

### Introduction

The communication possibilities in these days bring a lot of Postal Authorities in trouble with regard to their turnover and deliveries.

For some years already you can follow this in the philatelic world also.

This means that you can decide to stop with it but if you like collecting stamps it cannot be a reason. Another possibility is that you only collect stamps which can be found on really delivered covers.

More and more Authorities "sell" their activities to commercial companies. Other ones have become private companies to be able to bring their shares to the Stock Exchange. In this way the Governments become money for their "investments" in the past.

The above was the reason to ask for your comment about new issues from 44 countries and those who gave a reaction it was very clear that I also should continue with publishing these issues. But additional information will be difficult sometimes.

An example: Sierra Leone issued on June 26, 2015 a minisheet and a bloc to commemorate the upcoming European Championship football. It is not because Netherlands did not qualify but what has Sierra Leone with football in Europe.

Such kind of issues we had also in the past but nowadays the number of issues is rising and the prices also.

*European Football Championship 2016*



### Poland



Sometimes when Postal Authorities issue a new thematic stamp you can ask yourself if the stamp is a collector's item only or has the stamp a postal function.

I had this feeling (because of a very low face value) when Poczta Polska on October 18, 2014 issued a sheet with 16 stamps and four labels to commemorate their victory from the men's team.

But a year later the question can be answered. This issue has also a postal function.

In the pricing guide from Poczta Polska with the rates valid from April 7, 2014 you can find five times a rate of 1,00 zł (PLN) for additional services.

This service is for letters/parcels within and outside Poland with a declared value. The fee for this declared value is for each 50.00 PLN or a part thereof – with a maximum of 70,000.00 PLN - 1.00 PLN.

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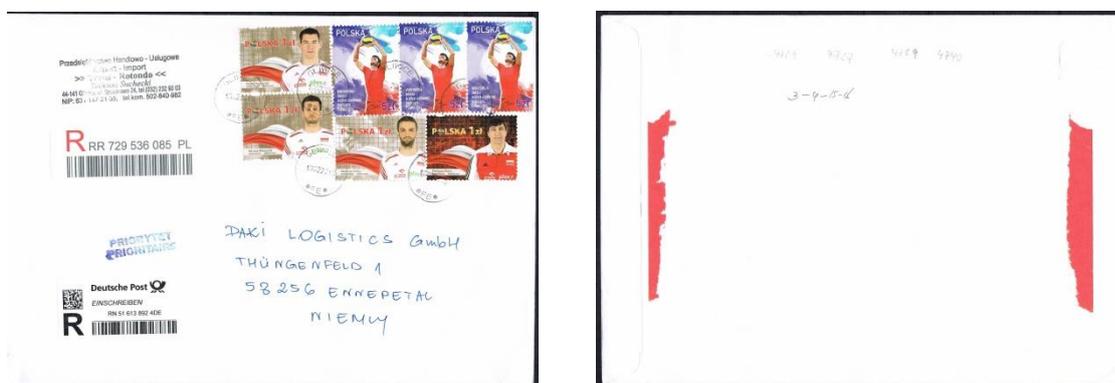
This means five different possibilities:

- 1) Economy or Priority Letter with declared value within Poland.
- 2) Economy or Priority Postal Parcel with declared value within Poland.
- 3) Priority letter with declared value with destination outside Poland.
- 4) Economy Postal Parcel with declared value with destination outside Poland.
- 5) Priority Postal Parcel with declared value with destination outside Poland.

NOTE: Letters/Parcels with declared value for destinations outside Poland are accepted to countries and territories listed in the "Additional information on international postal services" available on the Poczta Polska S.A. website: <http://www.poczta-polska.pl> and at postal outlets.

Unfortunately none of them have been found with these services so far but some other ones are interested enough as the stamp can also be used as a supplementary value.

### Commercial covers



Commercial Priority registered cover sent on February 10, 2015 from 44-141 Gliwice to 58256 Ennepetal (Germany) with three volleyball stamps (World championship volleyball Krakow from August 28, 2014) + four volleyball stamp (Dawid Konarski + Michal Winiarski + Mateusz Mika and Philippe Blain). Total 19,00 PLN. The rate for Priority registered mail for Europe with a weight up to and including 50 gr (16,00 PLN) + Confirmation of delivery (CN07) of registered mail (3,00 PLN) = 19,00 PLN.

COMMENTS:

- 1) Confirmation of delivery of registered mail may be requested only at the time of sending of registered mail, since it constitutes a comprehensive service together with this mail.
- 2) The fee is paid by the sender upon sending of the mail.



