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## Provisional Ukrainian

## Postage Stamps of the 1990s

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## Ukraine's Geographical:

'Soviet Ukraine'
November•1920-25•December•1991 Location
'Independent Ukraine’ 26-December•1991 - Present


## Disintegration of USSR; a new Ukraine Important 1990-1992 Dates

## Historical Benchmarks:

a: -10•July•1990 $\rightarrow$ Ukraine 'declares’ sovereignty;
b: -July•1991 $\rightarrow$ Ukraine declares the intent to vote on independence;
c: -August $1991 \rightarrow$ the putsch occurred; it failed, but alarm bells rang loud; thus, ...
d: -19•August•1991 $\rightarrow$ Ukraine's people voted: 'independence' or 'status-quo';
e: -24•August•1991 $\rightarrow$ final tally was $92.3 \%$ for independence; all of Ukraine's 'provinces' (oblasts) voted in favour, including Crimea;
f: -September• $1991 \rightarrow$ independence of the Baltic States recognized by the UN; Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania complete formal separation from the USSR;
g: -26•December•1991 $\rightarrow$ USSR dissolves; terms 'former-USSR' and 'former-soviet' now apply, and the remaining former-soviet nations now independent; -they form a co-operative called 'CIS' (Commonwealth of Independent States) to maintain 'some' economic ties, one related to postal fees that will result in ... two types of foreign mail fees, CIS and non-CIS;
h: -02•January• $1992 \rightarrow$ start of first postal tariff system of an independent Ukraine, a day that saw the regular domestic fee go from 5 •kopeks to 50 -kopiyoks; -Russia, the only former-USSR nation starting with modern secure mint-and-print facilities, still saw this go from 5 -kopeks to 30 -kopeks, despite ... a huge head start in a ready-made postal infrastructure.


First Anniversary
Declaration of Ukrainian Sovereignty USSR issue on 10-July-1991

匹 українців у канаді


Пошта України
Ukrainian Emigration to Canada modern Ukraine's very first issue on 01-March•1992


## Ukraine's Constituent Political Units

Oblast $\rightarrow$ means 'Province'; 24 oblasts and the Crimean•Autonomous•Republic (CAR); In many cases, the Oblast's name is the same as the Oblast's capital city.


# Some Published Statements Specific to Ukraine's 1990s Provisionals 

Catch Terms:<br>chaotic episode; embarrassing and humiliating;<br>frantic postal era; lots of growing pains; dynamically desperate period.

Quotes:
"Stories from this period are often humorous, though at the same time heartbreaking."
"In 1992, Ukraine issued its first postage stamps in almost 70 years. Among the first emissions were stamps of the Soviet Union overprinted, as in 1918, with the national emblem of Ukraine-the Trident."
"Tridents, tridents, tridents, ... déjà vu all over again."
"Any collector can see the beauty in this beast."
"These are stamps?"

## What Prompted My Focus on this Genre?

a) yes, the typical 'wanting to find out more about my heritage', but also ...
b) fascination with the beauty in this beast!;
c) 'Tridents déjà vu all over again' NOT!!!

 -early 1900s classic-era overprints were national emissions by decree always with a Trident; provisionals 'NO!!!'; -this 1990s stamps were local emissions substituting for national emissions by decree, not always with a Trident; provisionals 'YES!!!';
d) the 'challenge': the '4-in-17-of-25'; -of Ukraine's 25 political units, ... 17 made provisionals, and of these, ... only 4 had any kind of real marketing system, and ... only 1 of these 4 sold to the public through a relatively professional marketing programme (had 'catalogues').


## 'ProvisionalsEra' <br> Key Statistics

## Duration of this Provisionals Era

a) -The easy part $\rightarrow$ It began 02•January-1992, the first day of modern Ukraine's tariff•1;
b) -The not so easy part $\rightarrow$ When did it end? 'Formal' point nebulous due to regional variance; -best guess? $\rightarrow$ began to end in September• 1995 with diminishing use; our current last known proper use indicates it finally ended in March•1996.

## 2,318 Total 1990s Provisonal Issues

Percentage of Production Totals Adjusted to Tariff Length
(The date is when the tariff started.)

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { T1 (92Jan02): } 4.18 ; \text { T5 (93Sep10): 33.58; } \\
\text { T2 (92May10): } 5.89 ; \text { T6 (93Dec06): } 9.77 ; \\
\text { T3 (93Jan06): } 15.91 ; ~ \text { T7 (94Nov10): } 3.11 ; \\
\text { T4 (93Jun05): 27.27; } & \text { T8 (95Jun01): } \\
0.29 .
\end{array}
$$

This chart shows the majority (60.85\%) of these provisionals issued from June 5th to December 6th 1993.

## Ukrainian Money During the 'Provisionals Era', The 'Karbovanets': 02.January.1992 to 01•September. 1996

Canada/USA: $100^{\$}=\$ 1.00 \longleftrightarrow---\longrightarrow$ Ukraine: $100 \cdot$ kopiyoks $(k)=1 \cdot$ Karbovanets (Krb)
\$\$\$ ---------------> On 02•January•1992 at 00:01-hours, it was 8Krb-to-1USD.


One-kopiyok (Ukrainian 'penny')


One-Karbovanets (Ukrainian 'dollar')
Immediately following a system that had been built on soviet scales of economy, ... \$\$ $\rightarrow$ the average Ukrainian wage was about $\$ 350$ USD per year.

