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No. 2625. AGREEMENT¹ FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VALUE PAYABLE ARTICLES BETWEEN INDIA AND CEYLON. SIGNED AT NEW DELHI, ON 16 FEBRUARY 1951, AND AT COLOMBO, ON 30 APRIL 1951

In order to establish an exchange of value payable articles between India, and Ceylon, the undersigned duly authorised for that purpose, have agreed upon the following articles :—

Article 1

Registered letters, insured letters, registered packets of printed papers and business papers, newspapers prepaid with postage at newspaper rates of postage and with registration fee, and parcels, both insured and uninsured may be exchanged under the value payable system between India and Ceylon. Such articles shall be subject to the same general regulations and rates as other articles of the same classes. The offices of exchange for the value payable articles shall be on the side of India, Madurai and Madras and on the side of Ceylon, — Colombo.

Article 2

The prepayment of postage on all articles exchanged by the V.P. Post between India and Ceylon is compulsory.

Article 3

The maximum charge which may be collected on any one article shall be Rs.400/— (Indian currency). The amount shall not contain a fractional part of an anna.

Article 4

Each value payable article shall be stamped or labelled with the words "Value payable" or letters "V.P."

Article 5

Value payable articles shall be entered in the registered list, insured letters invoice or parcel bill in the same way as other registered articles, insured letters

¹ Came into force on 1 April 1951, in accordance with article 17.

or insured or uninsured parcels, as the case may be, but with the addition in the column for remarks of the words "Value payable" followed by the entry both in words and figures without any erasure or correction, of the amount, in Indian rupee currency, to be remitted to the sender of the V.P. article, and also of the senders name and full address in clear characters.

Article 6

The registered list, insured invoice, Parcel bill referred to in the preceding article shall be forwarded in quadruplicate to the Madras and in triplicate to the Madura office of Exchange by the Colombo office of Exchange in the case of all V.P. articles advised to India. In the case of V.P. articles advised to Ceylon by the office of exchange in India, the relative document shall be sent in triplicate.

Article 7

The V.P. money order forms relating to the V.P. articles shall be detached and detained along with the office copy of the relative parcels Bill with which the articles are advised to the foreign country of destination.

Entries in pencil shall not be allowed on the V.P. M.O. form.

Article 8

The amount to be remitted to the sender, together with the commission chargeable thereon (at the rates in force for ordinary money orders drawn on the country of issue of the V.P. article), shall be collected from the addressee of the V.P. article. The amount to be remitted to the sender shall be transmitted by V.P. M.O. Lists and the commission shall be retained by the Administration which issued the money order.

Article 9

The value of the V.P. articles delivered to the addressees may be advised in the V.P.M.O. lists. In the remarks column of the V.P.M.O. lists shall be entered the particulars of the entry No. followed by the No. of the V.P. parcel bill with which the concerned V.P. articles are advised to destination, to facilitate easy picking out of the V.P.M.O. forms for advising the amount to the senders.

The V.P. articles undelivered shall be returned duly entered in returned V.P. Parcel Bills, the original particulars of advice being noted in the remarks column.

Article 10

Value payable money order transactions shall be embodied in the monthly account relating to the exchange of ordinary money orders between India and Ceylon, the credits to be given or taken being the same as in the case of ordinary money orders.

In the case of parcels, either insured or uninsured, sent under the value payable system, the share of the postage as well as of insurance fee in the case of insured parcels belonging to each Administration shall be accounted in the parcel accounts between India and Ceylon.

Article 11

If the addressee of a value payable article other than a value payable parcel does not pay the amount of the charge within the limit of time prescribed by the internal regulations of the country of delivery, the article shall be sent back to the office of origin. Each country shall communicate to the other its internal regulations in this respect.

Article 12

In the event of the loss of a value payable registered article or when a value payable insured letter or value payable insured or uninsured parcel has been lost or damaged or its contents abstracted the responsibility shall be fixed and compensation paid under the same conditions in the case of registered articles, insured letters and insured or uninsured parcels, as the case may be. When however such an article, letter or parcel has once been delivered, the Administration of the country of destination shall be responsible for the sum collected and must, if necessary, prove that it has remitted it, less the prescribed commission, to the sender.

In rare cases when a V.P. article has been irregularly advised as an ordinary parcel and delivered as such, the country of destination shall where possible collect the amount from the addressee to adjust the claim of the sender.

Article 13

In addition to the commission fixed by article 8 to the Administration of the country in which a value payable article is posted may collect a posting fee from the sender and the Administration of the country of destination of a value payable article may collect a delivery fee from the addressee.

(2) Each Administration shall communicate to the other the special fees fixed in its service by virtue of this article as well as any alteration subsequently made in them.

(3) These fees shall be retained by the Administration which collects them.

Article 14

Each Administration is authorised, in special circumstances that would justify such a measure, temporarily to suspend the V.P. services wholly or in part, on condition that notice of such suspension be given immediately to the other Administration and if deemed necessary the notice of suspension be communicated by telegraph.

Article 15

Enquiries of an ordinary or routine nature regarding value payable articles exchanged between India and Ceylon shall be addressed to the office of exchange concerned. No routine enquiry shall be instituted before the expiration of two months from the date of dispatch of a value payable article.

Article 16

The provisions of the Parcel Post Agreement between India and Ceylon shall be applicable in respect of any matter which has not been specifically mentioned in this Agreement.

Article 17

The present agreement shall take effect from 1st April, 1951, and it shall then continue in force until it shall be modified or determined by mutual consent of the contracting parties, or until one year after the date on which one of contracting parties shall have notified the other of its intention to terminate it.

EXECUTED in duplicate and signed.

At New Delhi
16th February 1951

At Colombo
30th April 1951

(Signed) Krishna PRASADA
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Posts & Telegraphs
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