

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues

Like the Native Women series, the postage dues were overprinted in 1919 to reflect the official exchange rate of 4 piasters to 10 francs.

Three colors were used for the overprints to help them stand out from the colors of the various denominations.



Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Printing Varieties

CLOSED "4" VARIETIES



MULTIPLE OVERPRINTS



DOUBLE



QUADRUPLE



QUINTUPLE

"DROPPED" FINAL "S"



2 PIASTRES

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Printing Varieties

OVERPRINT REGISTRATIONS



Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Millesimes

The digit printed in the central selvedge indicates the year of printing and, in French, is called the “millesime.” For the Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues, the “8” represented 1908, the only year that the original stamps were printed.



Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Postmarks

4 cents



CHO-CHU
TONKIN



PHONGSALY
LAOS



DAPCAU
TONKIN



HANOI
TONKIN



PURSAT
CAMBODGE



SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

6 cents



HA-DONG
TONKIN

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Postmarks

8 cents



CHOLON
COCHINCHINE



DOSON
TONKIN



LONGXUYEN
COCHINCHINE

12 cents



SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

16 cents



NAM-DINH
TONKIN



THAINGUYEN
TONKIN



TUYENQUANG
TONKIN

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Postmarks

24 cents



QUANG-YEN
TONKIN



SAVAN-NAKHET
LAOS

40 cents



FORT BAYARD
INDOCHINE



CHOLON
COCHINCHINE



HANOI R.P.
COLIS POSTAUX



VIENTIANE
LAOS



XIENG-KHOUANG
LAOS

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Postmarks

HAIPHONG



SAIGON-CENTRAL



Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Postmarks

HANOI

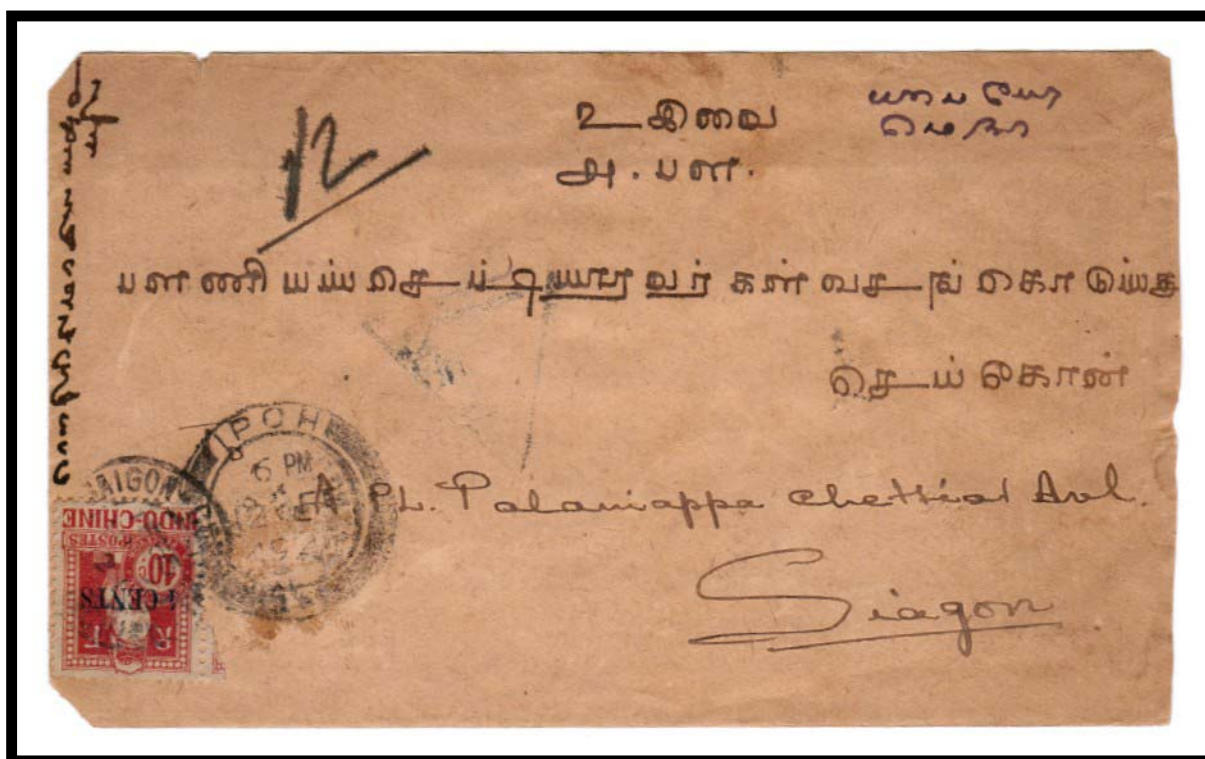


HANOI R.P. COLIS POSTAUX



Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Use of 4 cents

A letter posted from Ipoh, Malaya in 1921 was franked with 8 Malay cents on the reverse. Upon arrival at Saigon, the mailing was cited for postage due in the amount of 4 Indochinese cents.