## Why the Need for Provisionals?

## Primary Reasons (Structural):

1) inadequate supply of national (Ukrainian) issues due to lack of facilities; such strategic USSR assets were 'centralized'; thus, no modern and secure mint and print facilities in Ukraine;
2) inadequate distribution network to post offices, as system had been Russia-centred decades;

Secondary Reasons (Socio-Economic)
3) need to repatriate what had been a russified system;
4) inflation $\rightarrow$ hyperinflation;


> Ukrainian = Миколаів = Mykolaiv Russian = Hикооаев = Nykklaev This city is in south-west Ukraine.
 \$\$\$ On 05•December•1993, it was now 12,600Krb-to-1USD.


## Hyperinflation's Effect on Regular Domestic Postage



1) Posted 28 -January 1992 (tariff•1), 0.50 Krb (like $50 \phi$ ) total franking; cities of Kharkiv to Dnipropetrovsk;
2) Posted 14 -December- 1993 (tariff•6), $\mathbf{1 0 0 K r b}$ (like $\$ 100$ ) total franking; cities of Zaporizhia to Odesa;
3) Posted $\mathbf{1 6}$-June-1995 (tariff•8), $\mathbf{5 , 0 0 0 K r b}$ (like $\$ 5,000$ ) franking; city of Chernivtsi local mail.

## Hyperinflation's Effect on Tariff Period Lengths, and Regular Domestic Fees

Ukraine was able to co-ordinate their tariff lengths only after they took special measures to account for foreign non•CIS mail, this with the start of tariff• 6 when Ukraine went to a periodic Krb-USD exchange formula for non-CIS mail.

| Duration of Tariffs in days: | T1 | T2 | T3 | T4 | T5 | T6 | T7 | T8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Domestic | 128 | 240 | 150 | 97 | 87 | 339 | 203 | 304 |
| Foreign CIS | 128 | 240 | 150 | 97 | 87 | 339 | 203 | 304 |
| Foreign Others | 188 | 180 | 188 | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | 98 | 339 | $\mathbf{2 0 3}$ | 304 |
| Regular Domestic Fees in 'Krb' | $\mathbf{0 . 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{2 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 0 0 0}$ |

## Provisionals Era Residential Tariff Rates

Private Citizens' Regular-Weight ( $\leq 20-\mathrm{grams}$ ) Letter Rates (in Karbovantsiv 'Krb')

Time Period

to 09-May-92
to 08-July-92
T2: to 05-Jan-93
T3: to 04-June-93
to 12-July-93 USA to 12-July-93

T4: to 09-Sept-93
to 29-Aug-93
USA to 29-Aug-93
T5: to 05-Dec-93
T6: to 09-Nov-94
T7: to 31-May-95
T8: to 31-Mar-96

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Regular--Registered
$0.50 \quad 0.70$
$\begin{array}{llll}0.50 & 0.70 & 0.50 & 0.70\end{array}$
.....................................
$1.00 \quad 1.50$
36 $\begin{array}{llll}15 & 35 & 25 & 45\end{array}$
15

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Surface--Registered Air--Registered Surface--Registered Air--Registered
$5 \quad 9$
2545

85105
$95 \quad 115$
$\rightarrow 709095$
$9 \quad 18$
$38 \quad 88$
$63 \quad 113$
$18 \quad 38 \quad 88 \quad 113$
$213 \quad 263$
238288

Refer to the following chart for the T6-T7-T8 rates to this foreign destination section.

## Due to Hyperinflation, Foreign Non CIS Rates now adjusted 'Daily' to the USD Starting 06-December. 1993

$\rightarrow$ The following is a 'monthly summary'. There are in fact many more dates to the complete chart. $\leftarrow$


## The CIS Effect: 'Commonwealth of Independent States'

CIS countries: all past USSR nations except the Baltic states which had separated in September.

Examples for Regular Mail (in Krb)

| January | Local | (CIS Nation) <br> Russia | (Non.CIS Nation) <br> Poland |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1992 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 3.60 |
| 1993 | 1.00 | 15.00 | 70.00 |
| 1994 | 100.00 | 250.00 | $1,852.00$ |

... and so on.

## Russification's Effect

Relegation of Ukraine's identity through language and control of key state assets and 'the system' by apparatchik.

Trial overprinting of "Hetmans of Ukraine" on definitive 1 kop. (3 kop.) USSR s[tamps] of 1988 y[ear] (1976 y[ear]) on sheets prepared upon agreement with the Lviv Post Office according to procurement order from 25.03 .92 by the Ukrainian Communications State Committee. Deputy Director of the firm "Borysfen" H. V. Novikov 10.05.[19]92). Text authenticated by a [round] rubber-stamped impression МВП "Борисфен" (MVP "Borysfen").

Lower down the following text was added in Russian: "Не утверждено, тиражирование запрещено Начальник Львовского Почтамта А. Ф. Олийнык" (Not approved, further printing forbidden Chief of the Lviv Post Office A. F. Oliinyk). Text authenticated by a [round] rubber-stamped official cancel of the Lviv Post Office.

