

## RUSSIA 1917-1924

*This exhibit covers the issues of the Provisional Government, the Russian Socialist Federal Republics (RSFSR) and the first issues of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).*

*The years 1917-1924 involved World War, abdication, Revolution, prolonged Civil war, severe famine and serious currency depreciation. The stamps reflect the condition of the country and people with famine relief issues, provisional overprints, postal fiscal use and imperforate and perforated issues.*

*Included are proofs, essays, revolutionary overprints, overprint varieties, postmaster provisional. Usage is demonstrated on envelope and postcard both inland and foreign: parcel card and money order: evidence of stamp revaluations.*

## PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

### CURRENCY STAMPS March 1917.

Following the abdication of Tsar Nicholas II on March 2, 1917, a Provisional Government was formed. The inscription on the back of the Romanov tokens in circulation (1k, 2k and 3k replacing copper currency which was being hoarded) was changed. The Tsarist arms were removed and the inscription was reset. In April 1917, with a severe shortage of experienced and trained staff, this change was so troublesome that other stamps and tokens were left alone.

Romanov designs printed on card, without gum, perf. 13.5.



## PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

### OVERPRINTS March 1917.

Shortly after the overthrow of Tsar Nicholas II on March 2, 1917, blocks of the 1913 Romanov stamps appeared with overprints. Blocks with the overprints are known unused, cancelled with genuine postal markings as well as on letters. Stamps with these overprints were not sold in postal establishments and there was no official authorisation for their use.

*Crossed Swords and Phrygian Cap - Inscription "Brotherhood, Equality, Freedom"*

#### 1915 Currency Stamps



#### 1916 Provisional Overprints.







Two philatelicly inspired Registered envelopes from Ekaterinodar, 6.2.18: 22.2.18, with "Revolutionary" overprints on Romanov issues.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT  
2 MR 1917 - 15 AU 1917

INLAND LETTER RATE 15k  
REGISTRATION FEE 20k

*Provisional Government 2(=15) March - 25 October (=7 November) 1917.*



22.5.17. Starii Peterhof to Petrograd - Registered.

Postage correct 35k

- 3k on overprint on 5k postal stationary envelope of 1889-1890. This is further overprinted with crossed swords and phrygian cap and "Fraternity, Equality, Freedom"  
- Black of 8 4k Romanov bearing a reproduction of "Izvestia" banner headline and text "Abdication from the Throne!" and Tsar Nicholas II's abdication

These overprints were not official but are occasionally found on mail.



SAVINGS BANK STAMPS January 1918

Fiscal savings bank stamps authorised for postal use because of shortages of suitable postage stamps and the lack of skilled tradesmen at the State Printing Office.

Typography on buff surfaced paper, watermark lozenges, perf 14.5x15.



7.7.18. Gomel. Registered Local letter.

*During the period of free inland postage, registered letters were charged.*



*14.3.19 Registered EKATERINODAR with 14x5k. Postal Savings Bank fiscal stamps authorised for postage from Jan. 1918*

*Used in Kuban Republic which had declared its independence (temporary)*



September 1920 - March 1921 exceptional Money Order from Uhiik via Tashkent, Andizhan, Fedchenko, Russkoe Selo and two Field Post Offices to some person who was difficult to locate.

Franked with 14x10k (7 front, 7 back) Postal Savings Bank stamps.



DEFINITIVES Oct. 1918.

Shortly after the overthrow of the Tsar, a decision was made to prepare some new stamps for Revolutionary Russia. The director of the State Printing Office, Richard Zarrin, was commissioned. Proofs of the "Sword and Chain" stamps are known for 1k, 2k, 3k, 10k, 14k, 35k and 70k, with the low values being casualties of inflation.

Perf. 13.5. Typography on wave paper with vertical varnish lines.



Var. Rough Perfs.



Var. Imperforate



70k used Riga - 1st Latvian Soviet Republic (Jan-May 1919) - Free post period - 5.2.19



35k with displaced perfs and 70k on postcard Spassky to New York 12.1.21





11. 11. 19 Unvalued parcel card Stolpinskoye to Moscow for 40lb parcel. 50R charge paid with 85x70k "Sword and Chain" and 4 Arms stamps.

