

7.2 REGULAR AIRMAIL SERVICES FROM 1945

7.2.1 Airmail – Surcharges rates – Hyperinflation period

From Robert Morgan's Hyperinflation book:

"All air mail traffic (both domestic and overseas) ceased early in 1944, and the resumption of air mail service to foreign countries has a very interesting history worth telling.

Following the cessation of military activities, the major US airlines wanted to make Budapest their stop-over hub for their respective routes originating from the United States, England and Germany towards their destinations to the Middle East and Australia.

"The puppet Hungarian government was eager to issue the permits, even securing approval from the Soviets, but at the last minute the Soviet High Command in Hungary cancelled the deal. The US airlines considered the negotiations a failure and eventually set up their hub in Vienna. Thanks to the Soviets, there was no civilian air traffic going into or out of Hungary. Even after the military activities ceased, the Postal Department was not allowed to arrange airmail with other countries for one full year until May 1, 1946. The directive establishing the resumption of airmail appeared in **PRT 24, 23.04.1946**, regulation 216.493/4. It set down a very strictly regulated and controlled and controlled system, including the fact that in Hungary only one Post Office, Budapest 72 (at the Eastern Railway Station), was allowed to accept airmail for transmittal.

"The fee had to be paid in cash and always at the daily rate of the Gold Franc. The Gold Franc was to be converted into the *Pengő* at the official daily exchange rate posted by the Hungarian National Bank.

"To the named European countries the weight rate was per 10 g; to the named countries beyond Europe the weight rate was per 5 g, and the weight limit was 20 g. Only letter mail was allowed. In addition, the above directive states "...only a restricted quantity of consignments will be accepted each day. If that number is reached, the post office will stop accepting that day, and will resume accepting airmail the following day...".

Table 1: Airmail rates during the Hyperinflation period (Morgan)

Resumption of Air Mail with European and Overseas countries and corresponding rates:		
Australia, (New South Wales only)	each 5 grams	1.50 Gold Franc
Australia, all other points	each 5 grams	2.00 " "
British India	each 5 grams	1.50 " "
Unites States of America	each 5 grams	1.00 " "
North Borneo, (Brunei and Sarawak)	each 5 grams	1.00 " "
Canada	each 5 grams	1.00 " "
New Zealand	each 5 grams	2.00 " "
France	each 10 grams	0.10 " "
Ireland	each 10 grams	0.10 " "
Great Britain	each 10 grams	0.10 " "
Sweden	each 10 grams	0.10 " "
USSR	each 10 grams	0.10 " "

Most such airmail is unfranked, paid in cash, and stamped with a boxed *Taxe Perçue* cachet. It is considered scarce - only about 70 items are known.

7.2.2 Airmail – Surcharges rates – from 01.08.1946

According to the 'Black Book', after the new currency was brought in from 01.08.1946, internal airmail commenced on 15.10.1946 for which the surcharge fee was 10 *f* per 20 g. A more general but still restricted airmail tariff was introduced by **PRT 53, 1947** (not seen). By mid-1948, airmail was available to most countries of the world.

PRT 7, 14.02.1948: Airmail items can now be sent to any European country, except Spain, with which postal traffic is suspended. The airmail surcharge for items is uniformly 40 *fillér* per 10 g.

The post offices shall comply with the Airmail Tariff Schedule issued in the annexes to Decree No. 264.571/4 published in PRT 53 of 1947. 2. Abroad A) In the Europe section, the current list shall be deleted and replaced by: 'Airmail surcharge to all European countries: per 10 g, 40 *fillér*. (Traffic with Spain is suspended.)'.

PRT 16, 10.04.1948: Covers a review of postage due items from overseas: "When reviewing the postage charges for airmail items, the amount indicated in gold centimes next to the 'T' handstamp by the foreign receiving postal administration shall be taken into account. In the absence of such a figure, the item shall be treated as if it were not an airmail item and postage may only be charged if the charge charged does not even cover the postage charges for an ordinary item of the same type."

PRT 18, 24.04.1948: Limitation of Liability for Damages in Palestine: In response to the notice of the British Postal Administration, I hereby inform the Offices that the British Postal Services currently operating in Palestine will cease their operations in that territory with effect from 15th May 1948.

In connection with the charging of the British Postal Service, I hereby inform the Offices that the present Palestinian Postal Administration will only be liable for parcels which arrived in Palestine before 15th March 1948. For letter-post items (other than airmail items), this deadline is 15 April 1948.

