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Croatia – Illegal postage stamp issues

Dear Sir/Madam

The postal administration of **CROATIA** asks me to inform you of the following:

"We bring to the attention of UPU member countries the circulation of forged copies of the postage stamp issues "Vis", with a face value of 3.50 HRK.

"That this illegal postage stamp issue is in violation of the regulations of the Universal Postal Convention as well as the legislation of the Republic of Croatia. The fraudulent stamp does great damage to the reputation of the Croatian Post, since the issue of official postage stamps is the exclusive prerogative of our administration.

"The illegal postage stamp issue can be recognized by the following details:

- the face value of 3.50 has been printed in bold letters;
- the perforation is irregular and large (11), while the perforation of the original issue was 14;
- the printing of the forgery is blurred without sharp contours;
- the colour of the sea is a more intense green and the stamp is brighter than the original.

"Croatian postage stamps also have fluorescent security markings incorporated in to the paper."

Yours faithfully,

K J S McKEOWN
Director of Markets