ARMS DEFINITIVES 1917-1918

Following the overthrow of the Tsar, the current Romanov stamps were embargoed and the Arms definitive issue of 1912 was reprinted. These were issued 1917-18 both perf. 14x14.5 and, because of problems with the perforating machines, imperforate. Wove paper with no watermark and with varnish lines of variable thickness.

IMPERFORATE



*Thick Varnish Lines*



*No Varnish Lines*



*Thick Varnish Lines*



*No Varnish Lines*





*Lower part of sheet*



*Var. Inverted Centre & Displaced Background*



*Var. Thick "1"*



*Var. Pre-printing creases*



*Thick Varnish Lines*



*Lower part of sheet*



1R Lower part sheet with additional printing of background.



*Var. Inverted centre*



*Var. Displaced centre*



## "Tiflis Roulette"

*The imperfs of 1917-19 lent themselves to all sorts of frauds. These roughly perforated "11" have been identified by Tann as "Tiflis Roulette" a "local perforation."*



Faked Imperforates



Faked 4k and 10k Imperforates in Livonia Province. The perforated stamps have been cut close to the design and glued to thin paper simulating imperfs with wide margins.

Applied to 14k Imperial stationery envelope giving 28k postage. The correct postage for ordinary local letter was 15k

Cancelled Tabbifer 5. 1. 18, received Nustago 7. 1. 18.





8. 3. 18. Moscow to Sweden, 10x7k+10x3k Imperf. Arms. Latest recorded Moscow censorship wax seals.

## 1919 Arms used in Azerbaijan

*Azerbaijan declared independence 27 May 1918 but used Russian stamps until its own issue in 1919-20. Latest recorded use of Arms stamps in Azerbaijan (Ashford).*



1. Registered Baku 22.7.19 Postage 70k, Registration 1R = 1.70R.

2. Registered Baku 24.8.19 Postage 1.40R (double weight), Registration 1R = 2.40R.



March 1920 Revaluation

Because of inflation and depreciation of currency, the Arms values 1-20 kopeks were authorised for sale at 100 times face.



3.12.20. Solombal to Berlin.  $3 \times 3k + 1k = 10k$ . Revalued  $\times 100 = 10R$ . Sent at Inland rates.



18.5.20. Vladivostok (Far-Eastern Republic) to New York. 2R postage at face value.



10.10.22 Moscow to  
 Switzerland, Registered

33 stamps, front and  
 back including Arms  
 revalued x 10,000

- 5 x 1R (1919)
- 2 x 3 SR (1917)
- 6 x 5R (1917)
- 4 x 7R (1919)
- 10 x 10R (1917)



### April 1922 Revaluation

Continued inflation and depreciation forced a further revaluation with the kopek values at 1,000,000 × face and Rouble values at 10,000 × face.



4 B 22. Registered Ekaterinopol, Kiev to Berlin via Moscow.

Stamps:- 8 × 5k imperf. revalued × 1,000,000 = 40 R  
5 × 1R " " × 10,000 = 5 R  
45 R (correct)

## ARMS 1919

Nov-Dec 1919 some of the high value arms stamps were issued with varnish lines pointing horizontally. Perf 13.5. This issue in sheets of 50 was printed from new plates on paper of smaller format. The stamps are much closer together and the vertical margins are very narrow.



Var. Arms omitted



3.1.21 Unvalued parcel card Stoychegodsk to Petrograd with 3x1R and 10 (front and back) x 7R Arms of 1919.



DEFINITIVES. August 10, 1921

This is the first Soviet stamp issue. They were on sale for only a few days and only at Petrograd, Moscow and Kharkov. They were not demonetised until March 1st 1923, though the depreciation of the currency, which caused their withdrawal from sale, soon made their use impractical. Designs allegorical. Imperforate.

No wmk. Imperf. Lithography. Designers: V. Kuprianov & G. Reindorf.  
- Wave paper.



- Pelure paper.



indigo

grey-blue



Thick watermarked paper. Imperf. Recess. Designer M. Antonov



Numbers issued: 1 R - 399,400; 2 R - 398,450; 5 R - 543,330; 20 R - 289,700; 40 R - 174,980.

Definitives Aug - Oct. 1921

Second Soviet issue. Lithography, no watermark, imperforate. Many colour shades.  
Wave Paper - thin and medium.





