

SWISS DEFINITION OF “POSTAL STATIONERY”

Postal Stationery comprises postal matter with for all (postal) customers uniform pre-printed

- stamps,
- devices (motifs),
- or inscriptions,

without specific date of use and with an indication of what amount or postal service has been prepaid.

ANNOTATIONS:

Like stamps, Postal Stationery keeps its value until cancelled on postal use or until otherwise demonetized by the post. Unlike stamps, postal stationery usually permits the addition of a message.

The following are NOT postal stationery:

- Postal forms liable to a fee but without indication of the fee on the form itself.
- Postal forms which are distributed by the post free of charge or with a charge to cover printing costs. (e.g. Booklets for free certificates of mailing)
- Any postal matter with a pre-printed stamp etc. and an integral customer specific indication in the form of a number, a bar-code or a matrix-code which are printed-out by the customer. (Free franks or web stamps)
- Any postal forms with annotation as to franking as:
 - Flat rate (e.g. “Pauschalfrankiert“)
 - “Paid by the addressee”
 - “PP” (Port Payé)
 - “Franco”
 - “Official”, “Official business”, “Exempt from postage”, “Postage free”, “Free” etc.

FIP DEFINITION OF POSTAL STATIONERY

Postal Stationery comprises **postal matter** which either bears an officially authorized **pre-printed stamp**, device, or inscription indicating that a **specific face value** of postage or related service has been **prepaid**.

UPSS DEFINITION OF POSTAL STATIONERY

Postal stationery includes all paper items that have a printed or implied monetary value when sold and retain their value until canceled when used or otherwise demonetized by the issuing authority.