

Navigation and Commerce Parcel Post Overprints

A tax of 10 centimes was imposed on packages sent through the mail. Both colors of the 10 centimes Navigation and Commerce stamps were overprinted for use as tax stamps for packages ("colis postaux"). Two different overprint formats were employed.

The one-line overprint was applied in red on the 10-centime black value in 1898. It was followed by the two-line overprint, also in red, in 1899. The 10-centime red received the black, two-line overprint in 1902.



Colis Postaux



TIMBRE

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Special Printing for Paris International Exposition of 1900



Navigation and Commerce
Two-Line Parcel Post Overprint on 10 centimes black
Varieties



INVERTED



DOUBLE



SHIFTED LEFT



LIGHT



MEDIUM



DARK



ORANGE



WITH INK SPLOTCH

Navigation and Commerce

Two-Line Parcel Post Overprint on 10 centimes red

Varieties



SIDEWAYS



INVERTED



DOUBLE



BLUE INK



SHIFTED
UP



SHIFTED
DOWN



DARK
IMPRESSION



LIGHT
IMPRESSION



MISSING BOTTOM
OF "POSTAUX"



MISSING "TIMBRE"
ON LEFT STAMP

Navigation and Commerce
Two-Line Parcel Post Overprint on 10 centimes red
Varieties



PRINTING IN
MARGIN



SIDWAYS OVERPRINT
CORNER BLOCK OF FOUR

Navigation and Commerce
Two-Line Parcel Post Overprint on 10 centimes black
Postmarks



BAC-NINH
TONKIN



HAIPHONG
TONKIN



PHO-LU
TONKIN



BAO-LAC
TONKIN



CANTON



DAP-CAU
TONKIN



DOSON
TONKIN



LAOKAY
TONKIN



NAM-DINH (blue)
TONKIN



NINH-BINH
TONKIN



TIEN-YEN
TONKIN



VIETTRI
TONKIN



VINH-THUY
TONKIN

Navigation and Commerce

Two-Line Parcel Post Overprint on 10 centimes red Postmarks



FAIFO
ANNAM



HAIPHONG
TONKIN



HANOI
TONKIN



BAC-NINH
TONKIN



CANTON



MONCAY
TONKIN



PNOMPENH
CAMBODGE



QUANG-YEN
TONKIN



TOURANE
ANNAM

Navigation and Commerce Revenue Overprints

In 1896, five values from the Navigation and Commerce series were overprinted for revenue use. The word "GREFFE" in the overprint stands for "droits de greffe" (clerk of court fees).



Navigation and Commerce
Use of Revenue Overprints

15 c
Mười lăm
拾五



用國家印跡紙者重罰

Navigation and Commerce Value Overprints

In 1903, quantities of 15c and 25c stamps were overprinted to meet shortages. The 15c on 25c was issued first in August. Later, in December, after 15c stamps arrived from France, the 5c on 15c was issued.



ULTRAMAR Overprint

The ULTRAMAR overprint was handstamped by the Portuguese government prior to distributing UPU sample stamps to its colonies.



Navigation and Commerce
5-centime Overprint Sheet



Navigation and Commerce
15-centime Overprint Sheet



Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Color Shades



Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Ascending Overprints



Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Shifting Overprints



Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Use of 15 centimes Variety

This example of the 15-centime overprint used on a wrapper exhibits a dramatic shift of the "15" to the far left border of the stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 4 SEPT 03

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Millesimes



Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Use of 15-centime Millesime

The millesime "2" shown in the selvage indicates that the 25-centime stamp had been originally printed in 1902.



POSTAL MARKINGS
TOURANE ANNAM 29 NOV 03
REVERSE
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 2 DEC 03

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Postmarks on 5 centimes



HAIPHONG



BIENHOA



HANOI



HA-TINH



PNOMPENH



SAIGON-CENTRAL



SAIGON-PORT



THANH-PHU

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Postmarks on 15 centimes



CAP ST. JACQUES



HAIPHONG



CHAUDOC



HANOI



HOUEISAI



LAO-BAO



LONGXUYEN



PNOMPENH



PURSAT



SADEC



SAIGON-CENTRAL



SAIGON A



SONG-CAU

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Postmarks on 15 centimes



SONTAY



TANHIEP



TRAI-HUT



TRAVINH



VINH LONG



TIEN-YEN



XIENG-KHOUANG



VUNGLIEM



TOURANE

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Use of 5 centimes

When the message was five words or less, the 5-centime value could be used to mail a postcard. Picture postcards were extremely popular at the turn of the century.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-PORT COCHINCHINE 26 FEVR 04
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 26 FEVR 04
REVERSE
ST ETIENNE LOIRE 22-3 04

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Use of 5 centimes

Calling cards sent in small, unsealed envelopes could be mailed for only 5 centimes. In this case, the envelope was addressed to "EV," meaning "en ville" (or "in the town"). Postage was paid with a single overprinted Navigation and Commerce stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 2 JANV 04

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Use of 5 centimes

A pair of the 5-centime overprints was affixed to this picture postcard mailed from Saigon to Paris in 1903. In this case, with a message less than 6 words, 5 centimes was the required postage.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 17 NOV 03

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Use of 5 centimes

A strip of three overprinted stamps paid the 15 centimes postage rate for a regular letter to France. Interestingly, each stamp's original value was 15 centimes before overprinting.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 3 FEVR 04
REVERSE
ORGON BCHES DU RHONE 2 MARS 04

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Use of 5 centimes

Six 5 on 15 centimes gray Navigation and Commerce stamps paid for a double weight (16-30 grams) local letter at Hanoi in 1904. The envelope was official stationery of the Customs Service.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 11 JANV 04

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Use of 15 centimes

Here the 15-centime stamp paid the postage for official mail between military posts within Tonkin.



POSTAL MARKINGS
LANG-SON TONKIN 9 OCT 03
REVERSE
DONG-DANG TONKIN 10 OCT 03

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Use of 15 centimes

The 15-centime stamp overpaid the postcard rate to Germany by 5 centimes.



POSTAL MARKINGS
GIADINH COCHINCHINE 1 SEPT 03
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 1 SEPT 03
DRESDEN ALTST. 14 3.10.03

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Use of 15 centimes

A wrapper, sent locally from the court in Hanoi, was franked with the 15-centime value overprint on the 25-centime blue Navigation and Commerce stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HANOI TONKIN 5 DEC 03

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Use of 15 centimes

This cover posted on 21 August 1903 represents early use of the 15-centime value.
First day of use for the 15-centime stamp was 6 August 1903.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HAIPHONG TONKIN 21 AOUT 03
framed R with manuscript registration number

REVERSE

ARRIVEE MARSEILLE 22-9 03
ALGER ALGER 24-9 03

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Use of 15 centimes

Four 15-cent overprints paid the postage for a registered letter to France in 1903.
Postage was calculated as follows:

letter rate to France	15 centimes
<u>registration fee</u>	<u>25 centimes</u>
total	40 centimes

Hence the letter was overpaid by 20 centimes.



POSTAL MARKINGS
HAIPHONG TONKIN 26 AOUT 03
framed R with manuscript registration number
REVERSE
BESANCON DOUBS 2-10 03

Navigation and Commerce
Value Overprints
Usage

Foreign letters required 25 centimes postage. Here both of the overprints were used to make up the foreign letter rate for a mailing to British India in 1909.



POSTAL MARKINGS

THUDAUMOT COCHINCHINE 1 MAI 09

REVERSE

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 2 MAI 09

SINGAPORE MY 7 1909

BANGALORE 17 MY 09