

**BELGIQUE ET ROYAUME-UNI
DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE**

Arrangement concernant le transport des correspondances par aéroplane conclu entre l'Administration des Postes du Royaume de Belgique et l'Administration des Postes du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande, signé à Londres le 23 septembre 1920 et à Bruxelles le 5 octobre 1920.

**BELGIUM
AND UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
IRELAND**

Agreement for the Conveyance of Mails by Aeroplane concluded between the Postal Administration of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Postal Administration of the Kingdom of Belgium, signed at London, September 23, 1920, at Brussels October, 5, 1920.

No. 123. — AGREEMENT FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF MAILS BY AEROPLANE, CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND AND THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM, SIGNED AT LONDON, SEPTEMBER 23, 1920, AT BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 5, 1920.

Textes officiels anglais et français communiqués par le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères de S. M. Britannique. L'enregistrement de cet Arrangement a eu lieu le 1^{er} juin 1921.

The Postal Administration of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Postal Administration of the Kingdom of Belgium have agreed that a regular service should be established for the conveyance of Mails by aeroplane between London and Brussels, subject to the condition of this Agreement and of the detailed Regulations annexed hereto.

Article 1.

On and from the date of commencement of the service, which will be fixed by agreement between the two Administrations, Mails will be despatched by aeroplane in each direction between London and Brussels at least once daily, Sundays and special holidays excepted.

Article 2.

The aeroplanes will carry both official and private correspondence. The conveyance will extend to all classes of correspondence, ordinary or registered, with the exception of Insured Letters and postal parcels.

Article 3.

Each Administration will be responsible for the expense of forwarding its outgoing Mails by aeroplane; and there will be no special accounts between the two Administrations in respect of conveyance by aeroplane between London and Brussels, each Administration retaining the whole of the charges which it collects in respect of such conveyance.

Article 4.

The sender of an official or private article of correspondence for conveyance by aeroplane between London and Brussels must pay the following charges :

- (1) The postal charges fixed by the Universal Postal Convention for each class of correspondence, ordinary or registered ;

- (2) A charge for the benefit of the country of origin calculated at a rate which shall be fixed and modified when necessary by agreement between the two contracting Administrations, but shall not exceed 75 centimes for every 20 grammes or fraction of 20 grammes up to the first 100 grammes, and 50 centimes for every 20 grammes or fraction of 20 grammes above the first 100 grammes, in the case of correspondence posted in Belgium, and 6 pence per ounce avoirdupois in the case of correspondence posted in Great Britain and Ireland ;
- (3) A charge for the benefit of the country of origin not exceeding 30 centimes (or 6 pence) per packet when express delivery is required.

Article 5.

Aeroplane letters will be concentrated at the point of departure by means of the fast services at the disposal of each Administration, or of special services organised for that purpose.

Beyond the point of arrival of the aeroplane, aeroplane letters may be forwarded, according to their destination, by the ordinary means of transport of the Postal Service throughout the whole territory of Great Britain and of Belgium.

Aeroplane letters in respect of which the charge laid down in Article 4, paragraph 3, has been prepaid will be delivered to their final destination by express ; the office of destination, however, will have the option, if it wishes, of replacing the express service by another equally speedy method of delivery.

Article 6.

Except in the case of retransmission by another aerial service contemplated by Article 8, the prepayment of aeroplane letters at the rates fixed by article 4, paragraphs 1 and 2, will give them, without additional charge, the right of conveyance from end to end, and the prepayment at the rate fixed by Article 4, paragraph 3, the right of express delivery as defined by Article 5.

Each Office, however, will have the option laid down in Article 13, paragraph 3, of the Universal Postal Convention of levying a complementary charge for express delivery when the aeroplane letter is for delivery in a district where there is no express delivery office.

Article 7.

Correspondence addressed to a third country will be admitted to the aeroplane service if fully prepaid in accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement, and after conveyance by the aeroplane service will be forwarded to the country of destination by the ordinary Mail Service.

Similarly either Administration may make arrangements with a third country, on payment of such special fees as are required to cover the cost of transmission by air, to forward by aeroplane service correspondence received either à découvert or in closed Mails, and such correspondence shall receive in England or in Belgium the same treatment as is accorded to air mail correspondence for the same destination originating in Belgium or England respectively.

Article 8.

If the contracting Administrations establish internal or other international aeroplane services, they will come to an agreement to enable the sender to pay at the time of despatch the charge for retransmission by one of these services, the charge to be credited to the office concerned.

Article 9.

The two Administrations will fix by mutual agreement :—

- (1) The points of departure and arrival of the aeroplane services to be established between the two countries, and also, if necessary, the intermediate stopping places ;
- (2) The dates and hours of departure and arrival of these services.

Article 10.

The terms of the Conventions and Agreements in force between the two countries, and in particular those of the Universal Postal Convention¹ signed in Rome on the 26th of May, 1906, are not affected so far as they are not contrary to the terms of the present Agreement.

This Agreement shall come into force as soon as it has been duly completed by the two Administrations, and its duration, fixed at six months from the date fixed in accordance with Article 1 for the commencement of the service, can be reduced or extended by agreement between the two contracting Administrations.

In witness whereof the undersigned have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done in duplicate in London, the 23rd day of September, 1920, and in Brussels the 5th day of October, 1920.

ALBERT H. ILLINGWORTH.

DETAILED REGULATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF MAILS BY AEROPLANE CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND AND THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM.

Article 1.

The two Contracting Administrations may fix from time to time by correspondence such limits of weight and size as it may be necessary to impose on correspondence conveyed by aeroplane ; and in the absence of special arrangements aeroplane correspondence shall be subject to the limits of size and weight laid down by the Postal Union Convention.

Article 2.

The prepayment of postage on correspondence intended for transmission by aeroplane, including, where necessary, the registration fee, is effected by means of postage stamps under the same conditions as in the case of ordinary correspondence. The offices of posting will obliterate the stamps by means of their ordinary date-stamps or by means of special date-stamps which may be introduced for this purpose.

Prepayment being obligatory at the time of posting, articles unpaid or insufficiently prepaid are excluded from transmission.

¹ British and Foreign State Papers vol. 99 page 254. vol. 100 pages 959, 977, 987, 999, 1034.

Article 3.

Each Administration is at liberty to adopt a special label or special marking for the correspondence which it despatches by aeroplane in order to facilitate the treatment of the correspondence in its inland service.

Article 4.

The Contracting Administrations do not assume any responsibility in respect of the conveyance of correspondence by aeroplane, apart from the responsibility attaching to registered articles under the ordinary conditions applicable to this class of correspondence.

Article 5.

Forms of advice of delivery in respect of registered articles despatched by aeroplane shall circulate in the ordinary Mail Service.

Article 6.

Correspondence conveyed by aeroplane is exchanged in closed Mails made up in the same manner as those conveyed by the ordinary services.

The Mails are accompanied by Letter Bills, and the registered articles, if any, are entered on special lists of the pattern normally used in the international service.

Article 7.

No additional charge is made for the redirection to any place, within the territory of the Postal Union, of correspondence conveyed by aeroplane. The onward transmission is effected in the ordinary way.

Article 8.

The provisions of the Postal Union Convention remain applicable in matters which are not provided for in the present Regulations.

The present Regulations shall be brought into operation on the day on which the Agreement comes into force, and shall have the same duration as the Agreement.

Done in duplicate in London, the 23rd day of September 1920, and in Brussels, the 5th day of October 1920.

(Signed) ALBERT ILLINGWORTH.