Commercial Priority registered cover sent on March 24, 2015 from 83-010 Pruszcz Gdanski to 8630 Veurne (Belgium) with all stamps from the sheet + Piotr Nowakowski one time extra. Total 17,00 PLN. The rate for Priority registered mail for Europe with a weight over

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50 gr. up to and including 100 gr. = 17,00 PLN.

The scan of the cover is not complete but the cover must have been over 50 gr.

Commercial Priority registered cover sent on June 22, 2015 from 59-500 Zlotoryja to 58243 Ennepetal (Germany) with three definitives (Zodiac – Capricorn from 1996) + one volleyball stamp (Michal Winiarski). Total 16,00 PLN.

The rate for Priority registered mail for Europe with a weight up to and including 50 gr. = 16,00 PLN.



### Covers between collectors



Priority registered cover sent on December 5, 2014 from 33-320 Nowy Sącz to 44380 Pornichet (France) with ten volleyball stamps (Stéphane Antiga, Piotr Nowakowski, Michal Winiarski, Dawid Konarski, Pawel Zatorski, Marcin Mozdzonek, Mateusz Mika, Philippe Blain, Michal Kubiak and Krzysztof Ignaczak + the apple from the Polish regional products (2014) and one definitive from 1999. Total 16,00 PLN. Source: Blog Covers and Stamps of the World from François Leboucher.

Priority registered cover sent on February 12, 2015 from 30-500 Krakow to Lodhran (district Punjab in Pakistan) with nine volleyball stamps (Stéphane Antiga, Piotr Nowakowski, Michal Winiarski, Dawid Konarski, Rafal Buszek, Pawel Zagumny, Karol Klos, Michal Kubiak and Pawel Zatorski + four Easter stamps from 2002. Total 17,00 PLN. The rate for Priority registered mail for Asia with a weight over 50 gr. up to and including 100 gr. = 17,00 PLN.

So the cover ( 90 gr.) is franked correctly.

The cover has two arrival cancels at the backside.

One is from February 18, 2015 Karachi 75350.

The other one is from Lodhran GPO dated February 2, 2015 but it should have been March 2, 2015 I think.

Source: Collection André Jungen.



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Priority registered cover sent on March 3, 2015 from 42-605 Tarnowskie Góry to 75280 Karachi (Pakistan) with three definitives (Zodiac – Capricorn from 1996) + one volleyball stamp (Rafal Buszek). Total 16,00 PLN.

The rate for Priority registered mail for Asia with a weight up to and including 50 gr. = 16,00 PLN.

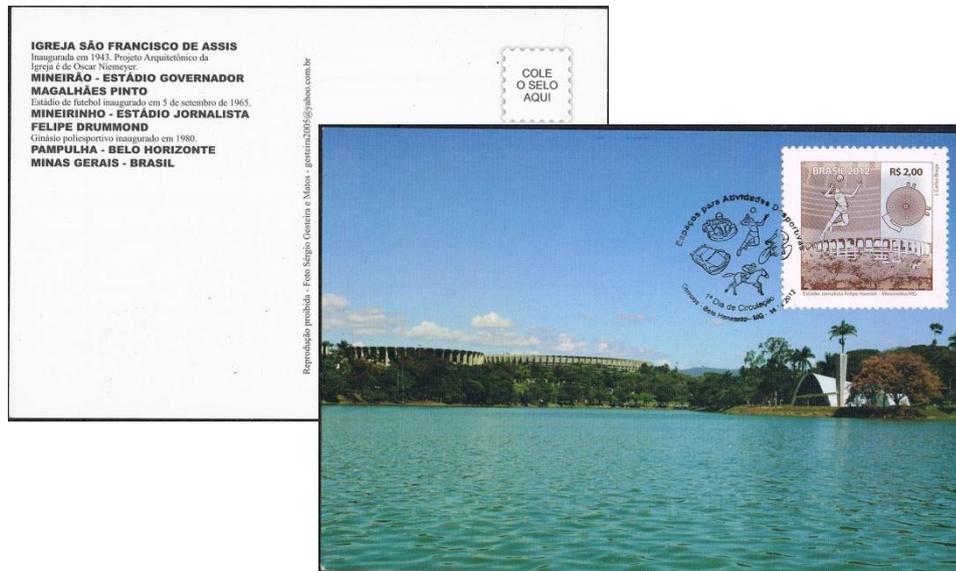
The cover has two arrival cancels at the backside. One is from March 9, 2015 Karachi 75350. The other one is from ??? dated March 10, 2015.

### Conclusion

Even the Polish business people used the stamps and in this century it is still worthwhile to follow your passion but you did already, I think.

MY THANKS GO TO: Marcin Brzóska (Poland), André Jungen and Thomas Lippert (Germany).

### The place to be in August 2016



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It is NOT Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior from FC Barcelona

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