-Kharkiv stamp (east Ukraine)
issued 24•January-1992
-value in Russian denomination
-initials 'OC' = 'Otdelenie Cviazi',
'Communications Department' in Russian

-Kamianets•Podilskyi stamp (west Ukraine)
issued February-1993
-Russian language and value
-Issue was denied by Lviv postmaster; -Yet this unissued proof made 'the market' just before Christmas 1992


## The Effect of Other Variables on Postage

(Numbers $1 \leftrightarrow 4$ shown earlier on slide•10: supply, distribution, repatriate, inflation)


Patriotism


Embarrassment

7) Fraud: heavy fees = 'basement fabrications' to circumvent mailing costs
8) 'Mixing' and 'rounded franking' came with hyperinflation: ('rounding' does not mean 'convenience'); cover example on next slide;


Left two stamps fraudulent; 350 of this 500 Krb T7 regular domestic fee is illegal.

## H) Cover Showing Both ...

## Mixed Franking, Mixed Set, and Rounded Franking

Registered airmail posted 13•February•1994 (tariff•6), Chernivtsi to Toronto, 9900Krb franking; i-mixed sets franking; ii- rounding: stationery stamp ignored, 9900 Krb rounded from required 9825 Krb


Note: You begin to see quite rounding and/or mixing on foreign nations mail, with the advent of the tariff 6 rates formula of ever-changing fees to such destinations.


## 'Postage' during this 1990s Period of Independence <br> (in Chronologic Order)

## 'Tariff.0, Interim Postal Tariff': December 26th $1991 \leftrightarrow$ January 1st 1992

First week of independence before initiation of tariff•1; last soviet tariff evidently honoured that week.


Regular Domestic Posted 27•December•1991; 5k.


Regular Foreign to Lithuania 29-December•1991; 20k.

## Groups of Provisionals Shown on the Following Pages

## Provisional Issues:

i) stamps made on short notice to provide issues that show formal change ... in government, currency, and for values in short supply or for new values; Local Issues:
ii) by province, city, post offices group, Ione post office, until 'Ukraine•Post' up and running

Groups of 1990s Ukrainian Provisional Stamps

## Initially:

1) revalued soviet: two 'types'- national and local;
2) utilitarian: very 'basic-appearing' (about 1,400 total); almost all ungummed, one colour; (38 stamps are one colour and gummed, and 13 stamps are multi-coloured and ungummed); three types- meter (including cash•register•receipts and forms), taxe-perçue, and 'multi-coloured'; (there are also meter and taxe-perçue hand-stamps);
3) overprints: all gummed; $\approx 50$ stamps (mostly former-soviet definitives) used as 'platforms';

Soon to 'Evolve' due to Hyperinflation:
4) revalued Ukrainian: 14 total;
(we also begin to see values pen•manuscripted directly).

## Nationally Revalued Soviet Stamps, aka the '23-for-23'

All soviet values, 23 total, revalued at par to its Ukrainian equivalent for 23 months as provisionals; Advantage $\rightarrow$ ready-made stamps; Disadvantage $\rightarrow$ maintenance of soviet 'identity'.


Regular foreign surface mail posted 14-February-1992 (tariff-1),
3.60Krb total franking,
cities of Kryyyi -Rih to Scottsdale, Arizona


Regular foreign air mail posted 17•January-1992 (tariff•1),
5.00 Krb total franking, cities of Lutsk to Toronto, Ontario

## Nationally Revalued Soviet Stamps: Oldest Known USSR-Revalued-Issues-on-Cover to Date

Regular non•CIS airmail, cities of Yasinia to Richmond•Hill posted 15•October•1992 (tariff•2); total franking 25Krb $\checkmark$ Note: 1R and 25k pairs at upper-left are February-1954 re-issues (first issued 1948 and 1949)



Dated cancel lifted from cover

The point of this cover? It's not just 23 values for 23 months.

It's also thousands of stamps.

Further Note: On March 31st 1961, the USSR nullified the face values of all their stamps that had been issued to that point. However, this is not the USSR. This is Ukraine.

## Locally Revalued Soviet Stamps: City of Makiivka, Donetsk•Oblast

Notes: Some oblasts or their municipalities also revalued; 'tolerated' by national government, good only for domestic mail; Note $\rightarrow$ violet strike ‘ПЕРЕОЦЕНЕ[HЫ|] (upper-left) means 'REVALUED'.


Regular mail posted $21 \cdot$ April•1992 (tariff•1), cities of Makiivka to Kyiv, $0.50 \mathrm{Krb} \sqrt{ }$ ( $5 \cdot \mathrm{kopek}$ stamp revalued to this)

## Known Locally Revalued Stamps Known to Date



## Non-Stamps: Hand•Stamp Types aka 'Wet Stamps'



1) Meter Type: Domestic regular mail posted $13 \cdot$ August•1992 (tariff•2), 1 Krb total franking;
2) Taxe•Perçue Type: Domestic registered postcard sent $22 \cdot$ August•1993 (tariff•4), 18Krb total franking.

## Non-Stamps:

 Pen Manuscript

Defined 'era' for this type $\rightarrow 06$-December• $1993 \leftrightarrow 28 \cdot$ May $\cdot 1994$; these were 'tolerated'; Disadvantage $\rightarrow$ inventory lack of accountability; Advantage $\rightarrow$ quick and easy;


Both Covers Regular Airmail to Canada; both bear tied manuscripting;
first posted 23•September•1993 (tariff•4), 301Krb?!; second posted 24•December• 1993 (tariff•6), 2,520Krb

## Provisional Revaluation of Ukrainian Definitives due to Hyperinflation

Set•1: first definitives (Allegoricals) issued mid•1992; Set•2 second definitives (Ethnographics) issued end of 1993, with two from set•1 again revalued; after 01-September•1996, revaluation to a new monetary standard.

