



Dear Sir/Madam,

Empresa de Correos de Bolivia (ECOBOL), the designated operator of Bolivia, has asked me to inform UPU member countries of the following:

"On 26 September 2011, during an inspection of postal items at several private courier companies, the Inspection Unit detected illegal stamps in use by a company holding a first-category annual operating certificate and operating nationally and internationally. Article 5 of Supreme Decree No. 29799 stipulates that all express mail service operators must affix to each item postage stamps sold and monitored by ECOBOL.

"The fraudulent stamps had a face value of 1.5 bolivianos (BOB), and were self-adhesive and multicoloured. Their texture was suspect, and their perforation clumsily executed. After the illegal stamps were detected, all items were submitted to close inspection, revealing 37 items prepaid using illegal stamps. The crime was reported to the Special Crime Unit of the National Police, and criminal proceedings have been initiated through normal judicial channels."

Yours faithfully,

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Director of Markets Development

*Annex 1*

**Illegally issued stamp identified by Empresa de Correos de Bolivia, the designated operator of Bolivia**