Airmail items will be received and delivered by the British side as far as possible by 15 May 1948. Otherwise, letter-post items and parcels may arrive from Palestine as long as it is possible to do so on the British side.

As regards official correspondence relating to postal traffic with Palestine (inquiries, inquiries and other official requests), the present Palestine Postal Administration will endeavour to deal with these by 15 May of the year, although in many cases it may be possible — especially if these requests are made by arrived in Palestine after 1 March 1948 — no reply will be given.

The offices should draw the attention of the senders concerned to the above. Requests for return, change of address, *etc.*, concerning items destined for Palestine should be forwarded by registered airmail or telegram, and the parties should in all cases be informed that the post office does not assume responsibility for their execution.

PRT 19, 30.04.1948 Airmail traffic to Palestine suspended

PRT 24, 05.06.1948 Resumption of airmail traffic to Palestine. II. ad. 231.220/4. Airmail items may be sent to Palestine again. However, the post office does not assume liability for compensation for the items. The offices should note this in the decree I. ad. 228.576/4. published in P. R. T. No. 19 of 1948 and inform the senders accordingly.

Tables of data from *Postatarifák Adók Illetékek Közlekedési Menetrendek*, vol. 41, no. 2 of 05.06.1948 give the then current surcharge tariffs in detail, followed by a total airmail charge calculator based on airmail Zone.

Table 2: Airmail surcharges - 1948

Country	Zone	Airmail surcharge <i>Ft</i>	Express	Value boxes		50% fee		Dutiable goods	
			(y=yes)	Possible (y=yes)	No. of customs docs.	Books (y=yes)	Newspapers (y=yes)	In a letter (y=yes)	As samples (y=yes)
Europe		Per 10 g							
Albania	II	0.40	y	-	3	-	y	y	-
Austria	I/a	0.40	y	y	3	-	-	y	y
Belgium	II	0.40	y	y	2	y	y	y	-
Bulgaria	II	0.40	y	-	-	-	y	y	y
Czechoslovakia	I/b	0.40	y	y	2	y	y	y	y
Denmark	II	0.40	y	y	1	-	-	y	y
Finland	II	0.40	y	-	2	-	-	y	-
France	II	0.40	y	y	2	y	y	y	y
Germany	II	0.40	-	y	2	-	-	-	-
Gibraltar	II	0.40	y	y	1	-	-	y	y
Great Britain	II	0.40	y	y	1	-	-	-	-
Greece	II	0.40	y	y	2	y	y	-	-
Irish Republic	II	0.40	y	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	II	0.40	y	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luxemburg	Ii	0.40	y	y	1	y	i	y	y
Malta	II	0.40	y	y	1	-	-	y	y
Netherlands	II	0.40	y	y	1	y	y	y	y
Norway	II	0.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	II	0.40	y	-	-	-	-	-	y
Portugal	II	0.40	y	-	-	y	y	y	y
Romania	II	0.40	y	y	3	y	y	y	y
Soviet Union	II	0.40	y	-	-	y	y	-	-
Spain	-	No postal connection							
Sweden	II	0.40	y	y	1	-	-	y	-
Switzerland	II	0.40	y	y	2	y	y	y	y
Turkey	II	0.40	-	y	1	y	y	y	-
Vatican City	II	0.40	-	-	-	-	y	y	y
Yugoslavia	II	0.40	y	y	2	-	y	y	y
Overseas		Per 5 g							
Algeria	III	0.40	y	y	3	y	y	y	-
Argentina	VII	2.00	y	y	3	y	y	y	-
Australia, NSW Elsewhere	IX	3.00	y	y	2	y	-	-	y
	X	3.60	y	y	2	y	-	-	y
Bolivia	VIII	2.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	VI	1.70	y	y	2	y	y	-	-
Burma	VII	2.00	-	-	-	-	-	y	y
Canada, Montreal Elsewhere	IV	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	y	y
	V	1.40	-	-	-	-	-	y	y
Ceylon	VII	2.00	y	-	-	-	-	y	y
Chile	IX	3.00	y	-	-	y	y	y	y
China	X	3.60	y	-	-	-	-	-	-

