a very scarce combination. Paid 10c double USA letter rate for 30 gr. Mail from Baja California is very scarce.



Tampico to Solingen, Germany Dated December 10, 1900. Transit 18 days via Nuevo Laredo (Dec 12). Paid 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. Probably posted by a passenger in the Hamburg Amerika Line while stopping in the port of Tampico.



Registered + Official Double Rate

Tehuacan to Puebla Registered official cover dated August 13, 1903. Paid 16c: 10c registration fee +6c double official letter rate for 30 gr. This cover originated from the Tehuacan Criminal Court and was sent to a judge in Puebla.

10 Cents Violet and Orange 1899
Registered Domestic Rates
Business Documents & Heavy Letters

The 10c stamp paid the registration flat fee. Below are 2 registered packages with vastly different domestic rates. Although both originated in the Court system, the first used the much cheaper business documents rate (1c per 100 gr) and the other the regular letter rate (5c per 15 gr)

12c Registered
Business
Documents Rate

Zacatlan, Puebla to Alatraste
Registered wrapper dated March 5, 1903. Transit was 1 day via Chignahuapam (March 6). Paid 12c: 10c registration fee + 2c domestic business documents rate for 200 gr.



★
\$1 Peso for 270 gr
Largest Used
Multiple

Puebla to Tehuacan
Registered wrapper dated January 5, 1902. Paid 1 peso: 10c registration fee + 90c letter rate for 270 gr. Why was this package not assessed postage under the business papers rate is a mystery. This cover originated from the Puebla Criminal Court and was sent to a judge in Tehuacan. The largest used multiple on cover of this stamp.

Although the 10c stamp paid for a flat registration flat fee (either domestic, USA or UPU) the added postage for the type of contents and weight created very different UPU rates. Registered business documents parcels are very uncommon rates.

10 Cents Violet and Orange 1899
Registered UPU Rates

30c Registered Double Rate to Germany



Mexico to Dusseldorf, Germany Registered cover dated May 2, 1901. Transit was 15 days via Nuevo Laredo (May 3). Paid 30c: 10c registration fee + 20c double UPU rate for 30 gr. Advertising covers are uncommon in Mexico before 1920.



30c Registered
Double Rate to Cuba

Toluca to La Habana, Cuba
Registered cover dated May 14, 1903. Transit 9 days via Nuevo Laredo (May 17), Laredo (May 17), Florida (May 21), Habana (May 23). Paid 30c: 10c registration fee + 20c double letter rate for 30 gr. Cuba was an uncommon destination in this period.



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26c Registered
Business Documents
Parcel to Denmark

Veracruz to Frederikssund, Denmark Registered wrapper dated March 26, 1902. Transit via Laredo and New York. Paid 26c: 10c registration fee + 16c business documents UPU rate for 400 gr (10c for first 150 gr + 6c for remaining 150 gr). It contained photographs. Parcel rates are seldom found to UPU.

Although the 10c stamp paid for a flat registration flat fee (either domestic, USA or UPU) the added postage for the type of contents and weight created very different UPU rates. UPU AR return receipt 5c flat fee are hard to find.

10 Cents Violet and Orange 1899
Registered and AR UPU Rates



25c Registered AR to Cuba

Mexico to Puerto Principe, Cuba Registered cover dated June 10, 1902. Transit 6 days via Veracruz (June 12). Paid 25c: 10c registration fee + 5c AR fee + 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. Cuba was an uncommon destination in this period.



40c Registered
Triple Rate to
Germany

Mexico to Hamburg, Germany Registered cover dated January 14, 1902. Transit was 15 days via New York. Paid 40c: 10c registration fee + 30c triple UPU rate for 45 gr.



20c Registered to
New Zealand

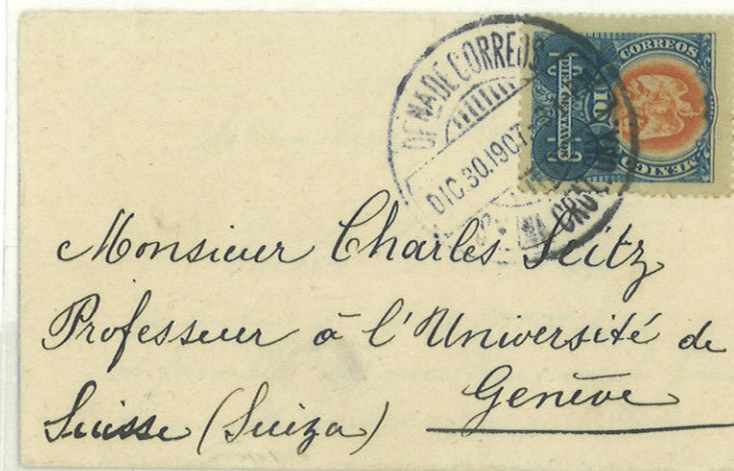
Mexico to Auckland, New Zealand Registered cover dated July 28, 1903. Transit was 28 days via Ciudad Juarez (July 31), El Paso (Aug 1), San Francisco (Aug 4), Auckland (Aug 25). Paid 20c: 10c registration fee + 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. Very scarce destination.

In 1903 a 10c stamp with new colors was issued to replace the old colors. It was issued to pay the UPU rate and the registration flat fee.

