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In view of Article 3 of the Convention the undersigned Plenipotentiaries of the countries enumerated above have, by mutual Arrangement and subject to ratification, drawn up the following Agreement:

CHAPTER I.
PRELIMINARY PROVISION.

Article 1.

Conditions of the establishment of the subscription service.

The service of subscriptions to newspapers through the post between those of the contracting countries whose postal Administrations undertake to establish this service is governed by the terms of the present Agreement.

Periodicals are assimilated to newspapers from the point of view of subscriptions.

CHAPTER II.

Subscription Conditions. Charges.

Article 2.

Subscriptions.

The Post Offices of each country accept from the public subscriptions to newspapers published in the various contracting countries where the publishers have agreed to accept the intervention of the Post Office in the international subscription service.

They also accept subscriptions to newspapers of all other countries when certain offices are in a position to supply them.

By virtue of the provisions of Article 4\textsuperscript{1}, § 3 of the Convention, each country has the right to refuse subscriptions to newspapers, the transport or distribution of which is prohibited in its territory.

Article 3.

Delivery charge.

Each office fixes the rates at which it supplies to other offices newspapers issued in its own country, and, if need be, newspapers originating elsewhere.

These rates may not in any case be higher than those charged to subscribers in the internal service except that, if necessary, the transit and storage charges which the office supplying the newspapers has to pay to the intermediate offices under the terms of the Convention may be added. In fixing the delivery charge the transit and storage charges are calculated in advance at a fixed rate based on the frequency combined with the average weight of the papers.

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Article 4.

Subscription charge.

1. The office of destination converts the delivery charge into the currency of its own country. If the offices are Parties to the Money Order Agreement the conversion is made at the rate applicable to postal money orders unless an average conversion rate is agreed on.

2. The office of destination fixes the charge to be paid by the subscriber by adding to the delivery charge such fee, commission, or porterage charge as it thinks fit to adopt, with the proviso that these dues are not to exceed those charged on subscriptions in its internal service. The stamp duty payable by virtue of the internal legislation of the country is also added.

3. The subscription charge is payable at the moment of subscription in respect of the whole subscription period.

Article 5.

Changes in rates.

Changes in rates must be notified to the central Administration of the country of destination or to an office specially appointed for the purpose one month at latest before the beginning of the period to which they apply. They are applicable to subscriptions taken out for that period but do not affect subscriptions still running at the time when the new rates are notified.

Article 6.

Printed matter enclosed in newspapers.

Current price lists, prospectuses, advertisements, etc., enclosed in a newspaper but not forming an integral part of it are charged at the printed matter rate. This charge must be paid by postage stamps or by the impressions of stamping machines on either the wrapper, the envelope or the printed matter itself.

Article 7.

Periods of subscription. Subscriptions taken out after the fixed date.

(1) Subscriptions may only be taken out for the periods mentioned in the official lists.

(2) Subscribers who do not send in their application at the right time are not entitled to the numbers which have appeared since the beginning of the subscription period.

Article 8.

Continuation of subscriptions in the event of cessation of service.

If a country ceases to adhere to the Agreement, current subscriptions must be completed under the conditions laid down until the expiry of the period for which they were taken out.

Article 9.

Subscriptions obtained direct by publishers.

The Administrations may, by common agreement, authorise publishers to obtain subscriptions on their own account and to communicate the addresses of the subscribers direct to the post office at the place of publication. This procedure is only permitted if the subscriber consents thereto.
In these cases the publisher is responsible for collecting the subscription charge and paying to the office at the place of publication, which undertakes to distribute them, the fees due to the Administrations concerned.

CHAPTER III.
REDIRECTION. COMPLAINTS. RESPONSIBILITY.

Article 10.

Redirecton.
(1) Subscribers who remove may have a newspaper sent to their new address either in the country of original destination or in another contracting country. A special charge may be made on this account which, in the latter case, is levied by the office for the new destination and may not exceed one franc per quarter.