Set-1 (The 'Allegoricals') Beginning 05•August•1994


Set-2 ('Ethnographics' plus Allegoricals) Beginning 17-June-1995 for Five of Eight


## Provisional Revaluation: A Definitive Assigned Two Different Revalues

Note: In my view, these two covers represents the best of Ukraine's 1990s 'philatelic idiosyncrasies'!

Set-One Revaluation


Regular airmail, city•of•Lviv to Richmond•Hill posted 03•March• 1995 (tariff•7), total 2,500Krb $\checkmark$ $10 \mathrm{Krb}=1,000 \mathrm{Krb}$; and $\ldots$ Note $\rightarrow 5 \mathrm{Krb}$ at 500 Krb

Set-Two Revaluation

## Provisional Revaluation of Ukrainian Stamps: Mixed Set; Revalued Stamps from Sets•1-and•2 on Same Cover

Set $\cdot 1$ revalue $\rightarrow$ red $10 \mathrm{Krb}=\mathbf{1 , 0 0 0 K r b}$; Set $\cdot 2$ revalue $\rightarrow$ green $50 \mathrm{Krb}=\mathbf{2 , 0 0 0 K r b}$; (pre•stamp ignored)


Regular Domestic mail, cities of Horlivka to Donetsk posted 18•September•1995, total franking 5,000Krb $\sqrt{ }$

## Ukraine's 1990s Provisional Stamps: Scott Catalogue's Only Reference to Ukraine's 1990s Provisionals

Numerous trident overprints on Soviet stamps exist. Many of them are legitimate local issues and were in official use. Locally produced stamps also exist.
(Michel has listed the KLCs.)
Now to the provisional stamps that this genre is best known for, the Provisional stamps, reviewed in chronological order according to issue date.

## Utilitarian Stamps: Some Basic Guidelines

This group included the first Ukraine-produced stamps since 1923; official start January 14th 1992


New designs to include national symbol or suitable regional icon-image; use Ukrainian language and monetary denomination; include some kind of security feature or practice; be clear and tidy.

## Utilitarian Stamps: Only Two Gummed Sets

 First Example from Mykolaiv, the Second from Yalta

How were these gummed stamps made?

They were made using 'box packaging' tape!


## Utilitarian Stamp Varieties

Variations based upon: paper colour, ink colour, paper thickness, placement of stamps relative to each other.


Kyiv 80k on thin white paper, issued 10•May•1992

Kharkiv 500 Krb on card 'СТРАХОВОЙ Ф17’, ('INSURANCE F[orm] 17') issued January-1994

## Utilitarian Taxe-Percue Wrapper City of Kyiv Issue Starting 02•January-1992

The very first Ukraine-made of the provisionals to date: Total 57 wrappers, one a week until replaced; used title 'Republic of Ukraine' ('РЕСПУБЛИКА УКРАИНА') since formal name notyet chosen beginning 1992.

РЕСПУБЛИКА УКРАИНА-КИЕВ $\quad$ ПОЧТАМТ


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PAR AVION
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PAR AVION
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NEWS
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9865 422000
MR PETER BIELYN
MR PETER BIELYN
P O BOX 7193
P O BOX 7193
WESTCHESTER IL 60154
WESTCHESTER IL 60154
USA
USA
SUBSCRIPTION COPY
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01.92 - 12.92
01.92 - 12.92
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    1 EX
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Week 36 version- August•30th to September•5th

Week 27 version- June•28th to July•4th (tariff•1 foreign non-CIS mail)

## Utilitarian: City of Kyiv•PO1 forForeignnon CIS Mail: Issued January 14th

Issued by Kyiv•Main•Post•Office•1; common use to 05•January•1993 (end oftariff•2); ‘Urgent Telegram Form ©1984’ variety (darker buff); '0' manuscripted to ‘ 9 ', rounded 'through protocol' to 1000k (10Krb); printed by cancel machine as needed.

Cover: Tariff•2, city of Kyiv to Toronto express airmail posted 15•August•1992; 70 Krb franking includes four 10Krb 'Kyiv•Post•Office•1' stamps.


## Utilitarian: City of Kyiv.PO1 for Foreign non-CIS Mail: Issued January 14th

Same stamp; 'Registered Parcel Form ©1982’ variety card (lighter buff); stamp maximum value of ‘999' again rounded 'through protocol' to 1000k (10Krb); printed via cancel machine as needed.

Cover: Regular airmail posted $31 \cdot$ October• 1992 (tariff•2), city of Kyiv to Toronto; proper in era $\mathbf{2 5 K r b}$ franking including two City of Kyiv-MPO provisional stamps.


## Utilitarian: City of Kyiv for StandardMail:Issued January 21st

City of Kyiv•Municipal•Post Seven-Value Set on thin white paper; minted by cancel machine; common use to 09•September•1993; quantity unknown, though one source states 1,100 complete sets

Domestic mail 17•July•1993 (tariff•4), cities of Kyiv to Zhytomyr, 9Krb,



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(Lesson having been learned after printing earlier surcharges: Use thin paper.)

# Utilitarian Set: Kharkiv District Post 'OC' Set-of-Eight Issued January 24th 

Shortest Duration of Use at only 5 days: ‘Eight-Value OC Set';
'OC' stands for 'Otdelenie Cviazi' (phonetically), meaning 'Communications Department' in Russian


Printed by rotary press on various types 'off-white' paper; each stamp hand-drawn (10-by-10 sheet,); common use to the 28th, then withdrawn; Note: withdrawal due either to 'public outrage' or 'lack of security features'; quantity unknown, but $8.8 \%$ of the total order value sold before withdrawal and annulment.