10 Cents Blue and Orange 1903



- UPU letter rate for 15 gr.
- Registration flat rate




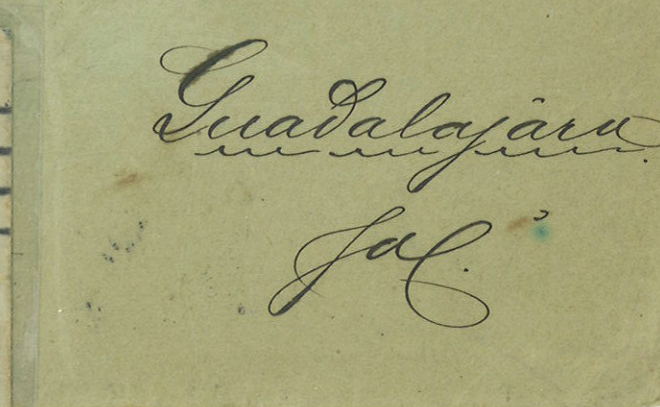
Salina Cruz, Oaxaca to Geneve, Switzerland Small cover dated December 30, 1907. Paid 10c UPU rate for 15 gr. Contains a personal card with New Year's greetings.

 **High Seas Postage Due**
On board of a German Ship between Bremen-New York to Mexico
 Private postcard dated January 14, 1902. Sent on board without stamps in the high seas and entered the mails in New York. Marked postage due. The addressee paid 10c: 5c letter rate for 15gr + 5c 100% penalty as postage due. The SEEPOST marking is rare.



San Sebastian, Jalisco to Guadalajara Dated December 29, 1910. Transit was 5 days via Las Peñas (Dec 31) where the stamp was cancelled. Paid 10c double domestic letter rate for 30gr. Both San Sebastian and Las Peñas are very small and remote towns. This is a very late use when the next issue was in place.

 **Veracruz to Egypt**
Veracruz to Alexandria, Egypt
 Dated April 12, 1911. Transit was 26 days via Laredo and New York. Paid 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. Although it arrived in Alexandria on May 8, 1911 the notation in blue crayon states it was responded to until November 9, 1912. One of only a handful of covers known to the Middle East. A very late usage after the new issue was in place.



One of the key usages of this stamp was to pay the flat registered rate of 10c.

10 Cents Blue and Orange 1903
Domestic & USA Registered



17c Registered
Business Documents

Puebla to Atlixco Court wrapper dated
October 21, 1904. Paid 17c: 10c
registration fee + 7c domestic business
documents rate for 700 gr.



15c Registered

Mapimi, Durango to Parral
Updated registered postal
stationary cover dated
November 6, 1908. Transit
was 1 day. Paid 15c: 10c
registration fee + 5c
domestic letter rate for 15
gr. Mapimi is a very small
town.



20c Registered AR
Unique Cancel

Tesechoacan, Veracruz to
Washington, D.C. Dated
September 15, 1907. Transit was
9 days via Eagle Pass. Paid 20c:
10c registration + 5c AR fee + 5c
USA letter fee for 15 gr. This
town is very small with only
1,160 inhabitants in 2010. The
orange cancel is unique.

On top of the registered rate, the 10c stamp was helpful in paying for heavier letters.

10 Cents Blue and Orange 1903
USA Registered Rates

**30c Registered
Quadruple Rate
Redirected**

**Mexico to New Orleans
redirected to New York**
Registered cover dated
June 8, 1905. Transit was
27 days via Nuevo Laredo
and Laredo (June 12),
New Orleans (June 15).
There were 2 attempts to
find the addressee, then
forwarded (July 1) arriving
in New York (July 15).
Paid 30c: 10c registration
fee + 20c USA quadruple
letter rate for 60 gr.



**20c Registered
Double Rate**

Mexico to Milwaukee, Wisc
Updated 1874 postal stationary
cover dated December 19,
1907. Transit was 9 days. Paid
20c: 10c registration fee + 10c
double USA letter rate for 30
gr. Although this postal
stationary was not in use at that
time anymore it had not being
demonetized. A rare usage.

**45c Registered
Rate for 105 gr**

Veracruz to New York
Registered cover dated
August, 1905. Transit via
Nuevo Laredo and Laredo
(Aug 24) and New York
(Aug 30), Paid 45c: 10c
registration fee + 35c USA
seven times letter rate for
105 gr.



On top of the registered rate, the 10c stamp was helpful in paying for heavier letters. Parcels are very scarce as the wrappers were mostly destroyed.

10 Cents Blue and Orange 1903
USA Parcel and UPU Letters

★
20c Registered to
Buenos Aires
Two 2c Colors

Durango to Buenos Aires
Registered uprated postal
stationary cover dated
December 26, 1903.
Transit via C. Porfirio Diaz
(Dec 27), Eagle Pass (Dec
28), New York (Jan 2,
1904). Paid 20c: 10c
registration fee + 10c UPU
rate for 15 gr. It bears two
2c of different colors. The
new 2c green started in
1903 and there were
stamps left from the
previous color. Very rare
combination.



★
Parcel to the USA with Postage Due



Tampico to New York Parcel wrapper dated February 14, 1906. Should have paid 24c USA parcel rate for 1 kilo, instead it Paid 22c. The 2c missing + penalty became a postage due of 5c in the USA. This parcel contained a steel wheel, as indicated in the top left. Parcel rates are very scarce as most wrappers were destroyed.

40c UPU
Quadruple Rate

**Chihuahua to Berlin,
Germany redirected to
Franzensbad, Bohemia.**
Dated July 29, 1906. Transit 15
days via New York, Berlin
(Aug 13). Paid 40c quadruple
UPU letter rate for 60 gr.



20c Registered to
France

Mexico to Libourne-Bordeaux, France
Registered cover dated 1906. Transit via
Paris (April 27) and Libourne (April 27).
Paid 20c: 10c registration fee + 10c UPU
rate for 15 gr.