The above provision also applies to newspapers, the subscription to which, having been taken out for the country of publication, is transferred to another contracting country.

(2) If the subscriber removes to a country not a party to the Agreement, the numbers of the newspaper are despatched to the personal address of the addressee with postage fully prepaid either by the publisher or by the office to which they were originally addressed, provided that the subscriber pays the postage in advance.

Article II.

Complaints.
The offices undertake to follow up without charge to the subscribers all well-founded complaints of delay or irregularity of any sort in the subscription service.

Article 12.

Responsibility.
The offices do not accept any responsibility in respect of any liabilities or any obligations proper to the publishers. They are not obliged to make any repayment where a newspaper ceases to appear or is suspended during the period of subscription.

CHAPTER IV.
ACCOUNTING.

Article 13.

Allocation of fees.
Subject to the exception mentioned in Article 9, each office retains the full amount of the fees and charges levied by it over and above the delivery charge.
Article 14.

Accounts.

(1) Accounts in respect of subscription copies supplied or received are prepared quarterly and are settled by the debtor office in the legal currency of the creditor country, within the time limit fixed in the Detailed Regulations. Unless other arrangements are made, the smaller credit is converted into the currency of the larger credit in conformity with Article 27 of the Agreement concerning postal money orders.

(2) Unless different arrangements are made, the balance is paid by money order. Money orders issued for this purpose are not subject to any commission and they may exceed the maximum laid down by the Agreement already mentioned.

(3) Overdue accounts bear interest at 7% per annum payable to the creditor office.

CHAPTER V.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Article 15.

Offices of Exchange.

The subscription service is worked through offices of exchange appointed by each office.

Article 16.

Application of the general provisions of the Convention.

The general provisions contained in Chapters I and II of the Convention are applicable to the present Agreement, with the exception of the provisions contained in Article 7.

Article 17.

Approval of proposals made between meetings.

In order to become binding, proposals made between meetings (Articles 18 and 19 of the Convention) must obtain:

(a) Unanimity of votes if they involve the addition of provisions or any modification of the provisions of Articles 1 to 8, 11 to 15, 17 and 18 of the Agreement or 1 to 5 and 15 of its Detailed Regulations.

(b) Two-thirds of the votes if they involve a modification of the provisions of Articles 6, 8, 9, 12 and 13 of the Detailed Regulations;

(c) A simple majority if they involve the modification of the other articles of the Agreement and its Detailed Regulations, or affect the interpretation of the provisions of the Agreement and its Detailed Regulations, except in the case of disagreement to be submitted to arbitration.
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Article 18.

Entry into force and duration of the Agreement.

The present Agreement shall come into force on October 1st, 1925 and shall remain in operation for an indefinite period.

In faith whereof the Plenipotentiaries of the above-named countries have signed the present Agreement in a single copy which shall remain in the Archives of the Swedish Government and a copy of which shall be delivered to each Party.

Done at Stockholm, August 28, 1924.

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K. ORTH.

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JOSEPH ZÁBRODSKÝ.

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F. GENTIL.

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II.


The undersigned, in view of Article 4 of the Universal Postal Convention concluded at Stockholm on August 28th, 1924 have, in the name of their respective Administrations, drawn up by mutual arrangement, the following Regulations for the carrying out of the Agreement concerning subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals:

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Offices of Exchange.

Article 1.

Each Administration notifies to the other Administrations concerned, the offices of Exchange appointed for the service with each of them.

These offices correspond directly with each other in all matters touching the subscription service.

Article 2.

List of Newspapers. Prohibited Newspapers.

(1) Postal Administrations communicate to each other the list (Form A attached) of newspapers for which subscriptions may be received through them, indicating the conditions of subscriptions, the average weight in grammes of each newspaper and the delivery charge including transit and storage charges. Delivery charges are expressed in the legal currency of the country which supplies the newspapers.

Any corrections which have subsequently to be made in the list must be notified immediately.