POSTAL MARKINGS

IPOH 12 FE 1921

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 18-2 21

manuscript "V2" due certification signature

REVERSE

IPOH 12 FE 1921

SINGAPORE 15 FE 1921

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 18-2 21

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Use of 4 cents

The 4 cent Overprinted Dragon postage due stamp was used improperly on a picture postcard sent to Paris in 1919. The mailing was postmarked from Fort Bayard, Kouang Cho Wan.



POSTAL MARKINGS
FORT BAYARD INDOCHINE 13-6 19

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues
Use of 4 cents

An internal letter posted from Laokay to Haiphong was cited for insufficient postage. A rectangular handstamp and the "T" in triangle indicated that the letter was underpaid and that an amount due was to be collected from the recipient.



POSTAL MARKINGS

LAOKAY TONKIN 31 AOUT 23

T in triangle

"insufficient franking" handstamp

HAIPHONG TONKIN 3-9 23

REVERSE

HAIPHONG TONKIN 2-9 23

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues
Use of 4 cents

A strip of three 4-cent overprinted stamps indicates that the recipient in Saigon had to pay 12 cents postage due for a letter mailed from Rangoon, Burma in 1921.



POSTAL MARKINGS

"T" in circle

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 13-9 21

REVERSE

RANGOON G.P.O. SORTING 29 AUG. 21

SINGAPORE 8 SE 1921

Angkor Dragon Overprints

Use of 4 cents

The sender posted a business letter from Rangoon with Indian postage in the amount of 2 ½ annas on the reverse. Upon arrival in Saigon, the letter was charged 12 cents postage due



POSTAL MARKINGS

plain “T”

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 5-3 24
manuscript "V2" due certification signature

REVERSE

RANGOON G.P.O. SORTING 21 FEB 24
SINGAPORE F. 25 FE 24

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Use of 8 cents

A small 1-anna postal stationery envelope from India was franked with an additional 1 anna on the reverse. The mailing was charged 8 cents postage due when it arrived in Indochina at the end of 1919.