*Pelure Paper*



*Chalk-surfaced Paper*



*Cartridge Paper*







Inland mail 15/8/21-1/2/22

Surviving internal letters and cards are scarce both during and after the Civil War and the consequent economic collapse, famine and disease.



7. 10. 21 Ekaterinburg to Petrograd, 250R correct postage.



26. 11. 21 Petrograd local postcard, 100R correct postage.

Revaluation 1.4.22.

Due to continued severe inflation and currency depreciation, postage stamps were revalued. The 1921 Definitives were revalued x 10



3.6.22 Moscow to Latvia, registered.

200R and 300R of 1921 definitives used revalued x 10 with Arms rouble values at face x 10,000 and second definitive issues making correct postage of 400,000R.



CONTROL STAMPS Aug. 15, 1921.

Fiscal control stamps authorised for postage at 250R. Lithography, perf 13.



3. 11. 21. Registered Malangeisk to Polish Repatriation Delegation, Moscow. 1,250 Roubles.

R.S.F.S.R.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK STAMPS Aug 15, 1921

On August 15, 1921, large Savings Bank stamps were authorised for postage at 250R.  
The small Savings Bank stamps, authorised for postage in 1918, were revalued at 250R.

ARA card from Odessa 6.4.22 with 4 x 25k Savings Bank issues Postage correct



Kiev Registered 13.1.22 with 5 x 5k small Savings Bank stamps revalued





16 12 21 Osalerm to Peking, China via Manchuria.

This home-made poor quality envelope with a 25R Control stamp for postage has great philatelic significance. It is the only example so far recorded, where, the correct postage rate (5,000) has been applied in manuscript to the stamp.

The Control stamps were authorised for postal use at 25R on August 15, 1921 to meet the inland letter rate of 250R.



Proving cover for 100x revaluation of Postal Savings and Control stamps 15/4/22

25k Postal Savings Bank stamp and 3 R. Control stamp, both authorised for postage at 250.R. from August 15, 1921, on a Moscow local letter 19 IV 22.

Postal rate, local letter: 15/4/22 - 1/10/22 = 50,000 R.

A general revaluation occurred 15/4/22, this cover is the only recorded evidence that these postal fiscals were revalued x100.



COMMEMORATIVES    Nov. 5, 1921.

*First Soviet commemoratives issued for the 4th Anniversary of the Bolshevik October Revolution. Designed by K. Goppé, printed by typography on wave smooth surfaced paper. No watermark. Imperforate. 3,000,000 issued.*



*A 200R value was prepared but not issued*



Invalid Foreign Use (3 days after issue)

Envelope, postmarked Tallinn, Estonia B. XI. 21, to London has been charged Postage Due "100 cents" because of the incorrect use of Russian stamps. Estonia had been an independent country since 24 February 1918.



Probably written on the train from Petrograd. Franked with stamps of R.S.F.S.R. 2 x 250R + 2 x 1000R 4lb; Anniversary of October Revolution issued 5.11.21. Total postage 3600R. Foreign letter rate (15 Aug. 21 - 21 Nov. 21) 1000R.



CHARITY Dec. 31, 1921.

Issued for Volga Famine Relief 250R for postage and 2000R for Charity.  
Designers: N. Rasumovskaya and Y. Kuchura. Lithographed on several papers, no wmk., imperforate.



*Pelure paper*



*Medium paper*



*Cartridge paper*



Design: 2250R red, green, brown:- The Volga, showing refugees and relief ships.  
2250R blue:- Field orderly tending wounded.

Numbers issued:- Green 189,704, Brown 154,256, Red 437,248, Blue 66,600.

The large format Volga Famine Relief stamps were printed in sheets of 8 stamps, in 2 panes of four. These stamps are of two types in equal quantities and are so arranged in the sheet that only vertical se-tenant pairs are possible.

Type 1. Chimney of middle house on the river is white.  
Large dome of the church is fully drawn.

Type 2. Chimney is coloured and the left side of the large dome is missing.



