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International Bureau Circular

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Estonia – Illegal issue of postage stamps

Dear Sir/Madam

The postal administration of **ESTONIA**, Estonian Post Ltd., wishes to inform the postal administrations of UPU member countries of the following:

"Estonian Post Ltd. has been receiving numerous messages from philatelists around the world asking it to confirm the validity of postage stamps being sold on the Internet that bear the names of Estonian islands.

"Under the national legislation of the Republic of Estonia, the sole body authorized to issue postage stamps is Estonian Post Ltd. No other legal company in Estonia may issue postage stamps featuring the names of Estonian islands.

"We can therefore confirm that these stamps have not been officially issued and are not valid for postage. We strongly denounce and condemn such illegal activity. All UPU member countries are urged to prohibit the circulation of these stamps.

"Postage stamps officially issued by Estonian Post Ltd. are published on the WNS website at www.wnsstamps.ch. A list of the illegal issues is attached."

Yours faithfully,

K.J.S. McKEOWN
Director of Markets Development

Annex 1

The following stamps bearing the names of Estonian islands have been identified as illegal issues:

- 1 Stamps bearing the name ABRUKA POST
 - miniature sheet of 6 stamps (theme: chess)
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: cats)
- 2 Stamps bearing the name AEGNA POST
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: Princess Diana)
- 3 Stamps bearing the name AKSI POST
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: Princess Diana)
- 4 Stamps bearing the name HIIUMAA POST
 - miniature sheet of 12 stamps (theme: WWF)
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: WWF)
 - miniature sheet of 9 stamps (theme: birds)
 - miniature sheet of 8 stamps (theme: dinosaurs)
 - miniature sheet of 9 stamps (theme: Princess Diana)
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: minerals)
 - miniature sheet of 6 stamps (theme: waterfowl)
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: dogs)
- 5 Stamps bearing the name KIHNU POST
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: cats)
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: dogs)
- 6 Stamps bearing the name MANILAIID POST
 - miniature sheet of 12 stamps (theme: butterflies)
 - miniature sheet of 8 stamps (theme: dinosaurs)
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: minerals)
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: dogs)
- 7 Stamps bearing the name MUHU POST
 - miniature sheet of 12 stamps (theme: WWF)
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: WWF)
 - miniature sheet of 6 stamps (theme: Pope John Paul II)
- 8 Stamps bearing the name OSMUSSAAR POST
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: Princess Diana)
 - miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: cats)

9 Stamps bearing the name PRANGLI POST

- miniature sheet of 12 stamps (theme: butterflies)
- miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: dogs)

10 Stamps bearing the name RUHNU POST

- miniature sheet of 6 stamps (theme: chess)
- miniature sheet of 12 stamps (theme: WWF)
- miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: WWF)

11 Stamps bearing the name SAAREMAA POST

- miniature sheet of 12 stamps (theme: WWF)
- miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: WWF)
- miniature sheet of 6 stamps (theme: wildlife)
- miniature sheet of 9 stamps (theme: Pope John Paul II)
- miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: dogs)
- miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: cats)

12 Stamps bearing the name SUUR-PAKRI POST

- miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: minerals)
- miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: Princess Diana)

13 Stamps bearing the name VÄIKE-PAKRI POST

- miniature sheet of 16 stamps (theme: animals)
- miniature sheet of 12 stamps (theme: wildlife)

14 Stamps bearing the name VORMS POST

- miniature sheet of 12 stamps (theme: WWF)
- miniature sheet of 4 stamps (theme: WWF)
- miniature sheet of 9 stamps (theme: Princess Diana)