Country	Zone	Airmail surcharge <i>Ft</i>	Express	Value boxes		50% fee		Dutiable goods	
			(y=yes)	Possible (y=yes)	No. of customs docs.	Books (y=yes)	Newspapers (y=yes)	In a letter (y=yes)	As samples (y=yes)
Columbia	VI	1.70	y	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba	V	1.40	-	-	2	y	y	y	-
Cyprus	VI	1.70	-	y	2	-	-	y	y
Dutch Indies	VIII	2.40	y	y	1	-	-	y	y
Ecuador	-	-	y	y	3	y	y	y	y
Egypt	IV	1.00	y	-	-	y	y	y	-
El Salvador	V	1.40	y	-	-	y	y	-	-
Fr West Africa	VI	1.70	-	y	1-4	y	y	y	y
Fr. Eq. Africa	VI	1.70	y	y	2	y	y	y	y
Fr. Indo-China	VII	2.00	y	y	1	y	y	y	y
Fr. Morocco	III	0.40	y	y	1	y	y	y	y
Guatemala	V	1.40	y	y	2	-	y	y	y
Iceland	IV	1.00	y	-	-	-	-	y	y
India	VII	2.00	y	-	-	-	-	y	y
Iran	VI	1.70	-	y	2	-	-	y	-
Iraq	VI	1.70	-	-	-	y	-	y	-
Japan	-	No postal connection							
Lebanon	IV	1.00	-	y	2	y	-	y	-
Libya	-	-	y	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaya	VII	2.00	-	y	1	-	-	y	y
Mexico	V	1.40	y	y	2	-	y	y	y
New Zealand	X	3.60	-	y	2	-	-	y	y
Pakistan	VII	2.00	y	-	-	-	-	y	y
Palestine	IV	1.00	y	y	1	-	-	y	-
Panama Canal Z. & Republic	V	1.40	y	-	-	-	y	y	-
Paraguay	VIII	2.40	-	y	1	y	y	-	-
Peru	VIII	2.40	-	-	-	-	-	y	-
Philippines	IX	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	y	y
Saudi Arabia	VI	1.70	-	y	2	-	y	y	-
Siam	VII	2.00	y	y	1	-	-	y	y
South Africa	VII	2.00	-	-	-	-	-	y	y
Syria	IV	1.00	y	y	1	y	y	y	-
Tangier	III	0.40	-	y	1	y	y	y	y
Transjordan	VI	1.70	y	y	2	-	y	y	-
Tunis	III	0.40	y	y	2	y	y	y	y
Uruguay	VII	2.40	-	-	-	-	y	-	-
USA, New York Elsewhere	IV	1.00	y	y	2	-	-	y	-
	V	1.40	y	y	2	-	-	y	-
Venezuela	VII	2.00	-	y	-	-	-	-	-

Table 3: Total airmail fee calculator for 1948

Zone:	I	-	Ia	Ib	II	-	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Weight g	Inland	Weight g	Europe			Weight g	Overseas airmail surcharge fee, <i>Ft</i>							
	AT		CZ	Other	0.40		1.00	1.40	1.70	2.00	2.40	3.00	3.60	
	Total fee, <i>Ft</i> :			Total fee, <i>Ft</i> :										
20	0.70	10	1.10	1.00	1.40	5	1.40	2.00	2.40	2.70	3.00	3.40	4.00	4.60
40	1.40	20	1.50	1.40	1.80	10	1.80	3.00	3.80	4.40	5.00	5.80	7.00	8.20
60	1.50	30	2.40	2.40	2.80	15	2.20	4.00	5.20	6.10	7.00	8.20	10.00	11.80
80	1.60	40	2.80	2.80	3.20	20	2.60	5.00	6.60	7.80	9.00	10.60	13.00	15.40
100	1.70	50	3.70	3.20	4.20	25	3.60	6.60	8.60	10.10	11.60	13.60	16.60	19.60
120	1.80	60	4.10	3.60	4.60	30	4.00	7.60	10.00	11.80	13.60	16.00	19.60	23.20
140	1.90	70	5.00	4.00	5.60	35	4.40	8.60	11.40	13.50	15.60	18.40	22.60	26.80
160	2.00	80	5.40	4.40	6.00	40	4.80	9.60	12.80	15.20	17.60	20.80	25.60	30.40
180	2.10	90	6.30	4.80	7.00	45	5.80	11.20	14.80	17.50	20.20	23.80	29.20	34.60
200	2.20	100	6.70	5.20	7.40	50	6.20	12.20	16.20	19.20	22.20	26.20	32.20	38.20
220	2.30	110	7.60	5.60	8.40	55	6.60	13.20	17.60	20.90	24.20	28.60	35.20	41.80
240	2.40	120	8.00	6.00	8.80	60	7.00	14.20	19.00	22.60	26.20	31.00	38.20	45.40
250	2.50	130	8.90	6.40	9.80	65	8.00	15.80	21.00	24.90	28.80	34.00	41.80	49.60
260	3.30	140	9.30	6.80	10.20	70	8.40	16.80	22.40	26.60	30.80	36.40	44.80	53.20
280	3.40	150	10.20	7.20	11.20	75	8.80	17.80	23.80	28.30	32.80	38.80	47.80	56.80
300	3.50	160	10.60	7.60	11.60	80	9.20	18.80	25.20	30.00	34.80	41.20	50.80	60.40
320	3.60													
Postcard	0.50	-	0.50	0.80	1.00	-	1.00	1.60	2.00	2.30	2.60	3.00	3.60	4.20