Medium paper



1



2



*Medium paper*

1



2



*Cartridge paper*

1 JL 1922 - 15 OC 1922

FOREIGN POSTAL RATE 45R(1922)



12. 9. 22, Tver to Manchester, England

Stamps. 2 x 1k, 2k, 14k Arms revalued x 1,000,000 1. 4. 22	=	180,000 R
2 x 5R, 7R Arms " " "	=	170,000 R
100R, 1,000R Definitives of 1921	=	1,100 R
200R Definitive revalued x 10 1. 4. 22	=	2,000 R
3 x 250R Volga Famine Relief	=	750 R
2 x 250R, 2 x 100R Famine Relief	=	700 R
		<u>354,600R = 35.46R(1922)</u>

Postage incorrect Envelope made from financial document.



Provisionals Feb. 1922.

5000R and 10.000R overprints on the first Soviet definitives.

Overprint in Black.



Var. Overprint inverted



Peiute paper



Design 37.5mm



Design 38.5mm



23,000 printed.

Misplaced overprints





Overprint in Red



*Number issued -*

5000R on 1R	949,950
2R	955,400
5R	935,000
20R	879,960
10,000R on 40R	243,100

2.3.22 Registered to Berlin with 8x5000R overprints (incorrect postage)



9.3.22 Registered Kiev to Latvia with 3x10000 ovpt postage correct.



CHARITY Feb. 1922.

Second Famine Relief issue. 'Sword and Chain' stamps surcharged in several colours.  
"R.S.F.S.R. FOR THE HUNGRY" 100R+100R 250R+250R

100R Postage + 100R Famine Relief on 70k



Blue



Black



Red

250R Postage + 250R Famine Relief on 35k



Black



Red



Orange

Numbers issued:-

100R + 100R - Blue Overprint - 1,500,000

Black 250,000

Red 250,000

250R + 250R - Black Overprint - 7,298,900

Red 250,000

Orange 250,000



*misplaced overprints*





PROVISIONALS March 1922.

7500 R Overprint. 250 R Definitive surcharged by a type-set overprint reading diagonally upwards in black 20,000,000 issued.



Ordinary paper



Pelure paper



Chalk surfaced



Horizontal overprint prepared for use but not issued.



Var. Surcharge inverted.



Var. Surcharge inverted.



Var. Surcharge misplaced



Var "РУБ"

7500 R Inverted Overprint with Guarantee markings "СССР / СЕБИЛАСО" in "C" 4.5x2mm



ordinary



peture



peture



chalky



25 4 22 Petrograd to Paris, Registered

Correct postage (60,000 R) for registered foreign letter 1. 4. 22 - 30. 4. 22.





*Pane of 25 7500 R overprint on 250 R 'Science and Art' used 25.7.22. A Registered foreign letter would have required 120 of these for correct postage.*

DEFINITIVES March 1922.

Third Soviet series Designer: G. Reindorf. Lithography. Imperforate.



Proof on white paper

A. Medium paper, lozenge watermark (vertical) - (formerly used for Savings Bank stamps)



Number issued- 5000 R - 506,050; 7500 R - 4,000,000; 10000 R - 100,000.

B. Chalky paper, highly surfaced, buff, unwatermarked - (formerly used for 1914 Charity set)



Number issued- 7500 R - 4,463,000; 22500 R - 3,000,000.





*Complete sheet (25) on watermarked paper.*



24. 4. 22. Skvira to Berlin, registered

Postage = 300,000 R

Registered foreign letter: 1 AP 22 - 30 AP 22 = 60,000 R.



OBLIGATORY TAX April 19, 1922.

Famine Relief stamps issued at Rostov-on-Don, lithography, imperf without gum, they were designed by A. Manevcha and depict allegorical famine related designs. The stamps had no franking value but were for use in addition to normal rates on postal articles.



Proof on rough paper.



Numbers issued - All values on same sheet. 740 sheets printed.

2 T green (2000 R)	- 54 stamps / sheet	= 39,960
2 T rose	- 28 " "	= 20,720
4 T " (4000 R)	- 24 " "	= 17,760
6 T green (6000 R)	- 28 " "	= 20,720

AIR July 1922.

Imperial Consular Fee stamps surcharged in red with values expressed in German marks. These were issued only at the Russian Embassy in Berlin, for official use only, to frank mail on the Berlin - Königsberg - Moscow air route. The air postal rate was 12 marks for 10 gm.

Overprint =

AERIAL POST  
R. S. F. S. R.  
12 GERM. MARKS

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The issue was withdrawn on orders from Moscow after only a few days use. The stamps used on letters were not postmarked but pen cancelled.