25c UPU Registered AR Rate



Signor

D. Aug. Mottu

Italia

Napoli

S. Brigida 51.

Veracruz to Naples, Italy Registered cover dated May 1908. Transit via Nuevo Laredo (May 17),
Torino Train (May 30), Napoli (May 31), Paid 25c: 10c registration fee + 5c AR Return Receipt fee
+10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr.



12c Registered
Printed Rate

**Mexico to Bad
Langenschwalbach, Germany**
Uprated registered postal stationary
wrapper dated July 28, 1908. Transit
14 days/ Paid 12c: 10c registered
fee +2c UPU printed matter rate for
50 gr. Registered printed matter
UPU rate is very scarce.



Mixed frankings with stamps from other countries are very rare in this issue and often involve postage dues or mail being resent to a different location, or both.

10 Cents Blue and Orange 1903
Incoming UPU Postage Due & Mixed Frankings

Germany

Haibuhl, Bavaria Germany to Orizaba Incoming postcard dated July 25, 1906. Transit was 16 days via Laredo. Paid 10 pf in Bavaria, but a postage due of 12 ½ centimes was assessed on arrival probably treated as a UPU letter. Was charged 12c on arrival in Mexico including the penalty.



Austria

Austria to Mexico Incoming Christmas postcard dated December 1, 1905. Transit was 20 days. Paid 10 heeler in Austria, but was assessed postage due of 10c, indicating that 5c were missing. Since the UPU postcard rate was 4c this was probably considered a letter.



Argentina

Rosario Santa Fe, Argentina to Mexico Uprated postal card dated July 1905. Arrived in Mexico August 8 where it was posted. In Argentina it was assessed 15c postage due. On arrival it paid 12c probably treated as a UPU letter missing 6c + 6c penalty.



UK: Triple Mixed Franking & Double Postage Due



London to Philadelphia resent to Mexico

Incoming letter dated June 11, 1903. Transit was 21 days. In Philadelphia (June 20) it paid 8 US cents postal due. The day after (June 21) it was brought to the post office and resent to Mexico City arriving June 27. Received by addressee on July 2 and assessed 16c postage due again: 10c double USA rate for 30 gr - 4c paid in USA (50% as the other 50% was penalty)= 8c X double for Mexican postage due penalty. A rare case of double postage due and triple mixed franking.



Tehuantepec, Oaxaca to Mexico

Registered letter dated January 22, 1902. Transit was 4 days. Paid 15c: 10c registered flat fee + 5c domestic letter rate for 15 gr.



- Registered domestic & USA letter rate for 15 gr.

Triunfo, Chiapas to Mexico

Registered cover dated May 10, 1901. Transit was 19 days. Paid 15c: 10c registration flat fee + 5c domestic rate for 15 gr. The letter originated in the small town of Tumbala but was put in the mails in Triunfo, another small town. The long transit was probably due to how isolated this town was disconnected from main roads.



Triunfo, Baja California to Mexico

Registered cover dated April 16, 1914. Transit was 9 days. Paid 15c: 10c registered flat fee + 5c domestic letter rate for 15gr. A very late use during the revolutionary period. Triunfo is currently a tiny town with 321 inhabitants in 2010, but was a busy mining center then with up to 10,000 miners.

Although the 15c stamp was issued to pay the domestic & USA basic rate for a registered letter, it was also used to make up other registered heavier rates

15c Lavender Gray and Claret Domestic & USA Registered Rates

15c USA Registered



Tapachula, Chiapas to San Francisco, CA Registered cover dated September 6, 1908. Transit was 14 days via Nuevo Laredo (Sept 14), Laredo (Sept 15) and San Francisco (Sept 20). Paid 15c: 10c registration flat fee + 5c USA rate for 15 gr. The Chinese characters describe the address in China Town, San Francisco.

30c USA Registered Quadruple Rate

Mexico to Nineveh, N.Y. Registered cover received November 11, 1909. Paid 30c: 10c registered flat fee + 20c quadruple USA letter rate for 60gr. The crayon cross replicating the GB custom is seldom found in Mexican covers to destinations other than GB.



30c Domestic Registered 6x Rate

Zacapoaxtla, Puebla to Tetela Registered court cover dated February 13, 1902. Paid 40c: 10c registered flat fee + 30c domestic letter rate for 90gr. A very uncommon stamp combination.



The 15c stamp was also used to make up other domestic registered rates. The business document rate was 1c for each 100 gr and it was sometimes used for transfer of court papers between judges.

15c Lavender Gray and Claret Domestic Registered Business Documents Rates



15c for 500 gr

Zacatlan, Puebla to Chignahuapam. Registered court wrapper dated March 1, 1907. Paid 15c: 10c registered flat fee + 5c quintuple domestic business documents rate for 500 gr.



18c for 800 gr

Puebla to Atlixco
Registered court wrapper dated October 24, 1902. Paid 18c: 10c registration flat fee + 8c domestic business documents rate for 800 gr.

The 15c stamp was also used to make up other registered rates

15c Lavender Gray and Claret Domestic & UPU Registered Rates

40c Domestic Business Documents Rate for 3 Kilos

Zacapoaxtla, Puebla to Tetela Registered court wrapper dated January 9, 1902. Paid 40c: 10c registration flat fee + 30c domestic business documents rate for 3 kilos.



Torreon to Bamberg, Germany Registered cover dated September 12, 1905. Transit was 17 days via Cd. Porfirio Diaz (Sept 13), Eagle Pass (Sept 14), New York (Sept 18), Bamberg (Sept 29). Paid 30c: 10c registration flat fee + 20c UPU double rate for 30 gr. The sender is "The Great Cinematography Company Victor Weiskopf". Probably the first movie company in Mexico!



