Commerce Envelopes

A small size envelope with a 5-centime denomination could be used to send calling cards qualified for a reduced rate if left unsealed.

This example posted from Cholon on the last day of 1894, a popular day for sending New Year's greetings, received a transit backstamp on the first day of 1895.





POSTAL MARKINGS
CHOLON COCHINCHINE 31 DEC 94
REVERSE
TANAN COCHINCHINE 1 JANV 95

Commerce Envelopes Uses of 5-centime Envelope to Internal Destinations









Commerce Envelopes Uses of 5-centime Envelope to French Community Destinations

To Cherbourg, France.





To Pointe Pitre, Guadeloupe.





Commerce Envelopes Uses of 5-centime Envelope to Foreign Destinations

To Cairo, Egypt.





To Zarate, Argentina.



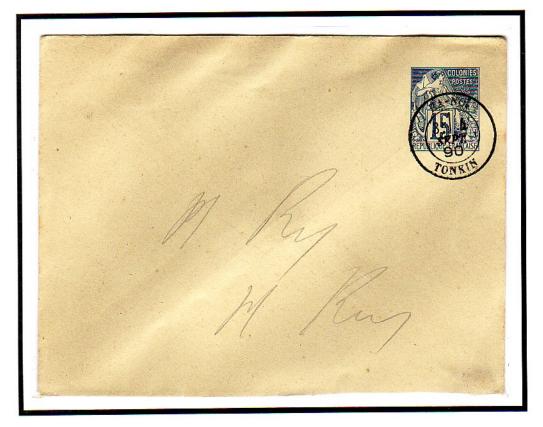


Commerce Envelopes 15-centime Envelopes

The two smaller 15-centime envelopes were 116 x 76 millimeters and 123 x 96 millimeters.









Commerce Envelopes Uses of 15-centime Envelope to French Community Destinations









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The sender added two 5-centime Commerce stamps to arrive at the 25-centime regular letter rate, which had been in effect since 1879.





POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 11 DEC 91
MODANE A PARIS 9 JANV 92 (red)
REVERSE
PARIS POSTE RESTANTE 10 JANV 92