## 'OC' Set-of-Eight 45k Pane-of-100

Each stamp per sheet was hand-drawn, resulting in many varieties. For example the 'OC' initials on stamps 1 and 91 vary in placement. Also note that the designer 'piggybacked' from one value to another, such as with the 43 k and 46 k examples below. The ' 46 ' is clearly an altered ' 43 '.


## Utilitarian Cover: Standard Size ( $61 / 4$ " by $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ ) with Two 'OC' Set Stamps

Registered commercial, cities of Kharkiv to Kyiv; timed 6pm on 28•January-1992 (tariff•1); total franking $1 \mathrm{Krb} \checkmark$ Note: Properly posted in•era OC commercial covers are much sought-after, not at all easy to come by.

Further Note: Security precaution saw application only by postal clerk, followed by immediate cancellation. (Practiced in other oblasts, especially for 'utilitarian' stamps.)


Utilitarian-Stamped Kharkiv
Overage Cover (125/8"-by-9") with 'OC' Set Stamps
Registered commercial CIS-nation mail, cities of Kharkiv to Tashkent (Uzbekistan capital); cancelled 3pm24-January-1992 (tarif f-1); total 1.90Krb (1 Krb for the initial 20 -grams increment; additional 30 k per further 20 g increment, in this case 90 kmore ); Spectacular item, likely unique!
$3 \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{9} 70$

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$1-90$
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## Utilitarian Taxe•Percue Stamps: Sumy-Oblast, Issued for Use no later than 04•February-1992

Printed by photocopy; standard white paper; quantity unknown; common use to 05•January-1993 (end of tariff:2); security practice: application only by postal clerk with immediate valuation and cancel.

mint single

piece dated
17•April-1992

pieces dated 22-May•1992
(originally from the same package)

Note: The mint single (position 4 on a sheet) is extremely scarce.

## Utilitarian: Standard Size Cover with Sumy•Oblast 'TP'

Regular airmail posted 04•February•1992 (tariff•1), cities of Sumy to Berwyn•Illinois, total franking 5Krb $\checkmark$


Note: Specialized texts listing March-1992 as month of issue must now be adjusted given this cover's front cancel.

## Utilitarian Set: City of Kyiv 'Set•of•15' Issued February-1992

Printed by cancel machine on smooth thin white fluorescent paper; used in Kyiv and nearby cities.





## Utilitarian Cover: Posted 06•March•1992 with 'Set•of•12' Stamps

Regular non $\cdot$ CIS airmail mail posted $06 \cdot$ March• 1992 (tariff•1), cities of Kyiv to Detroit•MI, total franking $5 \mathrm{Krb} \checkmark$


USA arrival back-cancel
Bonus: Front and back of cover machine-cancelled makes this a sought-after item by collectors.

Utilitarian Cover: Cash•Register•Receipt Types used March •1992 $\leftrightarrow$ June -1995

This type- 'Zhytomyr•PO 29'; regular domestic posting 09•April'•1993, cities of Zhytomyr to Kyiv, 3Krb; Notes: i- use across the nation; ii- favoured by many oblast post offices due to accountability.


English mock-up of CRR Note: vast majority fading away into oblivion.

## Overprints: Some Basic Guidelines

We now see overprint stamps enter the provisionals scene as officially starting on 25•March•1992.


Overprints
Over-ride the prior soviet symbol with the Trident (or substitute Ukrainian icon);
Over-ride the prior value with a Ukrainian revalue;
Try to include some kind of security feature;
Try to be neat.
 Overprint Varieties


Lusterous-red overprintink; shield varieties

Orientation of shield and numeral types


# Typical Methods of Overprinting Stamps 

Make-Ready Sheet


Overprints completed three usual ways: offset-lithography, followed by hand-stamping, and typography. These two figures show us two pre-proof by-products of the lithographic approach. Examples of the latter two shown further on.
'Proofing plate': used only for make-ready sheet.

## Overprints: Kyiv•Oblast

## 'Eleven Value Set-of-34', Issue Starting 25•March•1992

Note: Stamps of the first overprints set were issued the same day of decreed permission to overprint.

| Quanties: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | March 25th, March 30th, April 2nd, July 4th. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | M8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Production, and Use <br> printed by lithography with a ten-by-ten image plate; |
|  | 9:234737 | 10:27,295 | 11:10,918 | 12:103,200 | 13:12,000 | 14:4,800 | 15:363,780 | 16:42,300 | 17:16,20 | common use |
|  |  | $\frac{\text { Mind }}{201}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | to 09-September•1993; <br> Note: used on all mail (national and international). |
|  | 18: 14,667 | 19:4,889 | 20:435,121 | 21:4,889 | 22:29,34 | 23:44,384 | 24.18,516 | 25:432,00 | 26:18,000 |  |
|  |  |  | $\frac{18}{20}$ | 098- |  | $\begin{aligned} & {[10} \\ & 36=5] \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | 27:320,362 | 28.6538 | 29:34,04 | 304 30:69 |  | 31:28,714 | 32:566 | 33:31,52 | 34:648 |  |

## Overprints: Cover with Kyiv-Oblast 'Set•of•11 Values' Stamps

Foreign non CIS regular airmail, cities of Kyiv to Silver•Spring Maryland, posted 18•June•1992 (tariff•1), total franking 5Krb $\checkmark$


## Overprints: Cover with Kyiv•Oblast 'Set•of-11 Values' Invert

Foreign non•CIS registered airmail, cities of Kyiv to Brooklyn•NY, posted $25 \cdot J u l y \cdot 1992$ (tariff.2), total franking 45Krb $\sqrt{ }$; Note: includes very early use of 1 Krb invert stamp, and missing registry identification number.