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50c to Honduras
Parras to Tegucigalpa, Honduras Registered cover dated 1903. Transit via C. Porfirio Diaz (Oct 14), Eagle Pass (Oct 14), New York (Oct 19), Tegucigalpa (Nov 5). Paid 50c: 10c registered flat fee + 40c quadruple UPU letter rate for 60gr. Most likely the only letter of this issue known to Honduras.

The 15c stamp was also used to make up other registered UPU rates

15c Lavender Gray and Claret
UPU Registered Rates



30c to Norway

Mexico to Christiania, Norway. Registered cover dated March 1, 1902. Transit was 38 days via New York (March 27), Christiania (April 8). Paid 30c: 10c registered flat fee + 20c double UPU letter rate for 30gr. This destination is quite uncommon, as it is the choice of stamp denominations to make up the rate.



30c to Rome

Mexico to Rome
Registered consular cover dated July 11, 1901. Paid 30c: 10c registration flat fee + 20c UPU double rate for 30 gr.



20c to New Zealand

Mexico to Auckland, New Zealand Registered cover dated February 12, 1903. Transit was 26 days via Cd. Juarez (Feb 15), El Paso (Feb 16), San Francisco. Paid 20c: 10c registered flat fee + 10c UPU letter rate for 15gr. A very uncommon destination.

30c to Denmark

Guanajuato to Charlottenlund, Denmark Registered uprated postal stationary cover dated July 22, 1904. Transit was 17 days via Nuevo Laredo (July 24), Laredo (July 24), New York (July 28), Charlottenlund (Aug 8), Paid 30c: 10c registration flat fee + 20c UPU double rate for 30 gr.



70c to Germany: Mixed Usage with Multitas



Cd. Juarez to Mainz, Germany. Registered cover dated March 27, 1900. Transit was 15 days via El Paso (March 28), New York (April 2), Mainz (April 12). Paid 70c: 10c registered flat fee + 60c six times UPU letter rate for 90gr. Most stamps are from the Mulitas issue, which were allowed for a brief period in early 1900. This is the most important mixed franking of these 2 issues.

30c to Spain

Queretaro to Barcelona, Spain Registered uprated postal stationary cover dated June 22, 1906. Transit was 15 days via Nuevo Laredo (June 26), Barcelona (July 7). Paid 30c: 10c registration flat fee + 20c UPU double rate for 30 gr.



★
Hong Kong, China



Mexico to Hong Kong, China Registered cover. Estimated transit 32 days via Cd. Juarez (October 18, 1906), Laredo (Oct 19), San Francisco (Oct 23), Hong Kong (Nov 18). Paid 20c: 10c registration flat fee + 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. Although continental China was not part of UPU, Hong Kong, as a British colony was, therefore not double franking.



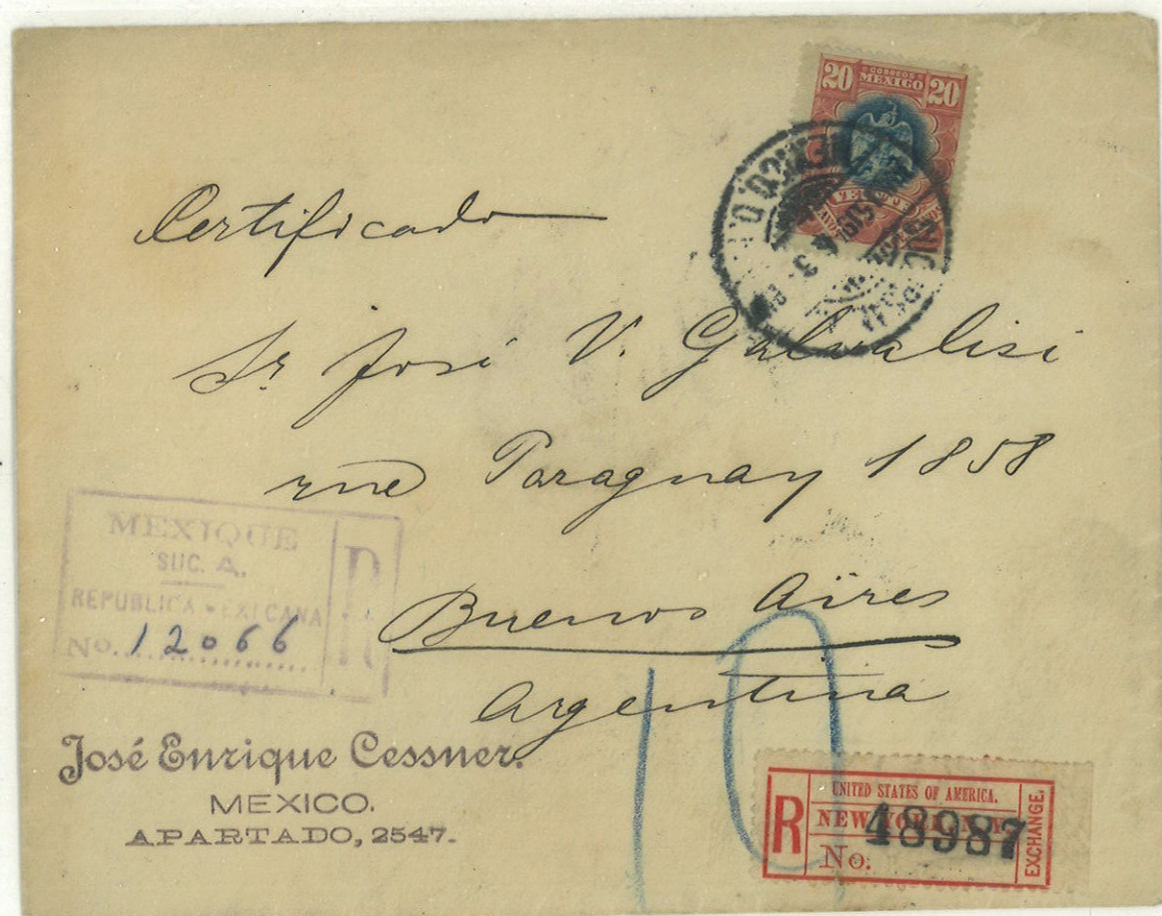
- Registered UPU letter rate for 15 gr. or printed matter rate for 250 gr.