PRT 25, 24.06.1948: Changes in the Airmail Tariff. The post offices shall introduce the following changes in alphabetical order in the Airmail Tariff 2/B (Countries outside Europe) table annexed to Decree No. 264.571/4 published in P. R. T. No. 53 of 1947, and shall correct the changed rates accordingly:

Afghanistan	2.00 <i>Ft</i>
Ecuador	1.00 <i>Ft</i>
Jamaica	1.40 <i>Ft</i>
Libya	0.60 <i>Ft</i>
Oceania	3.60 <i>Ft</i>
Italian Somalia	1.70 <i>Ft</i>
Pakistan	2.00 <i>Ft</i>
Porto Rico	1.70 <i>Ft</i>
Portuguese Guinea	1.70 <i>Ft</i>
Timor	2.40 <i>Ft</i>
New Guinea	3.60 <i>Ft</i>
New Caledonia	3.60 <i>Ft</i>

Airmail items shall be priced taking into account the changes from the date of publication of the decree and interested parties shall be informed if necessary.

PRT 27, 26.06.1948: Changes related to the entry into force of the Universal Postal Convention and Agreements of Paris.

The provisions of the new Universal Postal Convention and Agreements signed on 5 July 1947 at the Universal Postal Congress in Paris shall enter into force on 1 July 1948. With the entry into force of the new Postal Convention and Agreements, the provisions of the Buenos Aires Postal Convention and Agreements published in Regulation A. 4 shall cease to be valid from the above date. The new Regulation A. 4 is under publication and will be available to interested offices shortly.

Clause 36. (relating to postal money orders) The sender may request that the payment advice relating to his postal order be returned to his address by air. In such a case, in foreign traffic, the order must be marked '*Avis de*

payement par avion (= Payment advice by air). The payment advice form must also be marked very prominently with '*Renvoi de l'avis de payement par avion*' (= To be returned by air). In addition, an airmail sticker must be affixed to the payment advice form. (Postal. stop. 8. c. 1. § and Reg. 105. c. 1—2. §).

For the return of the payment advice by air, the sender shall pay, in addition to the payment advice fee, an airmail surcharge for one postcard in domestic traffic, 40 *fillér* in European traffic, and 1.60 *Ft* in non-European traffic, upon posting. The collected airmail surcharge, together with the additional fees, shall be recorded in cash in the money order receipt journal. Payment advices arriving from abroad and to be returned by air shall be returned to the place of posting free of charge by the nearest available flight.

PRT 27, 26.06.1948: New edition of the Airmail Tariff.

As a result of the provisions of the Paris International Postal Convention concerning airmail and the changes in the costs of airmail transport, the amount of airmail surcharges will change in certain respects with effect from 01.07.1948. Therefore, I am reissuing the Airmail Tariff. Offices and other postal bodies will receive the new edition of the Airmail Tariff ex officio as an annex to my decree. The Tariffs should be carefully studied and senders should be informed accordingly.

I would particularly like to draw your attention to the following: 1. The charges in the new Airmail Tariff shall apply from 1 July 1948. 2. The airmail surcharge for items to European countries is now set in 20 g weight increments (the preferential airmail surcharge for discounted items is in 50 g weight increments). 3. The airmail surcharge for items to European countries is now not uniform, but has three groups of charges. For airmail items to European countries not listed in points I. a) and I. b) of the tariff, the surcharges indicated in point I. c) shall be collected. 4. I have introduced a preferential airmail surcharge for discounted items (business paper, samples and printed matter) in both European and non-European traffic — in weight increments of 25 and 50 g, respectively. This surcharge shall be applied if it is more favourable than the regular airmail surcharge set for the item in question at 20 g or 50 g for routes outside Europe.

