



Dear Sir/Madam

UZBEKISTAN asks me to inform the designated operators of UPU member countries of the following:

"Unidentified individuals have once again been seeking to discredit our country by carrying out illegal postage stamp issues. We have discovered from a visit to the website www.BiStamp.com that there are illegal postage stamps in existence on the international philatelic market bearing the inscription 'O'ZBEKISTON'. These stamps, whose face value is shown in Uzbekistan sums (UKS), have not been issued by the designated operator of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

"We have also identified on this site postage stamps bearing the inscriptions 'KARAKALPAKIA', 'Republic KARAKALPAKIA', 'KARAKALPAKISTON' and 'KARAKALPAKIA'.

"The motifs on these illegal miniature sheets are:

- 'Seals' miniature sheet containing 6 postage stamps;
- 'Exotic fish' miniature sheet containing 6 postage stamps;
- 9 'French Impressionists' miniature sheets, each containing 6 postage stamps,
- 15 'Monroe, Disney' souvenir sheets, each containing 1 postage stamp;
- 17 'Impressionists' miniature sheets, each containing 6 stamps;
- 1 'History of trains' miniature sheet containing 6 postage stamps;
- 1 'Animals' miniature sheet containing 9 postage stamps;
- 1 'Sea fauna' miniature sheet containing 6 postage stamps;
- 4 'Dogs' miniature sheets containing 6 postage stamps;
- 1 'Dogs' miniature sheet containing 9 postage stamps;
- 1 'Dogs' miniature sheet containing 12 postage stamps;
- 2 'Dinosaurs' miniature sheets containing 4 postage stamps;
- 1 'Dinosaurs' miniature sheet containing 9 postage stamps;
- 1 'WWF: birds' miniature sheet containing 4 postage stamps;
- 1 'Butterflies' miniature sheet containing 6 postage stamps;
- 3 'Butterflies' miniature sheets containing 9 postage stamps;
- 1 'Kittens' miniature sheet containing 6 postage stamps;
- 1 'Minerals' miniature sheet containing 6 postage stamps;
- 2 'Horses' miniature sheets containing 3 postage stamps;
- 1 miniature sheet containing 12 postage stamps with the subject former United States President Jimmy Carter.

"As the Republic of Karakalpakistan is part of the Republic of Uzbekistan, it does not issue its own postage stamps.

"The designated operator of the Republic of Uzbekistan informs the designated operators of Union member countries, the philatelic community and collectors of the existence of these stamps and asks them not to accept them for prepayment or to buy them.

"The designated operator of the Republic of Uzbekistan also requests that the designated operators of Union member countries communicate this information to their philatelic partners."

Yours faithfully,

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