★
Melbourne, Australia
Printed Matter Rate

Mexico to Melbourne, Australia Registered wrapper. Transit via Laredo (July 12, 1911), San Francisco (July 17), Melbourne. Paid 20c: 10c registration flat fee + 10c basic UPU printed matter rate for up to 250 gr. ("MANUSCRITOS"). Destination and postal class are scarce.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Mexico to Buenos Aires, Argentina Registered cover dated June 15, 1906. Transit was 28 days via New York (June 20) and Buenos Aires (July 12). Paid 20c: 10c registration flat fee + 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr.



Mexico to Yverdon, Switzerland Registered advertising cover dated July 1908. Transit via New York, received in Yverdon on July 22. Paid 20c: 10c registration flat fee + 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr. Advertising covers are uncommon in Mexico before 1920.

The 20c was occasionally used to make up rates for domestic & USA registered letters of more than the basic 15 gr.

20c Rose Red and Blue
Domestic & USA Registered Rates

**25c Registered Triple
Domestic Rate**

Mexico to Guadalajara
Registered cover dated May 31,
1904. Transit was 1 day. Paid
25c: 10c registration flat fee +
15c triple domestic letter rate for
45 gr.



**25c Registered
Triple USA Rate**

**Durango to Warsaw, New
York** Registered
advertising cover dated
October 12, 1904. Transit
via C. Porfirio Diaz (Oct
19), Del Rio (Oct 19), San
Antonio (Oct 21). Paid 25c:
10c registration flat fee +
15c triple USA rate for 45
gr. Advertising covers are
uncommon in Mexico
before 1920.

**20c Registered
Double
Domestic Rate**

Atlixco to Puebla
Registered court cover
dated October 21, 1903.
Transit was same day,
Paid 20c: 10c registration
flat fee + 10c domestic
double letter rate for 30 gr.



**40c Registered
6x Domestic Rate**

**Chignahuapan, Puebla to
Tetela** Registered court
letter dated September 13,
1906. Transit was 1 day.
Paid 40c: 10c registration
flat fee + 30c domestic rate
for 90 gr.

The 20c was sometimes used to make up high rates for domestic court registered letters and wrappers. All rates above 20c are uncommon.

20c Rose Red and Blue Domestic Court Registered Mail

50c Registered 8x Domestic Rate for 120 gr

Miahuatlan to Oaxaca Registered court cover dated September 27, 1905. Transit was 1 day. Paid 50c: 10c registration flat fee + 40c domestic letter rate for 120 gr.



★ \$1.45 pesos Registered Domestic Rate for 405 gr

Cholula, Puebla to Atlixco Registered court letter dated September 27, 1904. Paid \$1.45 pesos: 10c registration flat fee + 1.35c domestic rate for 405 gr. This is one of the largest recorded combination of 20c.

The 20c was very occasionally used to make up AR (return receipt) rates. AR rates are uncommon, and since they involved a flat fee of 5c, such fee was usually with a 5c stamp.

20c Rose Red and Blue
AR Registered Mail

25c AR
Registered USA
Double Rate

Cardenas, SLP to Philadelphia Registered cover dated August 2, 1906. Transit was 7 days via San Louis, MO (Aug 8), Philadelphia (Aug 9). Paid 25c: 10c registration flat fee + 5c AR fee + 10c double USA letter rate for 30 gr. Small town.



20c AR Registered
Domestic Rate

Puebla to Mazatlan Registered letter dated October 25, 1902. Transit was 7 days. Paid 20c: 10c registration flat fee + 5c AR fee + 5c domestic letter rate for 15 gr.

25c AR Registered UPU Rate Overpaid 5c



Tepeji del Rio, Hidalgo to Verviers, Belgium Registered letter dated April 7, 1903. Transit was 19 days via Nuevo Laredo (Apr 11), Laredo (Apr 11), New York (Apr 15), Verviers (Apr 25). Paid 30c: 10c registration flat fee + 5c AR fee + 10c UPU rate for 15 gr + 5c overpayment. Overpaid covers are very scarce. This cover bears a very uncommon early certification label from the 1880's. This is because Tepeji was a very small town and had leftovers from that era.

20c AR Registered
USA Rate

Saltillo to Chicago Registered cover dated February 5, 1901. Transit via Nuevo Laredo, Laredo (Feb 6). Paid 20c: 10c registration flat fee + 5c AR fee + 5c USA letter rate for 15 gr.



30c Registered Double Rate to Turkey

Mexico to Constantinople, Turkey
Registered cover, Transit via Paris
(November 26, 1901), Constantinople.
Paid 30c: 10c registration flat fee + 20c
double UPU letter rate for 30 gr.
Probably a unique destination.



40c Registered UPU Printed Matter Rate for 750 gr



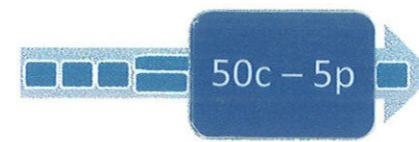
Mexico to Chemnitz redirected to Berlin, Germany Registered label from a parcel dated August 24 via New York. Paid 40c: 10c registration flat fee + 30c UPU printed matter rate for 750 gr. The addressee is a printer so it may have contained magazines or photos. This usage is probably unique.