POSTAL MARKINGS

? 7 NOV. 19

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 4-12 19

manuscript "V2" due certification signature

REVERSE

DHANUSHKODI-F 9 NOV. 19

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Use of 8 cents

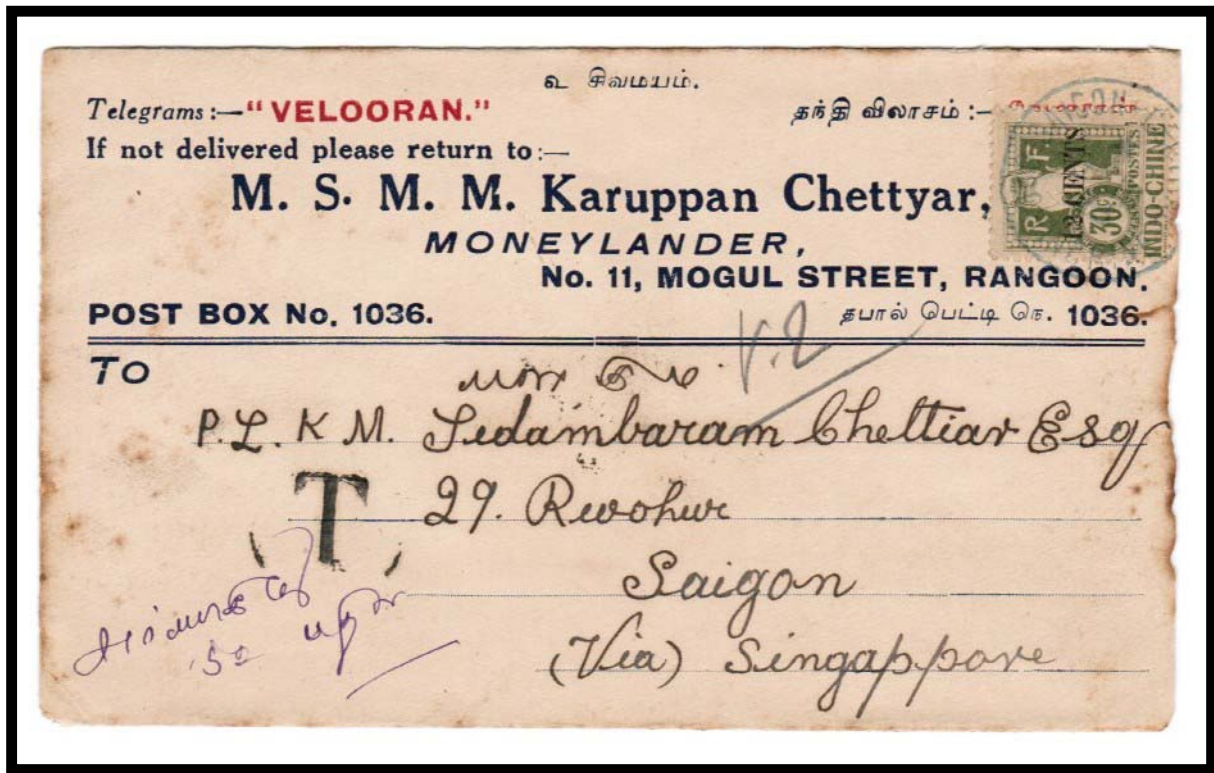
A sender used an 8-cent Overprinted Dragon Postage Due to frank a picture postcard sent from Tam-Binh, Cochinchina to France in 1923.



POSTAL MARKINGS
TAM-BINH COCHINCHINE 13 MARS 28

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues
Use of 12 cents

A 1923 letter posted from Burma with 2 1/2 annas postage on the reverse was charged postage due at Saigon in the amount of 12 cents.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE -10 23
REVERSE
RANGOON G.P.O. SORTING 27 SEP 23

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues Use of 16 cents

Franked with 2 annas in 1922, a letter from India was charged 16 cents postage due when it arrived at Saigon.



POSTAL MARKINGS

KILASAVAPATTI 12 JUL. 22

large plain "T"

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 20-7 22

manuscript "V2" due certification signature

"40c" in blue crayon

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues
Use of 20 cents

In 1920, an unfranked, pre-printed business envelope was charged 20 cents postage due by the Sadec post office.



POSTAL MARKINGS

large "T" in circle
SADEC COCHINCHINE -5 20

REVERSE

KILASAVAPATTI 15 MAY. 20

Overprinted Dragon Postage Dues
Use of 40 cents

As postal rates increased with time, unfranked letters were charged correspondingly more. In 1923, an unfranked letter from India was cited for 40 cents postage due at the Saigon post office.



POSTAL MARKINGS

KOTTAIYUR DUE AS.

large plain "T"

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 17-5 20

manuscript "V2" due certification signature in blue crayon

"100c" in pencil

REVERSE

KOTTAIYUR 30 APR. 23