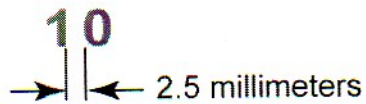


Provisional Postage Dues

A shortage of commonly used values (multiples of 5 centimes) prompted Indochina to overprint available stocks of French colonies general Issues postage stamps. A black "5" was printed on the 60 centimes tan in 1904. In the following year, three new values were printed on the black 40 and 60 centimes postage due stamps.



Varieties



Wide spacing



Broken "5"

Provisional Postage Dues Multiples



Provisional Postage Dues Color Shades

For the values overprinted in red, the impressions varied in intensity and shade of color.



Provisional Postage Dues
Ascending Overprints



Provisional Postage Dues
Postmarks on black Overprints



Provisional Postage Dues
Postmarks on black Overprints



Provisional Postage Dues
Postmarks on red Overprints



Provisional Postage Dues
Postmarks on 5 centimes red



Provisional Postage Dues Use of 5 centimes black

On 20 July 1905, a sender posted a picture postcard from Hon-Gay, Tonkin to a soldier or civilian serving with the 3rd Company of the 12th Colonials in Saigon. After transiting Haiphong, the card arrived in Saigon on 21 July. Apparently, somewhere along the way, a postal clerk had missed the 5-centime stamp on the reverse side and assessed the card 10 centimes postage due with a pair of postage due stamps. As a handwritten note and a handstamp attest, the card was refused. Since the addressee had declined to pay the amount due, the postage due stamps were cancelled with horizontal pen lines.



POSTAL MARKINGS

HON-GAY TONKIN 20 JUIL 05
 HAIPHONG TONKIN 21 JUIL 05
 SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 23 JUIL 05
 T in triangle and framed "RÉFUSÉ"

REVERSE

HON-GAY TONKIN 20 JUIL 05

Provisional Postage Dues
Use of 5 centimes black

One-centime stamps were insufficient postage for these wrappers mailed internally within Saigon in 1904.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 29 JUN 04
large plain "T"



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 25 JUN 04
large plain "T"
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 26 JUN 04

Provisional Postage Dues
Use of 5 centimes red

In 1905, the sender failed to add any postage to a wrapper addressed locally within Saigon. As a consequence, a postal clerk applied a large "T" with black ink. Additionally, he affixed a 5-centime postage due stamp for the minimum postage due amount.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 28 AOUT 05
large, plain "T" (postage due)

Provisional Postage Dues
Use of 10 centimes

An unsealed and unfranked local letter posted at Saigon in 1905 was assessed postage due in the amount off 10 centimes with the 10-centime provisional postage due stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 27 JUIL 05

T in triangle

SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 31 JUIL 05

Provisional Postage Dues
Use of 10 centimes

Sent from Tourane, Annam to France in 1905, this envelope was underpaid by 5 centimes. The postage due assessment was twice the underpayment amount or 10 centimes.



POSTAL MARKINGS

TOURANE ANNAM 20 SEPT 05

T in triangle

TOURANE ANNAM 20 SEPT 05

Provisional Postage Dues
Use of 30 centimes

Since the sender had failed to attach postage in the amount of 15 centimes needed for an internal letter, the Saigon post office charged the letter postage due in the amount of 30 centimes, twice the short payment. Besides the large "T" signifying "postage due," the envelope bears an example of the 30-centimes provisional postage due stamp.



POSTAL MARKINGS
SAIGON-CENTRAL COCHINCHINE 22 AOUT 05
large, plain "T" (postage due)