40c Registered Triple Rate to Germany

Mexico to Munich Registered uprated postal stationary cover dated November 8, 1906. Transit was 15 days. Paid 40c: 10c registration flat fee + 30c triple UPU letter rate for 45 gr. A unique combination of stamps.



The higher denominations 50c- 5 pesos were designed for parcels and other higher rates. Most were destroyed as they were used on disposable exterior wrappers. Very few such usages exist, and even philatelic usages are scarce. The 50c appeared in lilac and black in 1899. In 1903 the color changed to carmine.



50c Lilac and Black 1899



Mexico to Rome Registered Italian consular cover dated June 27, 1901. Transit was 21 days via Paris (July 12) and Rome (July 19). Paid 50c: 10c registration fee + 40c quadruple UPU rate for 60 gr. Few solo usages exist of this stamp.



UPU Shipping Form: Parcel to France

TALON DE LA HOJA DE ENVIO

(Puede arrancarse por el destinatario).

Timbre de la Oficina de origen.

5 FEB 1901 3-PM GUANAJUATO

Nombre y domicilio del remitente.
Sr. *A. Dupes*
Calle *Positón* núm.
En *Guanajuato*

B HOJA DE ENVIO

Marca y contenido del bulto. *654*

Número de las declaraciones de Aduana. *2*

Sr. *J. Bureau*
Arras.

Lugar del destino. *Francia*

Domicilio del destinatario: calle *Capucina* núm. *3*

Medio de conducción. *Armas*
now
Claves -

Tip. Boulligny & Schmidt Sucs. México. 22635

Part D: Receipt

D

Núm. del registro. *654*

Oficina de Correos en *Guanajuato*

Estado de *Guanajuato*

REPUBLICA MEXICANA

5 FEB 1901 3-PM GUANAJUATO

Receipt This section of the shipment form was prepared and cancelled by the post office on the same date of the shipment. It probably served as receipt.

Guanajuato to Arras, France Shipping form of a parcel (Hoja de Envio) dated February 5, 1901. Transit via St Nazaire (March 6). Paid 60c parcel rate to France for up to 5 kilos. These forms were attached to the parcel to accompany it all the way to its destination. Stamps had to be attached to it. No more than 5 are known to exist.

Very few usages exist of the 50c stamp

50c Lilac and Black 1899
AR Court Wrapper, Heavy UPU Cover

90c Court Wrapper
Registered Rate
for 240 gr

Atlixco to Puebla Registered
AR Court wrapper dated
February 8, 1901. Paid 90c:
10c registration flat fee +80c
domestic letter rate for 240 gr.



ESMENJAUD & COUTTOLENC
Apartado N° 7
PUEBLA

Couttolenc & Esmenjaud

MEXICO
Servicio Postal Mexicano
Local en PUEBLA
CERTIFICADO
NUM 2311

2311 Via El Paso
Monsieur
J. J. Désir
Villeurbanne les Lyon
Rhône

France



50c Quadruple
Registered UPU Rate

Puebla to Villeurbanne les Lyon,
France Registered large cover dated
August 12, 1901. Transit was 18 days
via Mexico (Aug 13), El Paso, Paris
(Aug 29). Paid 50c: 10c registration flat
fee + 40c quadruple UPU rate for 60
gr.



50c to London

Topic to London
Registered cover dated February 22, 1901. Transit was 18 days via Mexico (Feb 27), New York, London (March 12). Paid 50c: 10c registration flat fee +40c quadruple UPU rate for 60 gr.



70c to Buenos Aires

Chihuahua to Buenos Aires, Argentina
Uprated postal stationary registered cover dated February 8, 1900. Transit was 30 days via El Paso (Feb 20), Buenos Aires (March 10). Paid 70c: 10c registration flat fee + 60c UPU rate for 180 gr. Cover is officially sealed. Probably contained stamps for collectors.