(2) Postal Administrations also inform each other of the names of prohibited newspapers,

Article 3.

General Newspaper Tariff.

Each Administration prepares on the basis of the lists provided in accordance with the preceding article a general tariff showing for each country the newspapers, the conditions of subscription and the rate to be paid by the subscriber. These charges which are calculated in accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement are given in the legal currency of the country which publishes the tariff.

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Article 4.

Periods of Subscriptions.

(1) Subscriptions come into force:
   for one year on January 1st;
   for six months on January 1st and July 1st;
   for three months on January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st.

Exceptions to this rule are allowed in the case of occasional or temporary publications; subscriptions are received for the proper period without being limited to the dates above mentioned.

(2) The Administrations concerned may arrange with one another to accept subscriptions for a fortnight, a month, a month and a half, two months, and two months and a half.

(3) The offices concerned do their best to supply numbers which have already appeared to subscribers who have not applied in time but who express the desire to obtain them if possible.

CHAPTER II.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH APPLICATIONS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Article 5.

List of Applications for Subscriptions.

(1) Towards the end of each quarter, the offices of exchange summarise, on a list, identical with Form B attached hereto, the applications for subscriptions which have reached them from subscribers in their own country. This list must reach the corresponding office of exchange in time for that office to be able to arrange for the subscriptions to begin on the date required.

Applications received after the despatch of the general list are included in special lists.

(2) These lists receive serial numbers which run without a break for one year. Each list is concluded by a summary of previous applications so as to show for each newspaper the complete total of subscription copies to be supplied at the request of the same office of exchange.

Article 6.

Make up and Distribution of the Newspapers.

(1) Newspapers are despatched in packets addressed either directly to the office of destination or en bloc to intermediate offices as may be agreed between the Administrations concerned. The packets must bear the words “Abonnements posté” or a similar phrase.

(2) Exceptionally, newspapers must be enclosed in wrappers addressed to the subscribers when the exchange offices of the country of destination require this. The exchange offices of the country of destination will, when necessary, supply the names and addresses of the subscribers to the offices of exchange in the country of origin.

The wrappers must also bear the words “abonnements posté”.

The cost occasioned by despatching the newspapers in wrappers may be charged to the office of the place of destination by the office of despatch.

Article 7.

Subscriptions to Newspapers not appearing on the list.

If an application is received to subscribe to a newspaper which does not appear on the list, the exchange office concerned refers it to the corresponding exchange office in order to obtain the necessary particulars. The application, however, may be accepted at once, subject to an ultimate adjustment with the subscriber who may if necessary be required to pay a deposit.
Article 8.

Irregularities.

Delays, suspensions, mis-directions or irregularities of any kind occurring in the subscription service are notified at once either to the office of exchange or if necessary to the office of origin or to the Central Administrations when these wish to be notified. Complaints must be enquired into without delay.

Article 9.

 Interruption or Cessation of Publication.

If the publisher of a newspaper suspends or ceases publication, the Administrations concerned do their best to obtain as far as possible repayment to subscribers of the cost of the newspaper for the period for which the subscription copies were not delivered.

Article 10.

Subscriptions obtained direct by Publishers.

Publishers who have obtained subscriptions direct draw up, in respect of each office of distribution, delivery sheets identical with Form D attached hereto, indicating clearly and precisely and in alphabetical order the names, addresses, and occupations of the subscribers. They note on a recapitulatory return similar to Form E attached hereto, by country of destination and in the alphabetical order of the offices of distribution, all the delivery sheets relating to the same newspaper and to the same subscription period. This return accompanied by the delivery sheets relating thereto is transmitted by the intermediary of the exchange office of the country of origin of the newspapers to the corresponding exchange office, which distributes the delivery sheets among the offices of distribution concerned.

Article 11.

Redirection.

If a subscriber desires the newspaper to be sent to another country signatory to the Agreement, the competent exchange office transmits the request to the corresponding exchange office of the country where the newspaper is published. The latter office notifies in its turn the corresponding exchange office of the country of the new destination.

