

Berne, 4 December 2017 International Bureau Circular Libya – Illegal issues

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The designated operator of **LIBYA**, Libya Post, asks me to inform the designated operators of other Union member countries of the following:

"Libya Post has recently discovered that the series shown in Annex 1 are being sold and distributed as stamps produced by Libya. The first series is called High-Speed Trains and contains six issues dispatched in miniature sheets of varying heights. The second series is called Renaissance Painters – Jacopo Pontormo (1494–1557) and also contains six issues dispatched in miniature sheets of varying heights (see Annex 1).

"Libya Post confirms that these are illegal issues and are not valid as evidence of payment of postage. Libya Post strongly denounces and condemns such illegal issues. The issuance of these stamps is a flagrant violation of national legislation on postage stamp production and of the provisions of article 8 of the Universal Postal Convention, in accordance with which, only Libya Post is authorized to issue postage stamps on behalf of Libya.

"Libya Post is calling upon the cooperation, solidarity and support of all UPU member countries and bodies to prohibit the sale and circulation of the illegal stamps, in accordance with Libyan laws and regulations and the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention. The continued production and sale of illegal issues is a criminal activity, which is harming not only philately and the reputation of the country, but is also detrimental to all countries and the wider postal sector."

Yours faithfully.

Jean-Alexandre Ducrest Director of Logistics

Annex

## Illegal issues denounced by Libya Post.

High-Speed Trains

















## Renaissance Painters – Jacopo Pontormo (1494–1557)