## Utilitarian: Kamianets•Podilskyi District Post 1R Value (from a Set-of-Eight) Issued during Tariff-1

Domestic registered commercial posted 20•April•1992, cities of Kamianets•Podilskyi to a Nadvirna fuel company; 1 R (1Krb); Note: cancel establishes new issue date prior to current June• 1992 listing.


## Utilitarian Set: Mykolaiv-Oblast Kopiyok Set issued 11•May•1992 (for Tariff•2)

Nine kopiyok (penny) values complete; largest of all utilitarian sets at $25-$ by- 37 mm ; printed by rotary press on various paper; quantities unknown; common use to early September•1993.




## Cover with Utilitarian Mykolaiv•Oblast Kopiyok Set Stamps

Domestic regular posted 14•June•1993 (tariff•4), cities of Mykolaiv to Kyiv; franking of $9 \mathrm{Krb} \checkmark$ via two 450 K (4.50Krb) stamps;


Note:stamps were for overage mail when issued, but these two meet domestic needs here during tariff• 4 .

## Overprints: Melitopil District Post (Zaporizhia•Oblast) 50k \& 1 Krb Revalues Issued 15•May•1992

Note: Tariff•1 ended May 9th for domestic and CIS•nation mail, but lasted until July 8th for non•CIS mail. Thus, these revalues may have been used on overseas mail during tariff•1; no known examples to date; various shield and numeral types shown below; some reports say violet ink variety only made one day.


Note: The search continues for a tariff•1 overseas cover bearing any of these stamps.

Overprint: Cover with Melitopil District Post Imperforate Se -Tenant Stamp

Twinning of these two revalues was unofficial, yet postal clerks briefly created this to make their work easier; Registered CIS mailing, Ukraine to Moscow posted 23 -Septembe r-1992 (taif fP); 1.50Krb $\checkmark$


Mint examples unknown (both revalues are tied)



Utilitarian Cover: City of Lutsk 'Telegraph-Tape' Taxe Percue

Regular foreign non•CIS surface mail posted 20•December•1993(tariff•6), cities of Lutsk to Riga Latvia; 1,892Krb total franking;



Telegraph-tape TP; uncommonly used May•1992 to May•1995 in several oblasts across the nation; Note: mintstamps unknown

## Hybrid Overprint-Utilitarian Taxe-Percue: City of Chernivtsi, for Internal Use Starting 11•June-1992

Intended for overages sent to non•CIS nations; uncommon use to 05•January•1993 (end tariff•2).


Note: Mint lower-sheet block-of-10; shows each overprint completed with single hand stamp one at a time.

## Overprints: Chernivtsi-Oblast 'National Arms' Set•of•Six Issued 03•August•1992

Quantities:


Issued during tariff-2; printed by lithography with a ten-by-ten plate; quantities above; common use to December•1993;

Note: Chernivtsi-Oblast decided to release their own Trident overprints once a broker from Borysfen Printworks (had already completed overprinting for Kyiv, Lviv, and Chernihiv) visited the postmaster for Chernivtsi:Oblast.

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## Overprint: Cover with Chernivtsi-Oblast 'National Arms' Stamp

Domestic registered posted 04•August•1992 (tariff•2), the second day after issue, cities of Chernivtsi to Kyiv, $1.50 \mathrm{Krb} \checkmark$ Note: Chernivtsi overprint partnered with one from the Kyiv set


## Overprints: Lviv•Oblast Inverts 'Set-of-Ten-Revalues', Issued 21•August•1992 (Tariff•2)

All Lviv overprints (uprights, inverts) printed by ten-by-ten image lithography.


Foreign non CIS surface mail on 27•August•1992, cities of Lviv to Alexandria•VA, 15Krb. $\sqrt{ }$


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## Overprints: Lviv•Oblast Provisionals on Wrapper

Foreign non-CIS registered wrapper posted 04•January•1993 (tariff•2), cities of Boryslav to Toronto; mailed the second-last day of in era tariff; total franking 110Krb for a weight factor of 20-100 grams;
Note $\rightarrow$ this tariff, followed by one to start the 6th, would price this package at over nine times more!


## Overprints: Chernihiv District (County) Post Three-Value Set-of-Thirteen

Issued 08•September•1992; overprintby ten-by-ten image lithography plate; commonuse: top row's kopiyok (penny) values to December•1992, bottom row's Karbovantsiv (dollar) values to November•1994.


Note: The Chernihiv and Lviv sets were completed the same day, same inks and designs on the same platform stamps; thus, experts could not differentiate Lviv and Chernihiv stamps.

## Overprints: Cover with Chernihiv District Post Se-Tenant Pair of Provisionals

Domestic registered commercial rate mailed 01 -December• 1992 (tariff•2), local posting, $2 \mathrm{Krb} \sqrt{ }$; Note: stamp positions 19-20; only one per sheet of this specific pair makes use of this intact pair special.