CHAPTER III.

Accounting.

Article 12.

Quarterly Accounts.

(1) In the absence of other arrangements, as soon as applications for quarterly subscriptions can be considered as closed, and at the latest on the twentieth day of the second month of the quarter, each exchange office prepares for the corresponding office a detailed account (Form C) accompanied, if the latter office so desires, by lists of applications to serve as vouchers. It enters on this account in alphabetical order and according to the subscription period, beginning with the shortest period, all the newspapers supplied since the preparation of the last account. If necessary, a supplementary account may be prepared during the third month of the quarter.

Applications to become a subscriber made after the preparation of the detailed account or of the supplementary account, if any, are carried to the account for the following quarter.

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(2) Any payment due for the supply to the subscribers of single copies of newspapers or for the despatch of newspapers in the event of the removal of subscribers to a non-contracting country are, unless other arrangements are made, included for accounting purposes in the quarterly accounts. This also applies to charges in connection with subscriptions obtained direct by publishers.

**Article 13.**

Settlement. Payments on Account.

(1) In the absence of other arrangements the accounts prepared by each Party are checked and settled before the end of the quarter to which they relate. This period is extended by four months for countries outside Europe. Any errors are rectified in the next quarterly account.

(2) If necessary, monthly payments on account may be required.

**CHAPTER IV.**

**Communications and Notifications.**

**Article 14.**

Communications and Notifications.

(1) The Administrations must, at least three months before putting the agreement into force, furnish the other Administrations through the International Bureau with an extract of the provisions of their internal laws or regulations which apply to the subscription service.

(2) Any subsequent modification must be notified at once in the same way.

**FINAL PROVISIONS.**

**Article 15.**

Entry into Force and Duration of the Regulations.

The present Regulations shall be binding as from the date on which the Agreement concerning subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals comes into force. They shall have the same duration as the Agreement unless they are renewed by mutual consent by the Parties concerned.

Done at Stockholm, August 28th, 1924.

(Here follow the same signatures as are appended to the Agreement.)
A.

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of ................................

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WITH PARTICULARS AS TO COST AND CONDITIONS OF DELIVERY.

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<th>Number of previous applications brought forward</th>
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<th>Delivery Charge (?)</th>
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(1) Only to be filled up in the event of an alteration in the charge.

(Dimensions: 148 × 210 or 210 × 297 mm.)

No. 1008
POSTAL ADMINISTRATION
of..................................

QUARTERLY ACCOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS.................................................................................................................................

Applications for which were forwarded to the Exchange Office at .............. by the Exchange Office at .................. during the ......................... quarter of 192...

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<th>Number and duration of subscriptions</th>
<th>Title of newspaper</th>
<th>Place of publication</th>
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Total ..                              Total ..

In as much as the present account amounts to ........................................ and the account of the corresponding Office amounts to.......................... there is due to the Office of ................................................................. 192...

Post ........................................

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No. 1008
DELIVERY SHEET
OF SUBSCRIPTIONS OBTAINED DIRECT

by the publisher of the newspaper entitled ...... 
published at .........................................
for the office of distribution at ....................
.......................... (country of destination)

Published ........... times per week, month, year. (1)

Average weight in grammes of each number : ................. grs.

The following copies will be supplied during the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th (4) quarter of 19......

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<th>Name of subscriber (1)</th>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>Address, Street and Number</th>
<th>Number of copies</th>
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(1) Strike out the words which do not apply.
(2) The names of the subscribers should be given in alphabetical order.
POSTAL ADMINISTRATION
of ......................................

RECAPITULATORY RETURN
OF SUBSCRIPTIONS OBTAINED DIRECT
by the publisher of the newspaper entitled ....................................
published at .................................................................

Published ..................... times per week, month, year ¹

Average weight in grammes of each number: ............................... grs.

................................ ² postal subscription copies will be supplied to the following offices of distribution
during the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th ¹ quarter of 19......

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