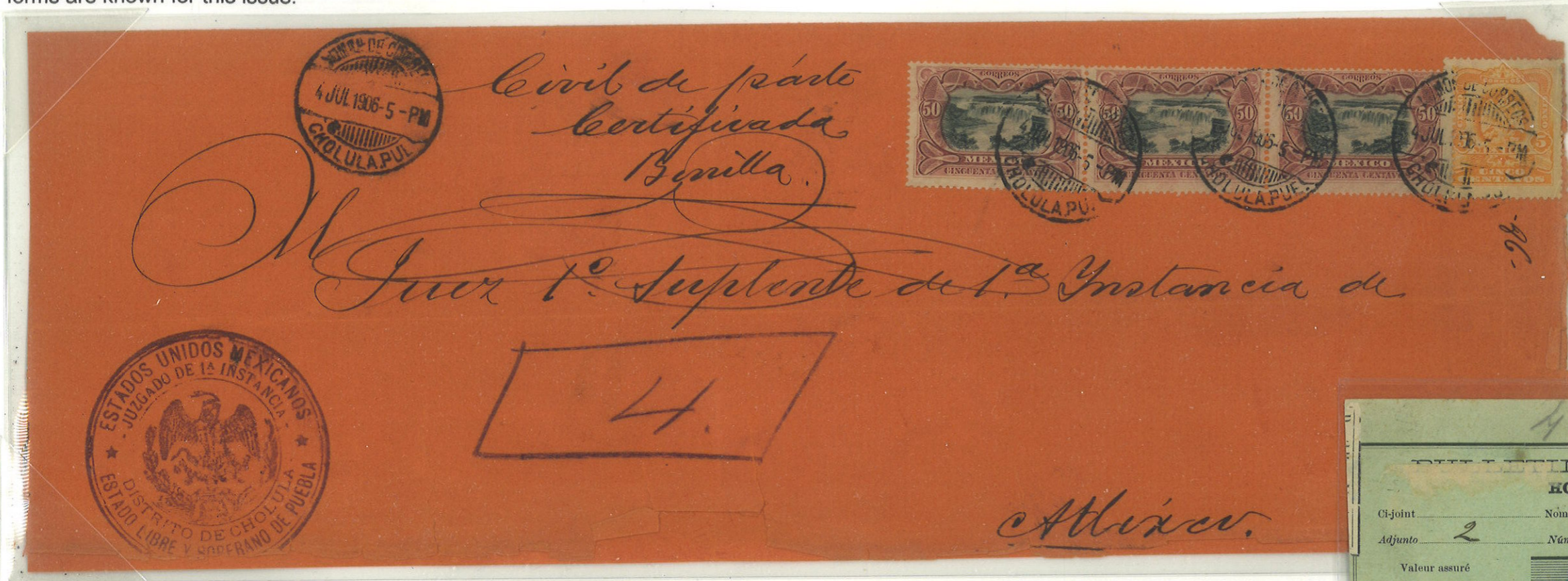


60c to Holland

Mexico to The Hague, Holland
Registered cover. Transit via New York (July 16, 1901), Gravenhage (July 26). Paid 60c: 10c registration flat fee + 50c quintuple UPU rate for 75 gr. The cover was officially sealed and it probably contained stamps for collectors.

The 50c stamp changed colors in 1903 from lilac to carmine. Very few usages are known. UPU parcels usually cancelled the stamps on official shipment forms attached to the parcel itself. Only a handful of those forms are known for this issue.

50c Carmine and Black 1903



★ \$1.55 Registered Domestic Court Wrapper

Cholula, Puebla to Atlixco Registered court wrapper dated July 4, 1906. Transit was same day, Paid \$1.55 pesos: 10c registration flat fee +\$1.45 domestic letter rate for 435 gr.

★ 85c Parcel to Austria with Austrian Payment on Reverse



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BULLETIN D'EXPÉDITION
HOJA DE ENVIO.

Ci-joint: 2 Nombre des déclarations de la douane: _____
 Adjointo: 2 Número de declaraciones aduanales: _____

Valeur assuré: _____
 Valor asegurado: _____
 Montant du Importe del
 remboursement reembolso: _____

A *St. Domenico Forte*
Andelsbuch
 (Lieu de destination) *Austria*
 (Lugar de destino) *Horarberg*
 (rue et n.º) _____
 (Calle y núm.) _____

POIDS KIL Peso kil.	GRAMMES Gramos.	ACHEMINEMENT Via de conducción.
<i>3 94</i>		<i>via Francia</i>

Mexico to Andelsbuch, Austria Parcel shipping form dated December 3, 1905. Transit was 31 days via France, St Nazaire (Dec 30), Andelsbuch (Jan 3, 1906). Paid 85c for 3 kilos UPU parcel rate. On arrival a 3 heller stamp was added to pay for the Austrian fee (copy at right). A unique usage.



★ 70c Parcel to Switzerland

Teziutlan, Puebla to Fleuelen, Switzerland Parcel shipment form dated October 8, 1907. Transit was 28 days via St Nazaire, France (October 29), Fleulen (Nov 5). Paid 70c UPU rate for 5 kilos. Only a handful of these forms exist for this issue.

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COUPON. CUPON.
 Peut être détaché par Para ser desprendido por le destinataire el destinatario.

BULLETIN D'EXPÉDITION
BOLETIN DE ENVIO

Ci-joint: *bullet* Nombre de déclarations en douane: _____
 Adjointo: _____ Número de declaraciones aduanales: _____

Valeur assurée: *0.35*
 Valor asegurado: _____
 Montant du Importe del
 remboursement reembolso: _____

A *St. Just Walker*
admiral de corcos
 (Lieu de destination) _____
 (Lugar de destino) *Fleuelen*
 (rue et n.º) *(Bauton (Str.) Suiza)*
 (Calle y núm.) _____

Manuel Lorrilla
 ap. 28.
 Teziutlan
 Pue.

POIDS KIL Peso kil.	GRAMMES gramos.	ACHEMINEMENT Via que debe seguir
<i>5</i>	<i>000</i>	<i>Francia</i>



The 50c stamp changed colors in 1903 from lilac to carmine. Very few usages are known.

★ 70c Consular Mail to Rome



Mexico to Rome Registered consular cover dated July 26, 1901. Transit was 16 days. Paid 70c: 10c registration flat fee + 60c UPU letter rate for 90 gr.



50c Carmine and Black 1903 Consular Mail, Parcel Tag and Philatelic Covers



★ 96c Parcel to Cananea

Orizaba to La Cananea, Sonora Baggage tag dated July 14, 1906. It was attached to a parcel. Paid 96c parcel 5th class domestic rate for 4 kilos. A unique item.

\$1.10 Philatelic Cover to Germany



Veracruz to Coln, Germany Philatelic cover dated March 15, 1904. Transit was 14 days via Nuevo Laredo (March 18), Coln (March 29). Paid \$1.10: 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr + \$1 peso overpayment. Although philatelic, one of the few covers with the 50c stamp.

Philatelic Pair on Cover

Mexico local delivery Philatelic advertising cover dated December 6, 1908. Paid \$ 1 peso. Although a philatelic cover, it is probably the only one with a pair of the 50c stamp.

The \$1 peso stamp is known in court wrappers and a handful of philatelic covers.