Numbers issued - approximate only - between 30 & 100 of each.



CHARITY Aug. 19, 1922.

R.S.F.S.R.

Imperial Russian Arms reprints overprinted. Stamps valued at 10,000R to 1 kopek. Sold at five times postal value with 4/5ths for a Child Welfare Fund. On sale one day and only at Moscow Chief Post Office.

Overprint reads- "R.S.F.S.R. / PHILATELY / FOR THE CHILDREN / 19-8-22"

Perf 14x14.5



Set used first day 19. 8. 22

Overprint

reading

downwards



Var. Overprint reading upwards.



Var. Imperf.

Provisionals November 1922

250R 'Science and Art' definitive surcharged 100,000R in black type-set

Ordinary paper



inverted



offset



pelure



chalky



Petrograd 4.12.22 Correct postage, 200,000R = 20R (1922), 1.12.22 - 1.1.23





Odessa 13.12.22 to Berlin, registered with 30 x 100,000 overprints = 300R(22).

Correct foreign registered letter, 1.12.22-1.1.23, 500R(1922).

Special Usage Stamps.

Foreign Exchange Tax Stamps

Control Stamps of the Soviet Philatelic Society

Between 1922 and 1933 the exchange of philatelic material with foreign countries took place through the Soviet Philatelic Society. A special stamp representing the amount of tax on the overseas cheque for stamps bought for collections was produced

November 1922

"Sword and Chain" stamps surcharged typographically in red. The inscription reads - R.S.F.S.R. C.K.P.G. D.B.E.M. i.e. (Central Committee for After the Famine Exchange) and value (1922 Roubles) are stamp-export tax stamps.

250R on 35k



500R on 70k





COMMEMORATIVES Nov. 7, 1922

Issued for fifth anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. Imperforate. Typography on unwatermarked paper. Values in "1922 Roubles" (1R '1922' = 10,000 R). Designed by I. Dubasov they show a mason engraving "PE OCP 1917-1922" on the background.



Number Issued:	5 R	-	5,225,000
	10 R	-	14,900,000
	25 R	-	2,925,000
	27 R	-	500,000
	45 R	-	1,000,000



4.5mm orange-yellow shift



13.12.22. Batta (Ukraine) to Kaunas, Lithuania. Registered

Franked with the full set and Air overprint with 10R+2x5R Arms on reverse.



AIRMAIL Nov. 1922

45R stamp in black and green of the design of November 7, 1922, overprinted in red with the outline of an aeroplane. Issued only at the Head Post Office, Moscow for use on the Moscow - Smolensk - Königsberg Air Route.

Proof



Moscow 23 11 22.

Issued: 100,000.

R.S.F.S.R.

FAMINE RELIEF Nov. 1922.

issued November 18, 1922; imperforate in sheets of 50 in two panes of 25 on paper with no watermark. Designed by R. Zarrin the stamps depict - steamship, train, motor-van and aeroplane with inscription below = "FOR THE HUNGRY". Issued with no value but sold at 25 R (1922) - 20R postage, 5R famine tax.



Numbers issued: steamship - 4,000,000, train - 10,000,000, motor-van - 5,000,000;  
aeroplane - 1,000,000.

Although these stamps were to be used only on inland mail examples are known on foreign mail.



Correct inland use on Registered Tambov 9.12.22 to Lisiya-Gorya.



Incorrect use on postcard Moscow 4.1.23 to France and redirected to Spain.



*Full set of famine relief issue on reverse of registered letter from St Nikolai Station, Petrograd 11.3.23 to Denver USA. 29 stamps used.*



Provisional Overprints - December 1922

Two values of reprinted Arms issue (1917-22), 15k and 70k, both perf. and imperf. were overprinted with a star, R.S.F.S.R. and value in 1922 roubles. Overprints typography or lithography.

40R on 15k.

Perf. 14x14.5 Overprint typo only.



*omitted*



*inverted*



*double*



*triple*



*pre-overprinting paper fold*



imperf

type



litho.



offset



inverted



pre-printing fold



double



10.2.29 Airmail Moscow to Berlin. 10x40R = 400R (22) = 6R (1923)



20R on 70k

Perf. 14x14.5. Overprint: typo only.



*inverted*



*double*



*misplaced*



Imperf

*typo*



*litho*



*inverted*



*inverted*





13 10 23. Moscow - Local letter.