## Overprints: Kyiv Municipal Post

## 'Coats-of-Arms' Souvenir Sheets 'Issued' December-1992

'Issued' during tariff•2, just in time for Christmas; printed by full-sheet plate; quantities: black 25,000, violet invert $\approx 1,000$; mix of revalued stamps and labels; 'uncommon' use to $12 \cdot$ July• 1993 despite souvenir status.


Guarantee cancel on black overprint only; some escaped without this; Cyrillic text says: 'Philatelic Souvenir, Kyiv Post Office 30, December 1992'.


Overprints: Cover
with Souvenir Sheet Stamp

Domestic registered mail posted 05•June•1993 (tariff•3/4), cities of Kyiv to Rivne, total franking $6 \mathrm{Krb} \checkmark$


## Overprints: Chernivtsi-Oblast 'Local Arms' Issued 25-January-1993

Issued during tariff•3; overprinted with violet ink by ten-by-ten image typography plate; maximum 64 complete sets on green stamps; common use to 09-November•1994; quantities listed below each stamp.


Overprints: Chernivtsi-Oblast
Cover with Green Stamp 'Local Arms' Se•Tenant

Domestic regular posted $10 \cdot$ January • 1994 (tarif ff), local city of Chernivtsi mail; 100Krb $\checkmark$
Note: This machine-cancelled cover with se -tenant pair is spectacular!



Front cancel


Back cancel

## Overprints: Chernivtsi-Oblast 'Double Overprints' Issued 28•January•1993

Issued during tariff:3; second overprint in red ink "Буковина’ ('Буковина' = 'Bukovyna', refers to the area's beech forest); violet overprint via lithography, red overprint via typography; both printed by ten-by-ten image plate; quantities 160 each; common use to 09-November-1994;
Note: separated block-of-four singles became nullified.


Overprints: Chernivtsi-Oblast
Cover with Double Overprints 'Local Arms', PLUS
Local regular city (Chernivtsi) mail posted 23•November•1994 (tarif ff); 500Krb;
Note: bears 400Krb 'block-of-four single' and unlisted 100Krb 'overprint shift' variety 'local arms' single.


## Utilitarian Stamps: Mykolaiv•Oblast Black-Ink Set; Red-Ink Set

Issue: black set January-1993 to April-1993 (tariff•2), red set May•1993 to January•1994 (tariffs 3 to 6); quantities unknown; printed by rotary press; various paper; red set's pairs on coupons; meant for national use.


## Utilitarian Stamps: Cover with Mykolaiv-Oblast Black Stamp

Foreign non•CIS registered airmail posted 27•May•1993 (tariff•3), cities of Mykolaiv to Victoria•BC, total franking 105 Krb ( 450 k hand stamp +50 k stationery stamp + 100Krb stamp);

Note: superb international mail with this stamp!


## Utilitarian Stamps: Cover with Mykolaiv•Oblast Red Stamp

Foreign non•CIS registered airmail posted $25 \cdot$ April• 1994 (tariff•6), cities of Mykolaiv to Victoria BC, total franking 9,500Krb (as rounded to the day's $9,457 \mathrm{USD}$ fee);

Note: Again, superb international mail with these stamps!


Further Note: Mykolaiv issued the 1000 and 5000 Krb stamps January-1994 in an attempt to keep up with hyperinflation.

## Overprints: Mykolaiv•Oblast February-1993 Issues (Tariff•3):

 'Strips•of•10s' on the 2nd, 'Sheet• of•50' on the 11th|  |  |
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Printed by full pane-plate typography; higher values in common use to November•1994



Registered domestic posted 11•February•1993 (tariff•3), 6Krb total; Note: mailed first day of issue.

Overprints: Cover with Mykolaiv•Oblast Strip and Sheet Stamps during Tariff. 3 USA Rate

Registered USA rate posted $22 \cdot$ April 1993 (tarif f•3), 115Krb total (70Krb strip $\cdot$ stamp, 35 Krb sheet $\cdot$ stamp, utilitarian 10Krb);


Note: 115 Krb is the USA fee; foreign registered non CIS rate anywhere else 105Krb; thus, an extra 10 Krb during this postal tariff

## Utilitarian Set: Chernihiv•Oblast Twenty-Five Value Set-of•40

Issued 25•May•1993 to 26•December•1993; 15 of 25 values on two types of paper, thus 40 stamps; quantities unknown; letterpress printed in sheets of 280 (14-by-20); common use into May•1995; for national use only.




## Utilitarian Postcard with Chernihiv Stamp

Local city of Chernihiv registered mail, posted 16•February•1994 (tariff•6), 200Krb; Note: 1000 Krb (<\$8USD) postal money order; postcard with surcharge adhesive stamp very uncommon.



## Utilitarian Set: Rivne-Oblast Set-of•Eighteen Long Stamps


$\leftarrow$ Issued 06•June-1993 to 06-December• 1993 (for tariffs 5/6); printing by mimeograph; quantity unknown; common use to November•1994


Foreign non-CIS registered mail posted 23 -March• 1994 (tariff•6), cities of Rivne to Poland, 9150 Krb ; Note: 'only' 500 Krb if mailed to Russia.

## Utilitarian Stamps: Kharkiv-Oblast Card and Form-Stamps Issued June•1993 to January-1994



Printed with a cancel machine; quantities unknown

Utilitarian Cover with Kharkiv•Oblast Form-Stamp

City of Kharkiv regular local mail posted 04•April' 1994 (tariff•6), 100Krb $\checkmark$


Note: machine-cancel; thick stamp not 'machine-cancel friendly'; post office soon went back to hand cancels

## Utilitarian Set: City of Ivano-Frankivsk MPO Set•of•Four Issued 06•August•1993

Issued during tariff•4; printed via multi-purpose device using unique single images on 26 mm -wide paper rolls; azure-blue ink; quantities: 812 complete sets; Note: common postal use for only two weeks.


