Vietnam General Duty Stamps

On 20 May 1949, the French Assembly approved the reunification of Cochinchina with the rest of Vietnam. The decision took effect on June 14 and the State of Vietnam was officially proclaimed on July 2. The State of Vietnam had partial autonomy from France as an associated state within the French Union.

1952. Format 35 x 19 mm. Perforated 13½. Modeled after preceding Indochinese revenues with empty circle at left and inscribed in the background “TIMBRE FISCAL.” Printed in bistre (cent values) or yellow-green (piaster values). Overprinted “ETAT DU VIET-NAM” with value in blue (cent values) or red (piaster values).
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1953. Format 35 x 19 mm. Perforated 13½. Similar design but overprint changed to “ÉTAT DU VIỆT NAM QUỐC-GIA” with “CON NIỆM” above value. Printed in bister with blue overprint (cent values), green with red overprint (1-100 piaster vales) or violet with red overprint (200-500 piasters).
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[Images of postage stamps showing denominations from 3 to 50 piastres, with some stamps marked with cancellation stamps.]
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1953. Dark shades of piasters values may have been the result of separate printing(s).
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1954. Format 35 x 18½ mm. Perforated 13½. Similar design with a dragon in the circle. Background inscribed “THUÊ CON NIÊM.” Value overprinted in black with “VIET-NAM” in the circle. Printed in bister (cent values to 10 piasters), green (20-100 piaster values) or pink (1,000 piasters).
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1955. Format 35 x 18½ mm. Perforated 13½. Similar design with “$” replacing text in the value. Overprinted in black. Printed in bister (cent values to 4 piasters) and pink (200-500 piasters).
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1955. Issues of 1953 overprinted "0 $ 20" with bar obliterating original value in black.

- 0$20 on 30 cents
- 0$20 on 50 cents
- 0$20 on 70 cents

1955. Issues of 1954 overprinted "0 $ 20" with bar obliterating original value in black.

- 0$20 on 50 cents
- 0$20 on 30 cents

1955. Issues of 1955 overprinted "0 $ 20" with bar obliterating original value in black.

- Large 0$20 on 30 cents
- Small 0$20 on 30 cents
Vietnam Bill of Lading

1952. Format 35 x 19 mm. Perforated 13½. Modeled after preceding Indochinese revenues with empty circle at left and. Overprinted in black “ÉTAT DU VIÉT NAM QUỐC-GIA” in the circle. To the right, overprinted in black “CONNAISSEMENTS ESTAMPILLE HÀNG HÁI” with value in piasters.

1952. Associated control stamps in the same colors. Overprinted on the right “HÀNG HÁI KHÔNG KÈ.”