The copies of the new edition of the Airmail Tariff for sale shall be ordered by the post offices as postal valuables from the valuables warehouse in accordance with the foreseeable interest. Selling price: 1 *Ft*. With this decree, I repeal Decree No. 264.571/4 published in P. R. T. No. 53 of 1947 and the airmail tariff issued as an annex to the decree, with effect from 1 July 1948.

RT 35, 12.08.1948: Change in the Airmail Tariff Schedule. In the Airmail Tariff Schedule issued as an appendix to Decree No. 240.954/4 published in PRT 27 of 1948, the following changes of rates shall be recorded by the offices:

1. on page 3, under the 4th serial number, for Alaska, in columns 3 and 4, instead of '1.20 *Ft*' and '2.50 *Ft*', write '1.00 *Ft*' and '2.00 *Ft*' respectively;
2. on page 6, under item 61, for Cameroon, in column 4, write '2.50 *Ft*' instead of '—' ;
3. on page 9, under the 104th entry for Tanganyika, in column 3, write '1.70 *Ft*' instead of '1.00 *Ft*' ;
4. on page 9, item 106, Tibet, column 3, instead of '1.00 *Ft*', write '2.00 *Ft*' ;
5. on page 11 (alphabetical list), instead of '80', Greenland, enter the following: '(By air to Copenhagen)'.

Tables of data from *Postatarifák Adók Illetékek Közlekedési Menetrendek*, vol. 42, no. 1 of 18.01.1949 give the current tariffs (probably from 01.07.1948) in detail. The major change is the addition of surcharges for items other than letters and postcards. The rates within Europe are no longer uniform. None of the additional countries noted in the **PRT 25, 26.06.1948** have been added, so this is not a complete list of countries to which airmail is available. There are some corrections or changes to the available services.

Table 4: Airmail surcharges and other services from 01.07.1948

Country	Airmail surcharge, Ft		Express	Value boxes		50% fee		Dutiable goods	
	Letters, postcards	Other	(y=yes)	Possible (y=yes)	No. of customs docs.	Books (y=yes)	Newspapers (y=yes)	In a letter (y=yes)	As samples (y=yes)
Europe	Per 10 g	Per 50 g							
Albania	0.30	0.50	y	-	3	-	y	y	-
Austria	0.30	0.50	y	y	3	-	-	y	y
Belgium	0.60	1.00	y	y	2	y	y	y	-
Bulgaria	0.30	0.50	y	-	-	-	y	y	y
Czechoslovakia	0.30	0.50	y	y	2	y	y	y	y
Denmark	0.60	1.00	y	y	1	-	-	y	y
Finland	0.60	1.00	y	-	2	-	-	y	-
France	0.60	1.00	y	y	2	y	y	y	y
Germany	0.60	1.00	y	y	2	-	-	-	-
Gibraltar	1.20	1.50	y	y	1	-	-	y	y
Great Britain	0.60	1.00	y	y	1	-	-	-	-
Greece	0.60	1.00	y	y	2	y	y	-	-
Iceland	1.20	1.50	y	y	1	-	-	y	y
Irish Republic	0.60	1.00	y	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	0.60	1.00	y	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luxemburg	0.60	1.00	y	y	1	y	y	y	y
Malta	1.20	1.50	y	y	1	-	-	y	y
Netherlands	0.60	1.00	y	y	1	y	y	y	y
Norway	0.60	1.00	y	y	1	-	-	y	-
Poland	0.30	0.50	y	-	-	-	-	-	y
Portugal	1.20	1.50	y	-	-	y	y	y	y
Romania	0.30	0.50	y	y	3	y	y	y	y
Soviet Union	0.60	1.00	y	-	-	y	y	-	-
Spain	-	-							
Sweden	0.60	1.00	y	y	1	-	-	y	-
Switzerland	0.30	0.50	y	y	2	y	y	y	y
Turkey	1.20	1.50	-	y	1	y	y	y	-
Vatican City	0.60	1.00	y	-	-	-	y	y	y
Overseas	Per 5 g	Per 25 g							
Algeria	0.40	1.00	y	y	3	y	y	y	-
Argentina	2.00	2.50	y	y	3	y	y	y	-
Australia	3.00	*	y	y	2	y	-	-	y
Bolivia	2.50	6.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	1.70	2.50	y	y	2	y	y	-	-
Burma	2.00	*	-	-	-	-	-	y	y
Canada	1.00	2.00	-	-	-	-	-	y	y
Ceylon	2.00	3.00	y	-	-	-	-	y	y
Chile	3.00	9.00	y	-	-	y	y	y	y
China	3.00	5.50	y	-	-	-	-	-	-
Columbia	1.40	3.50	y	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba	1.20	2.50	-	-	2	y	y	y	-

