

No. 2986

**ISRAEL
and
SWITZERLAND**

**Agreement concerning the exchange of postal parcels.
Signed at Jerusalem and Berne, on 1 July 1953**

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et
SUISSE**

**Arrangement concernant l'échange des colis postaux. Signé
à Jérusalem et à Berne, le 1er juillet 1953**

Texte officiel français.

Enregistré par Israël le 1er novembre 1955.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 2986. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF ISRAEL AND THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF SWITZERLAND CONCERNING THE EXCHANGE OF POSTAL PARCELS. SIGNED AT JERUSALEM AND BERNE, ON 1 JULY 1953

The undersigned Postal Administrations agree to effect between them a direct exchange of postal parcels in closed mails on the basis of the provisions of the Brussels Agreement concerning Postal Parcels, which comes into force on 1 July 1953², subject to the amendments arising from the following provisions:

- Art. 1. The term "postal parcels" applies also to "air-mail parcels". Postal parcels are referred to hereinafter by the abbreviation "parcels".
- Art. 2. A parcel may not exceed 10 kg. in weight.
- Art. 3. Express parcels and parcels for delivery free of charges shall be accepted.
- Art. 4. Cumbersome parcels and fragile parcels shall not be accepted.
- Art. 5. The packing of any parcel containing precious stones, jewelry or any article made of gold or silver the value of which exceeds 2,500 gold francs shall consist of a case or box measuring not less than 1.05 metres for the sum of the length and the greatest circumference measured in a direction other than that of the length.
- Art. 6. The sender in Israel may refrain from indicating how his parcel is to be disposed of in case of non-delivery or he may request, at the time of posting, that the parcel, if non-deliverable, should be
- (a) delivered to another addressee in the country of destination,
 - (b) returned to the sender, or
 - (c) treated as abandoned.

If the sender wishes to avail himself of one of the facilities provided under (a), (b) or (c), he must enter his request on the back of the despatch note and on the parcel. In the absence of such a request by the sender, a parcel which cannot be delivered to the addressee shall be returned to the sender without previous notice on

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1953, in accordance with article 13.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 170, p. 63, vol. 186, p. 360, and vol. 202, p. 348.

the expiry of the period of retention prescribed by the internal regulations of the Swiss Postal Administration.

- Art. 7. The provisions of articles 5 and 21 of the Brussels Agreement concerning Postal Parcels and of articles 135 and 136 of its Detailed Regulations shall apply in the case of parcels posted in Switzerland.
- Art. 8. The Swiss Postal Administration shall credit the following amounts to the Israel Postal Administration:
- (a) in respect of each parcel addressed to Israel
 - 1.25 gold francs for a parcel not exceeding 1 kg.
 - 2.— gold francs for a parcel exceeding 1 and not exceeding 3 kg.
 - 3.— gold francs for a parcel exceeding 3 and not exceeding 5 kg.
 - 4.50 gold francs for a parcel exceeding 5 and not exceeding 10 kg.
 - (b) in respect of each parcel in transit through Israel
 - .30 gold franc for a parcel not exceeding 1 kg.
 - .40 gold franc for a parcel exceeding 1 and not exceeding 3 kg.
 - .50 gold franc for a parcel exceeding 3 and not exceeding 5 kg.
 - 1.— gold franc for a parcel exceeding 5 and not exceeding 10 kg.
- Art. 9. The Israel Postal Administration shall credit the following amounts to the Swiss Postal Administration:
- (a) in respect of each parcel addressed to Switzerland
 - .50 gold franc for a parcel not exceeding 1 kg.
 - .70 gold franc for a parcel exceeding 1 and not exceeding 3 kg.
 - .90 gold franc for a parcel exceeding 3 and not exceeding 5 kg.
 - 1.80 gold francs for a parcel exceeding 5 and not exceeding 10 kg.
 - (b) in respect of each parcel in transit through Switzerland
 - .30 gold franc for a parcel not exceeding 1 kg.
 - .40 gold franc for a parcel exceeding 1 and not exceeding 3 kg.
 - .50 gold franc for a parcel exceeding 3 and not exceeding 5 kg.
 - 1.— gold franc for a parcel exceeding 5 and not exceeding 10 kg.
- Art. 10. A sender in Switzerland may not request an advice of delivery.
- Art. 11. Exception to the principle of responsibility. The Postal Administrations concerned shall be relieved of all responsibility for any parcel lost, tampered with or damaged in their services, which contains precious stones, jewelry or any article made of gold or silver and which is not packed in accordance with the provisions of article 5.
- Art. 12. The preparation and transmission of a general account and the payment of the balance of said account must be effected as early as

possible and, at the latest, within three months following the expiry of the period to which the account relates.

- Art. 13. The provisions concerning the exchange of insured postal parcels and of cash on delivery parcels shall be agreed upon by exchange of correspondence.

The present Agreement shall come into force on 1 July 1953 and may be terminated at any time on twelve months' notice.

DONE and signed in duplicate.

Jerusalem, 1 July 1953

(Signed) A. RANAN

Director-General of Posts, Telegraphs, Telephones
and Radio

Berne, 1 July 1953

(Signed) Dr. TUASON

Director-General of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones
