

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
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AG 311.1 (29 Jun 50)CCS
SCAPIN 2110

29 June 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: International Postal Service

1. a. Rescission: Memorandum for the Japanese Government, AG 311.1 (28 May 48)CCS, SCAPIN 1900, 28 May 1948, subject: International Postal Service, as amended.

b. References:

- (1) Memorandum for the Japanese Government, AG 091 (29 Jan 46)GS, SCAPIN 677, 29 January 1946, subject: Governmental and Administrative Separation of Certain Outlying Areas from Japan.
- (2) Memorandum for the Japanese Government, AG 311.1 (9 Jun 49)DS, SCAPIN 2015, 9 June 1949, subject: Communications Between Japanese Government and Persons Abroad in Regard to Personal Status.
- (3) Memorandum for the Japanese Government, AG 720.4 (3 Feb 50)GA, SCAPIN 2083, 20 February 1950, subject: Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Operations.
- (4) Memorandum for the Japanese Government, AG 311.23 (23 May 50)CCS, SCAPIN 2098, 23 May 1950, subject: Communications with Japanese Overseas Agencies.
- (5) Memorandum for the Japanese Government, AG 311 (24 Feb 50)CCS, SCAPIN 2085, 24 February 1950, subject: Rationalization of Japan's Telecommunication Services.

2. International Postal Services between Japan and all other nations will be operated in accordance with the Universal Postal Union Convention and Agreements and all other international or bilateral postal agreements to which Japan is now, or with approval of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers shall in the future become, a signatory, subject to provisions of references lb(1) to lb(5), inclusive, above, any other directives promulgated by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, applicable Japanese laws and regulations including, but not limited to those governing mail, customs, foreign exchange and foreign trade, and to instructions embodied herein.

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3. The Japanese Government or any agency thereof is prohibited from corresponding with other governments, persons outside Japan or diplomatic missions and/or representatives in Japan, except as authorized in references 1b(1), (2), (4), and (5) above; and except that:

a. The Japanese Government and/or agencies thereof are authorized to communicate with all international organizations to which Japan is now, or with approval of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers shall in the future become, a signatory, on administrative and fiscal matters necessary in the operation of such organizations.

b. The Japanese Government, Ministry of Postal Services, is authorized to communicate with the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, foreign postal administrations, shipping companies and air lines on matters necessary in the operation of all postal services covered by international conventions or agreements to which Japan is signatory. Agreements or decisions to expand or contract services within these agreements will be subject to prior approval of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

c. The Philatelic Agency, Ministry of Postal Services, is authorized to communicate with persons abroad on philatelic matters and to export postage stamps, souvenir stamps and stamped paper on receipt of orders and payments therefor.

d. The Japanese Government and/or agencies thereof are authorized to send and receive manuscripts or publications covering results of scientific research and activity and to correspond with persons outside Japan on matters contained in such manuscripts or publications.

e. The Japanese Government and/or agencies thereof are authorized to communicate with foreign government patent offices on procedures, administrative matters, laws and regulations concerning copyrights and industrial property registrations, and to send and receive publications related to same.

4. The mailing of "relief" or "gift" parcels to Japan only is authorized, in addition to regular parcel post service under international agreements, subject to the following provisions:

a. Weight - limited to 22 pounds or 10 kilograms.

b. Contents - restricted to assorted non-perishable foods, clothing, clothes-making materials and mailable medicines, in non-commercial quantities, for the personal use of the recipient and his

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immediate family, or for the use of bona fide orphan asylums, asylums for the aged, and charity hospitals and/or institutions. (See Annex I attached for list of permissible quantities.)

c. Indorsements - wrappers of such parcels must be indorsed "Relief Parcel" or "Gift Parcel."

d. Customs - parcels complying with the provisions of paragraphs 4a, b and c above will be admitted duty free but will be subject to customs examination and a customs clearance fee.

e. Parcels containing assorted food items, not exceeding the weight limit, will not be considered as being in commercial quantities.

f. Parcels found to contain clothing or clothes-making materials in commercial quantities will not be permitted entry duty free but will be treated in the same manner as regular parcels, in accordance with applicable international agreements and Japanese laws and regulations.

g. Parcels found to contain mailable medicines in commercial quantities will be treated as undeliverable.

h. Parcels found to contain gift articles, as distinguished from relief items, such as watches, fountain pens, tobacco products, soap, etc., or any article other than those listed in paragraph 4b above, will be delivered only on payment of applicable customs duties, taxes and/or penalties that may be assessed. Failure of addressees to pay same will cause entire parcel to be treated as undeliverable.

i. All parcels must be accompanied by appropriate Customs Declarations, containing full and precise details as to contents.