Country	Airmail surcharge, Ft		Express	Value boxes		50% fee		Dutiable goods	
	Letters, postcards	Other	(y=yes)	Possible (y=yes)	No. of customs docs.	Books (y=yes)	Newspapers (y=yes)	In a letter (y=yes)	As samples (y=yes)
Cyprus	1.00	*	-	y	2	-	-	y	y
Dutch Indies	2.70	*	y	y	1	-	-	y	y
Ecuador	1.70	5.00	y	y	3	y	y	y	y
Egypt	0.80	1.50	y	-	-	y	y	y	-
Egyptian Sudan	1.20	2.00	y	-	-	y	y	y	-
El Salvador	1.70	4.00	y	-	-	y	y	-	-
Fr. Eq. Africa	1.20	2.00	y	y	2	y	y	y	y
Fr. Indo-China	2.00	3.00	y	y	1	y	y	y	y
Fr. West Africa	1.20	2.00	-	y	1-4	y	y	y	y
Guatemala	1.40	3.50	y	y	2	-	y	y	y
Hong Kong	2.50	3.00	y	y	2	-	-	y	-
India	2.00	3.00	y	-	-	-	-	y	y
Indonesia	2.70	*	y	y	1	-	-	y	y
Iran	1.20	1.50	-	y	2	-	-	y	-
Iraq	1.00	1.50	-	-	-	y	-	y	-
Israel	0.80	1.50	y	y	1	-	-	y	-
Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kenya	1.70	2.50	y	y	2	-	-	-	y
Lebanon	0.80	1.50	-	y	2	y	-	y	-
Libya	0.40	1.50	y	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaya	2.00	*	-	y	1	-	-	y	y
Mexico	1.20	1.50	y	y	2	-	y	y	y
Morocco (Fr.)	0.40	1.00	y	y	1	y	y	y	y
New Zealand	3.60	*	-	y	2	-	-	y	y
Nigeria	1.20	2.00	y	y	2	y	y	y	-
Pakistan	2.00	3.00	y	-	-	-	-	y	y
Palestine	0.80	1.50	y	y	1	-	-	y	-
Panama Rep. & Canal Zone	1.40	4.00	y	-	-	-	y	y	-
Paraguay	2.70	3.50	-	y	1	y	y	-	-
Peru	2.00	6.00	-	-	-	-	-	y	-
Philippines	3.00	*	-	-	-	-	-	y	y
Saudi Arabia	1.20	*	-	y	2	-	y	y	-
Siam	2.50	3.00	y	y	1	-	-	y	y
South Africa	2.00	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	y	y
Syria	0.80	1.50	y	y	1	y	y	y	-
Tangier	0.40	1.00	-	y	1	y	y	y	y
Transjordan	0.80	1.50	y	y	2	-	-	y	-
Tunisia	0.40	1.00	y	y	2	y	y	y	y
Uruguay	2.00	2.50	-	-	-	-	y	-	-
USA	1.00	2.00	y	y	2	-	-	y	-
Venezuela	1.40	3.50	-	y	2	-	-	-	-

* All consignments are subject to the surcharge indicated in the 2nd column

Helpful supplementary tables of **total** fee in *Ft* for letters and postcards based on normal surface rate weight fee plus the airmail surcharge for that weight is given in Tables 5A and 5B.

Table 5A: Supplementary total fee table for inland and European destinations

Weight, g	Inland	Czechoslovakia	Austria	Other Europe with the surcharge rate of:		
				0.30 <i>Ft</i>	0.60 <i>Ft</i>	1.20 <i>Ft</i>
	Total fee in <i>Ft</i>					
20	0.70	0.90	1.00	1.30	1.60	2.20
40	1.40	1.80	1.80	2.20	2.80	4.00
60	1.50	2.10	2.60	3.10	4.00	5.80
80	1.60	2.40	3.40	4.00	5.20	7.60
100	1.70	2.70	4.20	4.90	6.40	9.40
120	1.80	3.00	5.00	5.80	7.60	11.20
140	1.90	3.30	5.80	6.70	8.80	13.00
160	2.00	3.60	6.60	7.60	10.00	14.80
180	2.10	3.90	7.40	8.50	11.20	16.60
200	2.20	4.20	8.20	9.40	12.40	18.40
220	2.30	4.50	9.00	10.30	13.60	20.20
240	2.40	4.80	9.80	11.20	14.80	22.00
250	2.50	5.10	10.60	12.10	16.00	23.80
260	3.30	5.90	10.60	12.10	16.00	23.80
280	3.40	6.20	11.40	13.00	17.20	25.6-
300	3.50	6.50	12.20	13.90	18.40	27.40
320	3.60	6.80	13.00	14.80	19.60	29.20
Postcard	0.50	0.70	0.80	0.90	1.20	1.80