Stamps - Pair 20R on 70k Arms - perf. - normal overprint	= 40R(1922)
" " " " " " - <u>misplaced overprint</u>	= 40R "
" " " " " " - <u>inverted overprint</u>	= 40R "
" " " " " " - imperf - normal overprint	= 40R "
" " " " " " - <u>inverted overprint</u>	= 40R "
	<u>200R(1922) = 2R(1923)</u>
- Back - 8x3R 'Worker'	24R "
	<u>Total = 26R(1923)</u>

Local letter rate = 5kopeks, gives Exchange Rate of 1R(Gold) = 520R(1923)

Published rates - 13 10 23 → 1 Gold Rouble = 505 R(1923)  
 14 10 23 " " " 516 "



Provisional Overprints - February 1923

30R on 50k Perf and imperf overprint lithography.



*offset*



*inverted*



Provisional Overprints - March 1923

A further four overprints on Arms issues  
5R on 20k

Litho



*typo inverted*



*imperf - not released*

20R on 15k

Perf 14x14.5, lithography



*inverted*





100R on 15k

Perf and imperf lithography



*inverted*



*double*



*triple*



*overprint on adherent and damaged stamps*



*omitted*

*inverted*



200R on 15k

*typo*



*inverted*



*double*



*litho*



*inverted*



*typo*



*misplaced*





Definitives - December 1922

The 50R and 100R were issued imperf in December 1922. 10R added January 1923 and 70R in February. Typography. No watermark. Later perforated.



29.12.22. Registered Airmail Moscow to Berlin. 450R postage.



*17.4.23 Morshansk local letter with 15x10R.  
150R(22) = 1.5R(23). Correct.*



*30.4.23 Pslava to Latvia, registered with  
correct postage, 13R (1300R(22)) for the  
period 6.4.23 to 8.5.23.*



The *R.S.F.S.R. 1922-23 Definitives* were issued perforated during 1923 and continued after the formation of the *U.S.S.R.* on 6 July 1923.

*P. 13.5*



*Oct. 23*

*P. 14x14.5*



*Aug. 23*



*Oct. 23*



*Mar. 23*

*P. 12.5*



*Oct. 23*



*Aug. 23*



*Aug. 23*

*Wing imperf. P. 13.5*



70 R Cliché Error.

*In error, a 70 R cliché was included in the lower left pane (Row 3, No 2) in the first printing of the 100 R. this was replaced in later printings.*





CHARITY OVERPRINTS May 1, 1923

1 МАЯ  
1923г

ФИЛАТЕЛИЯ —  
ТРУДЯЩИМСЯ.  
1р + 1р.

=

1 MAY  
1923.

PHILATELY —  
FOR LABOUR  
1r + 1r.

*Surcharges in "1923 Roubles" on stamps of previous issues. Available for postage with equal amount for a fund for "eliminating the effects of the famine"  
On sale 1 day, only at Chief Post Office MOSCOW 25,000 of each issued.*