1 Peso Blue and Black
Court Wrapper & Philatelic Cover



\$ 2.25 Registered
AR Court Wrapper

Orizaba to Jalapa Registered AR court wrapper dated March 4, 1902. Transit was 1 day. Paid \$2.25 pesos: 10c registration flat fee + 5c AR fee + \$2.10 pesos domestic letter rate for 630 gr. This is the largest rate recorded in a court wrapper.



Philatelic Cover with
Set to \$1 Peso

Veracruz to Hamburg, Germany
Registered cover dated April 6, 1909. Transit via Laredo and New York. Paid \$2.10 pesos: 10c registration flat fee + 10c UPU letter rate for 15 gr + \$1.90 overpaid. Although clearly a philatelic cover, it is one of a handful bearing a 1 peso stamp.



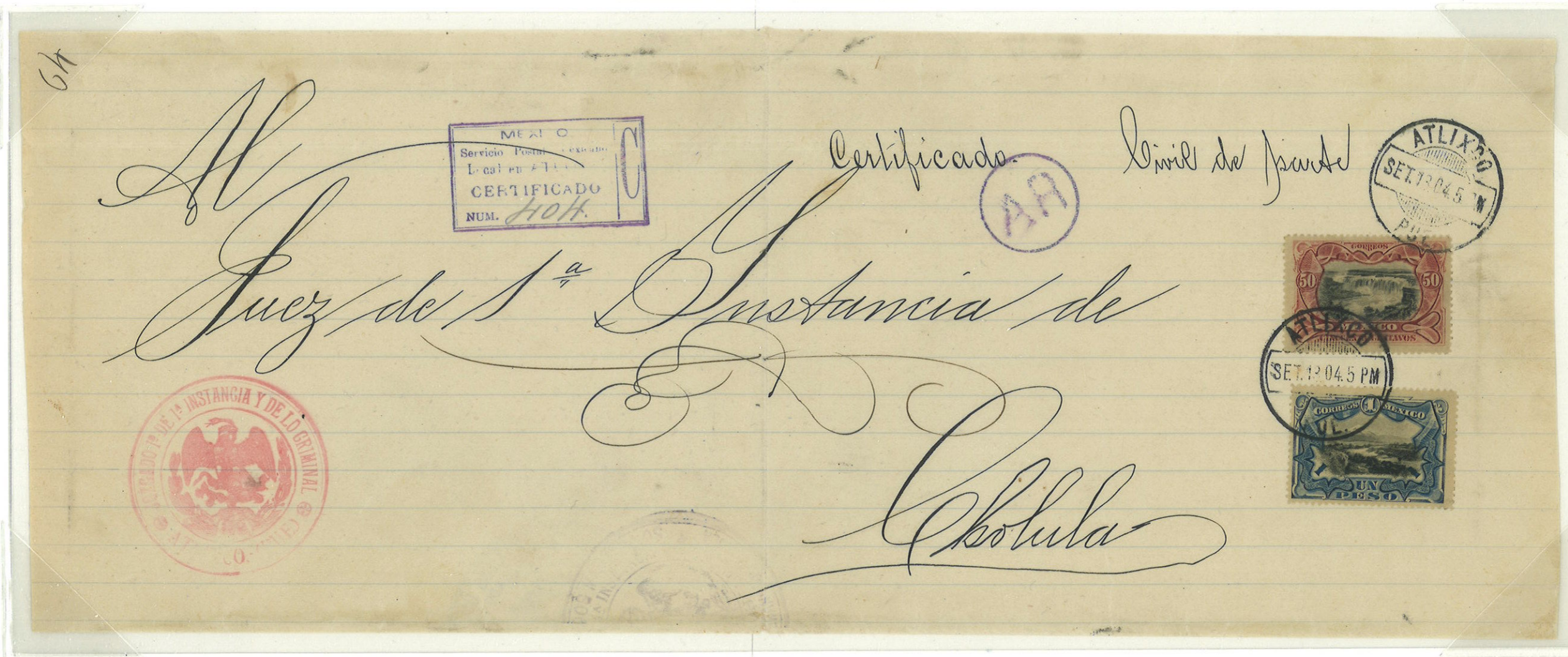
The \$1 peso stamp is mostly known in court wrappers as most other parcels did not survive.

1 Peso Blue and Black
Court Wrapper & Used Block



Used Block of 4

Mexico Block of 4 dated
January 10, 1911. Probably from
a parcel. The only recorded
used block.



\$1.50 Registered
AR Court Wrapper

Atlixco to Cholula
Registered AR wrapper dated
September 18, 1904. Paid
\$1.50 pesos: 10c registration
flat fee + 5c AR fee + \$1.35
domestic letter rate for 405 gr.

The \$5 peso stamp was used for heavy parcels and it is known only in a handful of philatelic covers. Used multiples have survived too. Since the post office in Mexico City had inventory of these stamps in 1914-1916 it is likely these blocks are from parcels, rather than demonetized stamps. Those inventories were applied revolutionary overprints in those years.

5 Pesos Carmine and Black



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**\$12 Pesos
 Philatelic Cover
 Largest Franking**

Mexico local delivery
 Philatelic cover dated January 6, 1903. Paid \$12 pesos. The largest franking of the issue known, and the only multiple on cover.



Used Multiples from Parcels



Mexico Block of 4 dated December 7, 1910. The cancel indicates postal class 4 or 5. Those classes were parcels.

**\$5 Pesos
 Registered
 Philatelic Cover**

Guadalajara local delivery Registered philatelic cover dated October 5, 1909. Paid \$5 pesos: 10c registration + 2c local delivery letter for 15 gr + \$4.88 overpayment.



★
Mexico Block of 8 dated December 1, 1901. The cancel indicates it is for postal class 4 or 5. Those classes were parcels.