Quantities $\rightarrow \quad 1,102$


812


1,320


1,240

Note: Issue 'encouraged' by local stamp club President; however normal protocol bypassed; once 'Sluzhba Bezpekay Ukraina' (SBU, Ukraine's ‘CIA') found out, use became 'hazardous'.

Utilitarian City of Ivano-Frankivsk MPO Cover with Set•of•Four Stamp

Registered CIS surface mail posted $20 \cdot$ August •1993 (tariff•4), cities of Ivano•Frankivsk to Moscow, total franking $88 \mathrm{Krb} \checkmark$;


Note: cover mailed on the last day of the 'two-week period of safety'.

## Utilitarian Sets: Chernivtsi-Oblast Fauna and Definitive-Local Sets Singles and Booklets

Issue Dates: November to December 1993; prepared for tariffs 6/7; printed by typography with migratory ink; quantities: first two definitive-locals at 500,000 each, the rest at 100,000 each.




Booklets: one pane of each value Red---first six Fauna, four stamps per pane; Blue --final three Fauna, four images per pane; Black-all four values, ten images per pane.

## Utilitarian Full Sheets:

## Chernivtsi-Oblast Fauna and Definitive-Local Uncut Sheets



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## Utilitarian: Cover with Chernivtsi-Oblast Fauna and Definitive-Local Stamps, and First Day Covers

Domestic registered mail posted 08•June•1994 (tariff•6), cities of Chernivtsi to Ivano•Frankivsk, total franking 200Krb; Notes: $\mathbf{2 5 0 K r b}$ first released abroad in an attempt to limit 'set-hoarding'; bears a stamp from both sets.


## Utilitarian Set: City of Boiarka MPO (Kyiv.Oblast) Three Value Set•of•4 Issued 06•November•1993

Issued during tariff•5; printed with single image hand stamp on off-white paper; quantity unknown; commonly used into November•1994; Note: once released, set's intended tariff lasted just one more month.


## Utilitarian Cover: City of Boiarka MPO 'In-Tariff-Era' Stamp

Domestic registered mail posted 19-November•1993 (tariff•5), cities of Boiarka to Irpin, total franking 54Krb;


Note: there are very few tariff-era covers such as this since the set was issued so late into its tariff.

## Utilitarian Sheet: Ochakiv DPO Set•of•18

Issued November• 1993 (tariff•5); three each of six values; photocopy; quantity unknown; uncommon use into early November•1994; Note: ten varieties to typing mistakes; sheet is a rarity.


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## Overprints: Borodianka District Post (Kyiv•Oblast) 'Boxed Set-of-22' Issued March•1994

Issued during tariff•6; printed via single hand stamp; two revalues on four different soviet and four different Ukrainian stamps; quantity unknown; common use to early November-1994; Note: the last overprints stamps released.


## Overprints: Borodianka District Post

 Boxed Set-of-22 'Violet Four'Violet overprint ink used only one day; abandoned to poor clarity; these four likely unique in North•America; Note: four violets make this a set-of-22 rather than a set-of-18.


## Overprints: Cover with Borodianka District Post Stamps

Domestic regular mail posted 28 -December-1994 (tariff•7), cities of Borodianka to Kyiv, total franking 500Krb $\sqrt{ }$;


Note: cover past the period of 'common use (early November 1994)' for these stamps.

## Utilitarian Cash-Register-Receipt Stamp: City of Snizhniv MPO Portion of CRR, June•1995

Latest recorded provisional stamp 'release' recorded so far; Initial use the first month into tariff.8; portion of CRR; violet ink; values arbitrary to need; this facsimile for 5000 Krb (regular domestic fee); length of use?


Note: The postal clerk's initials are to the left of the CRR portion ('Lobko Kharkiv•Snizhniv•1'; mock-up from b+w to colour)

## Conclusion

## Other Benchmarks Impacting the Postal System

1) Contracted foreign postal authorities to mint nation's stamps, $01 \cdot$ March $\cdot 1992$ to $23 \cdot M a r c h \cdot 1996$. However all countries other than Russia soon became too expensive due to hyperinflation.


CBNC Canada), 24-September•1994 Shevchenko University


Goznak (Russia), 23•March•1996 Kharkiv Zoo 100th Anniversary

Note: This was the last foreign contract stamp.

## Other Benchmarks Impacting the Postal System

2) The issue of their first modern-era stamp as a 'test', then back to the drawing-board, to refine.
'Independence Day' 3rd Anniversary
03-September•1994


## Other Benchmarks Impacting the Postal System

3) National•Bank•of•Ukraine, completed ahead of schedule (March 1st 1994), was able to help. They completed the more 'ornate' stamps, issuing periodically from 17•July•1996 to 28•September•1999.

'The Banker's Moral Code of Ethics' 28-September-1999
After this issue, Ukraine Post took full control of their mandate.


# Other Benchmarks Impacting the Postal System 

Monetary Reform:

4) On 02•September•1996, Ukraine moved to the 'Hryvnia' through adjusting the Karbovanets by 100,000.


And so ended the 'Karbovanets era'. (But not hyperinflation!)

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