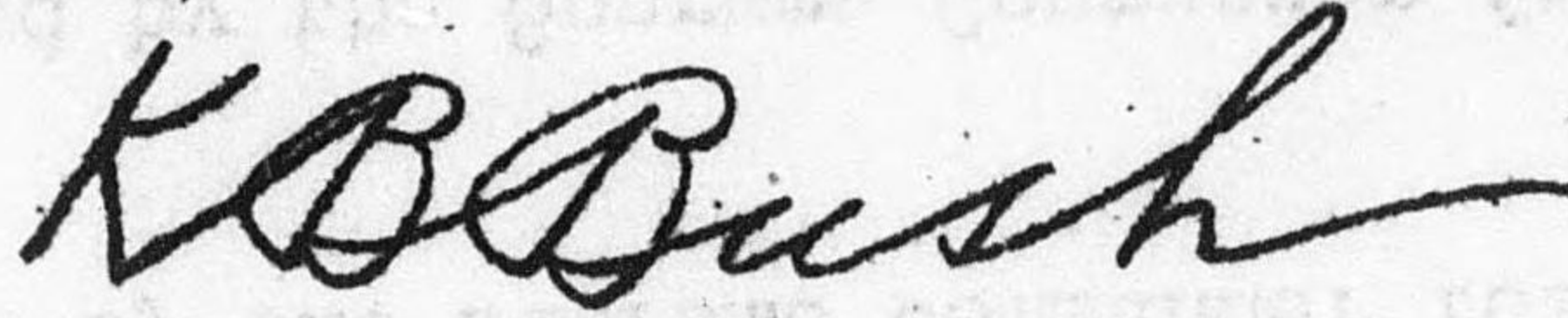
5. All international mails will be made available for examination, in accordance with instructions issued by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

6. Except as otherwise authorized by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, settlement of accounts between Japan and other countries, shipping lines and air lines will be in terms of dollars or pounds sterling, subject to provisions of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Control Law of 1949, Japan.

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7. Direct communication between Civil Communications Section and other Staff Sections of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and the Ministry of Postal Services is authorized concerning matters within the scope of this memorandum.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:



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Annex I - Permissible
Quantities in Relief Parcels

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ANNEX I

to

Memorandum for the Japanese Government, SCAPIN 2110 dated 29 June 1950

Standard of Permissible Quantities of Items
For Any Single Relief Parcel Destined for Japan

1. Relief packages cannot exceed 22 pounds or 10 kilograms in weight.

2. Specific Limitations:

Assorted foodstuffs up to weight of package

Medicines:

Penicillin	up to 9 million units
Santonin	up to 1 gram
Phenacetin	up to 1/8 pound
Streptomycin	up to 100 grams
Vitamins	100 ampules or 1 pound of tablets
Aspirin	2 ounces
Sulfa drugs	150 tablets
Others	reasonable amounts not in commercial quantities

Clothing, new:

Suits or dresses, adults	1 of each size
Suits or dresses, children	2 of each size
Shirts	3 of each size
Underwear	6 pairs
Gloves	3 pairs
Socks or stockings	1 dozen pairs
Hats, caps and the like	2 items
Boots or shoes	2 pairs of each size
Handkerchiefs	1 dozen

Towels 1 dozen

Sheets and similar coverings 5 items

Textiles for clothing:

Woolen	sufficient for 2 suits
Cotton	" " 2 dresses
Silk	" " 2 dresses

Woolen yarn 5 pounds

Cotton thread (yarn) 2 dozen small rolls

Sewing needles 2 small packets

Used clothing, in moderate quantities using above new goods standard as a basis.

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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Information of General Application Pertaining to Directive Number SCAPIN 2110, AG 311.1 (29 Jun 50) CCS, this Headquarters, 29 Jun 50, subject: International Postal Service

1. With reference to subject memorandum, the following is published for the information of all concerned.

2. International Postal Services between Japan and all other nations was governed by SCAPIN 1900 which had been amended by 13 subsequent SCAPINS, making it lengthy, complicated and cumbersome. It also contained many specially imposed SCAP restrictions, which were beyond those normally imposed by international postal conventions and agreements.

3. Subject SCAPIN was issued to provide for:

a. Removal of special restrictions, in accordance with current SCAP policy, and return of international postal services to normalcy, to the greatest extent practicable under present conditions.

b. Consolidation of international mail regulations in one SCAPIN, in place of fourteen as formerly.

4. The following results have been accomplished:

a. With minor exceptions, international postal services are practically normal for private persons. Most remaining restrictions are imposed by the world monetary situation over which neither SCAP nor the Japanese have any control.

b. The Ministry of Postal Services will settle its accounts direct with other nations, shipping companies and airlines, subject to provisions of Japanese laws and international agreements, instead of through the Treasury Trust Fund or SCAP Commercial Account.

c. Restrictions on communications between the Japanese Government and persons outside Japan, as imposed by SCAPIN 677 and other SCAP directives, have been retained, with the exception of the additional specific authorizations contained in paragraph 3 of subject SCAPIN.

d. "Gift" or "Relief" parcels - a class of service not recognized in international postal conventions and agreements - are still permitted entry into Japan duty free when they conform to certain standards. Otherwise, the receipt and dispatch of parcels will be governed by Japanese laws and international agreements.

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