1r + 1r



gold



bronze

2r + 2r



3r + 3r



*Var. Date spaced '1 923'*

Definitives - May 1923

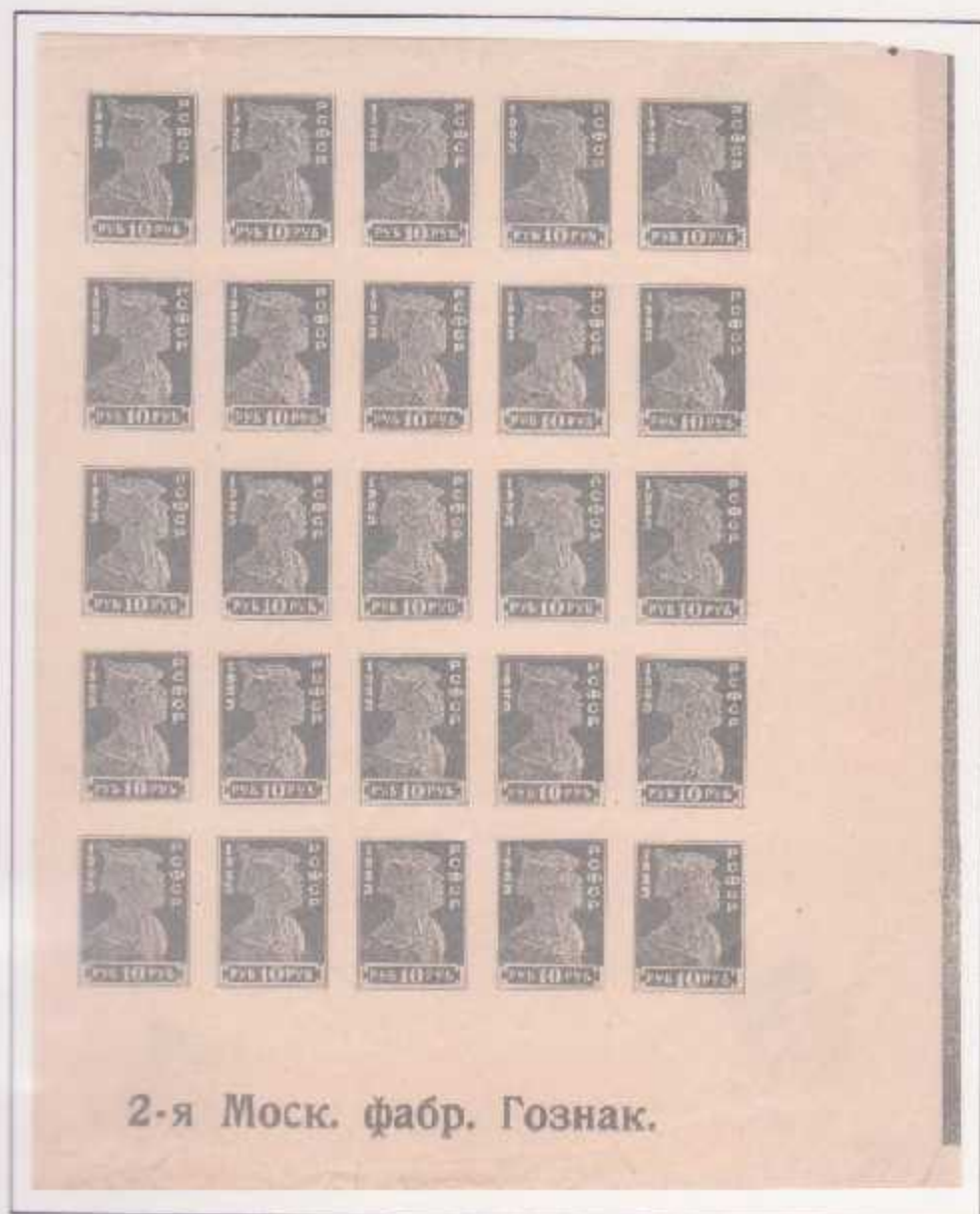
New issue with values in "1923 Roubles" - 1R(23) = 100R(22) = 1,000,000R. Lithography.  
No watermark. 4 panes of 25.



13.10.23 Moscow to Sydney, Australia, registered, via Italy with philatelic tax stamp on back. Postage 115R including 20R imperf at base.



*Imperforate stamps were available only from the official Philatelic Bureau, Moscow.*



*Pane of 25 10R value.*



1R Worker stamp was prepared but not issued.

*In the original set of the 1923 Definitives, both 1R and 2R values were planned with a small number of sheets being prepared. Continued hyper-inflation and rising postal rates meant that these values were not issued.*





2R Peasant stamp was prepared but not issued.

The 1923 Definitives were used concurrently with stamps of 1922 currency until November 1, 1923, when they were withdrawn.

COMMEMORATIVES Aug. 19 1923

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.) was formed July 6, 1923.  
First issue of the U.S.S.R. issued to commemorate the All-Russian Agriculture - Home Industries Exhibition at Moscow Designer G. Puchkov. Lithography on unwatermarked paper in 1923 currency.

Imperf.



Perf. 135



Issue 500,000 of each value, in sheets of 25 stamps. These were put on sale from 19th August until 15th September in 12 towns in the U.S.S.R. viz. Moscow, Leningrad, Kharkov, Minsk, Tashkent, Kasan, Novo-Nikolaevsk, Rostov on Don, Odessa, Kiev, Nizhni-Novgorod, Yekaterinberg and at the Exhibition Post Office, Moscow