Table 5B: Supplementary total fee table for non-European destinations

Weight, g	Overseas airmail surcharge fee in <i>Ft</i>										
	0.40	0.80	1.00	1.20	1.40	1.70	2.00	2.50	2.70	3.00	3.60
Total fee in <i>Ft</i>											
5	1.40	1.80	2.00	2.20	2.40	2.70	3.00	3.50	3.70	4.00	4.60
10	1.80	2.60	3.00	3.40	3.80	4.40	5.00	6.00	6.40	7.00	8.20
15	2.20	3.40	4.00	4.60	5.20	6.10	7.00	8.50	9.10	10.00	11.80
20	2.60	4.20	5.00	5.80	6.60	7.80	9.00	11.00	11.80	13.00	15.40
25	3.60	5.60	6.60	7.60	8.60	10.10	11.60	14.10	15.10	16.60	19.60
30	4.00	6.40	7.60	8.80	10.00	11.80	13.60	16.60	17.80	19.60	23.20
35	4.40	7.20	8.60	10.00	11.40	13.50	15.60	19.10	20.50	22.60	26.80
40	4.80	8.00	9.60	11.20	12.80	15.20	17.60	21.60	23.20	25.60	30.40
45	5.80	9.40	11.20	13.00	14.80	17.50	20.20	24.70	26.50	29.20	34.60
50	6.20	10.20	12.20	14.20	16.20	19.20	22.20	27.20	29.20	32.20	38.20
55	6.60	11.00	13.20	15.40	17.60	20.90	24.20	29.70	31.90	35.20	41.80
60	7.00	11.80	14.20	16.60	19.00	22.60	26.20	32.20	34.60	38.20	45.40
65	8.00	13.20	15.80	18.40	21.00	24.90	28.80	35.30	37.90	41.80	49.60
70	8.40	14.00	16.80	19.60	22.40	26.60	30.80	37.80	40.60	44.80	53.20
75	8.80	14.80	17.80	20.80	23.80	28.30	32.80	40.30	43.30	47.80	56.80
80	9.20	15.60	18.80	22.00	25.20	30.00	34.80	42.80	46.00	50.80	60.40
Postcards	1.00	1.40	1.60	1.80	2.00	2.30	2.60	3.10	2.20	3.60	4.20

Tables of data from *Postatarifák Adók Illetékek Közlekedési Menetrendek*, vol. 42, no. 2 of 18.05.1949 give the current tariffs (probably from 01.07.1948) to countries **additional** to those listed above (Table 6). The rate structure remains the same. The discounted 50% fee columns for printed matter and the columns for dutiable goods are now missing but there is a note that all countries now have the 50% service for books and for newspapers, but only those posted by publishing houses.

Table 6: Airmail surcharges and other services to countries additional to Table 4

Country	Airmail surcharge, Ft		Express (y=yes)	Value boxes	
	Letters, post-cards	Other		Possible (y=yes)	No. of customs docs.
Europe:	Per 20 g	Per 50 g			
Monaco	0.60	1.00	y	y	1
Overseas:	Per 5 g	Per 25 g			
Abyssinia	1.20	*	y	y	1
Aden	1.20	*	N	y	1
Afghanistan	2.00	4.50	y	y	1
Angola	1.70	4.50	y	-	-
Barbados	1.70	4.00	N	y	1
Belgian Congo	1.70	2.50	y	y	2
Bermuda	1.20	2.50	N	y	1
British Guiana	1.70	5.00	N	y	1
British Honduras	1.70	4.50	y	y	1
British Somaliland	1.40	*	N	y	1
Costa Rica	1.70	4.00	y	y	1
Cyrenaica	0.40	1.50	y	y	1
Dominican Republic	1.40	3.00	y	-	3
Eritrea	1.20	*	y	-	-
Gambia	1.00	2.50	y	y	1
Gold Coast	1.40	2.50	y	y	1
Guadeloupe	1.70	4.00	y	y	3
Haiti	1.20	3.00	N	-	-
Hawaii	1.70	4.50	y	y	2
Honduras	1.40	4.00	N	y	2
Korea	3.60	*	y	y	2
Leeward Is.	1.70	4.00	N	y	1
Liberia	1.70	3.50	y	-	-
Macau	2.50	*	y	-	-
Madagascar	1.70	2.50	N	y	1
Martinique	1.70	4.00	y	y	2
Mauritius	1.70	2.50	N	y	1
Mongolia	3.60	*	y	-	-
Mozambique	2.00	*	y	-	-
New Guinea	3.60	*	N	y	1
Nicaragua	1.40	4.00	N	y	1
Porto Rico	1.40	3.50	y	y	2
Portuguese Guinea	1.70	2.50	y	-	-
Sierra Leone	1.70	2.50	y	y	1

