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MAURITIUS, REPUBLIC OF*

[中模 (里西斯) 國際快捷郵件服務協定]

AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE EXPEDITED MAIL SERVICE
“SPEEDPOST” BETWEEN THE POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS OF
MAURITIUS (EXCLUDING RODRIGUES) AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Signed on March 31 and April 14, 1998
Entered into force on April 14, 1998

ARTICLE I

Definitions

1. The Expedited Mail Service (EMS) is the collection, forwarding, delivery of correspondence, documents and merchandise with a priority treatment.
2. Scheduled service: it is a modality of the EMS in which the items are accepted on the basis of an agreement established between the Administration of origin and the sender. This agreement establishes the posting hour, collecting hour, and the forwarding hour of EMS items as well as the frequency of the service's performance.
3. On-demand Service: it is a modality of the EMS in which items are accepted without a previous schedule.

ARTICLE II

Rates

Each Administration has complete freedom to establish its EMS rates to be paid by senders for despatch of their items. The Postal Administration of origin can keep the total amount of the revenue obtained.

ARTICLE III

Acceptance conditions

The EMS items shall:

- (a) be packed according to the nature of their contents and conveyance conditions besides having the names addresses and telephone numbers (if available) of the addressee and the sender.
- (b) fulfill the weight/dimensions requisites established by the Administration of destination.

ARTICLE IV

Forwarding

The complete forwarding of EMS items (from their posting up to their delivery) is performed by the fastest means of conveyance.

ARTICLE V
Remuneration in the case of imbalance

- (a) After a period of one year, the Administration which receives a greater number of items than the total despatched has the right to claim from the other Administration a remuneration for handling delivery expenses in respect of each surplus item received.
- (b) Each Administration will fix (in SDR-SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHT) a rate of compensation per item received in excess for the preparation of imbalance account.
- (c) Each Administration may change this rate when such a change is necessary due to changes in the cost of services.
- (d) To be applicable, any such change in the rate must:-
 - (i) be communicated to the other Administration at least three months in advance;
 - (ii) remain in force for at least one year.

ARTICLE VI
Internal air conveyance dues and terminal dues

- 1. The statement and settlement of accounts concerning the internal air conveyance dues shall be made in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Detailed Regulations of the Universal Postal Convention.
- 2. Terminal dues as defined in the Universal Convention shall not apply to EMS items.

ARTICLE VII
Responsibility

Each Administration shall be responsible for EMS items only in case of claims presented by the senders.

ARTICLE VIII
Undelivered items

Items refused by the addressee or items not delivered to him for whatever reason, shall be returned at no extra charge to the sender by means of the EMS except in cases where their return is forbidden by the internal regulations.

ARTICLE IX
Enquiries

- 1. Each Administration shall give information about EMS items as soon as possible or within a maximum period of one month.
- 2. Enquiries shall be accepted only within a period of three months from the date after that on which the item was posted.

3. This article does not authorise routine requests for confirmation of delivery.

ARTICLE X
Temporary Suspension of Service

If owing to exceptional circumstances, either Administration finds itself obliged to suspend its service temporarily either wholly or in part, it shall notify the other Administration of the fact immediately. When the Administration resumes its normal operation, it shall notify the other Administration by telegram, telex or telephone.

ARTICLE XI
Application of the Universal Postal Convention

The Universal Postal Convention as well as its Detailed Regulations are applicable by analogy to all situation which is not expressly governed by the present agreement and its regulations.

ARTICLE XII
Alterations and Amendments

This agreement as well as its Detailed Regulations can be changed and amended by mutual consent by means of correspondence exchanged between officials of each Administration.

ARTICLE XIII
Entry into force and duration of the agreement

1. This agreement shall enter into force on the date mutually agreed upon by the Administrations after it is signed by the authorised representatives of both Administrations.
2. This agreement shall remain in force for a period of twelve (12) months.

ARTICLE XIV
Cancellation

Each Administration may notify the other one of its intent to cancel the present agreement. The cancellation request will be effective twelve (12) months after the receipt of the notification.

For the Postal
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