Country	Airmail surcharge, Ft		Express (y=yes)	Value boxes	
	Letters, post-cards	Other		Possible (y=yes)	No. of customs docs.
Southern Rhodesia	1.70	*	y	-	-
Tanganyika	1.00	*	y	-	-
Tibet	2.00	*	N	-	-
Trinidad	1.70	4.00	N	y	1
Tripolitania	0.40	1.50	N	-	-
Uganda	1.70	2.50	y	-	-
Windward Is.	1.70	4.00	N	y	1
Yemen	1.20	*	N	y	2
Zanzibar	1.70	*	N	-	-

* All consignments are subject to the surcharge indicated in the 2nd column.

Tables of data from *Postatarifák Adók Illetékek Közlekedési Menetrendek*, vol. 43, no. 4 of 06.10.1950 are the same as for the vol 42 no. 2 issue, but are absent from the vol. 44 issue of 25.06.1951 which has only a short summary total cost calculation table for example countries. There appear to be no price changes except for the Soviet Union where the total cost for an up to 20 g letter fell from 1.60 Ft to 1.20 Ft, but it is believed this might be an error.

According to the 'Black Book', from 15.01.1951, the European letter airmail surcharge per 20 g was:

Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Poland, Romania and Switzerland: 30 f

Gibraltar, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Portugal and Turkey: 1.20 Ft

Other European states: 60 f

Soviet Union: 1 Ft

These charges are the same as the data above except for the Soviet Union.

Uniform European rate from 01.01.1953

From 1953, a uniform rate came into force in all European countries (letter mail 30 f per 20 g, printed matter 50 f per 50 g).

In traffic outside Europe, rates varied per 10 g, according to distance.

7.2.3 Uniform surcharges for the continents, 1964-1982

The uniform airmail surcharges for the continents were introduced in 1964. The rates are given as follows:

Table 7: Uniform airmail surcharges by continent - 1964-1982

Start date	European destinations		Other continents	
	Letter post surcharge	Printed matter surcharge	Letter post surcharge	Printed matter, samples, newspapers etc.
01.01.1964	Per 10 g	Per 25 g	Per 5 g	Per 25 g
	0.50 Ft		Africa 1.00 Ft, Asia 1.50 Ft, America 2.00 Ft, Australasia 4.00 Ft	
01.07.1971	Per 10 g	Per 25 g	Per 10 g	Per 25 g
	0.50 Ft		Africa 1.20 Ft, Asia 2.00 Ft, America 2.40 Ft, Australasia 5.00 Ft	
01.07.1982	Per 10 g	Per 20 g	Per 10 g	Per 20 g
	1.00 Ft		All continents 2.00 Ft	

Table 8: Airmail surcharge – 1987-2002

Note: Surcharge applies to each 10 g increments for letter and postcards, and for 20 g increments for all other mail.

Date of rate table	Airmail surcharge
15.06.1987	2 Ft
01.02.1989	2 Ft
08.01.1990	2 Ft
14.01.1991	2 Ft
01.02.1992	4 Ft
01.01.1993	5 Ft
01.01.1994	6 Ft
01.01.1995	7 Ft
01.01.1996	10 Ft
01.01.1997	12 Ft
01.01.1998	14 Ft
01.01.1999	15 Ft
01.01.2000	16 Ft
01.01.2001	17 Ft
01.02.2002	20 Ft
15.11.2002	No mention*

* By this time, most foreign mail was being sent automatically by airmail, so it is believed that the surcharge was dropped completely for letters, postcards and other small items sent by letter post.