



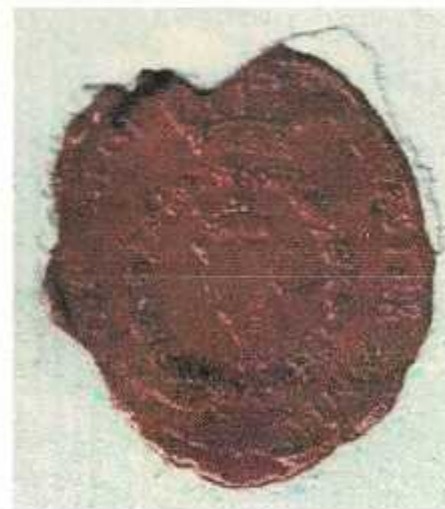
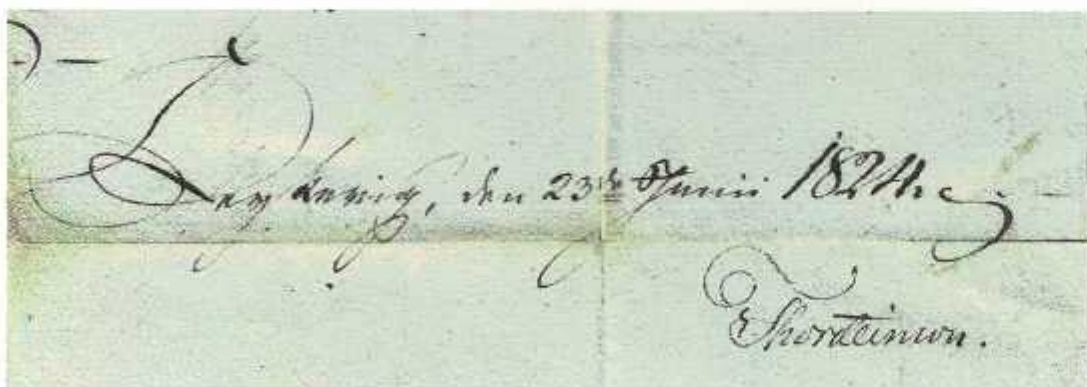
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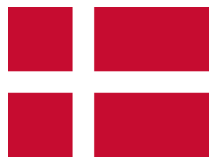
## Pre-Stamp Era

Icelandic correspondence in the pre-stamp period are described by Stanley Gibbons in their catalogue:  
"Pre-stamp entires are exceptionally rare"

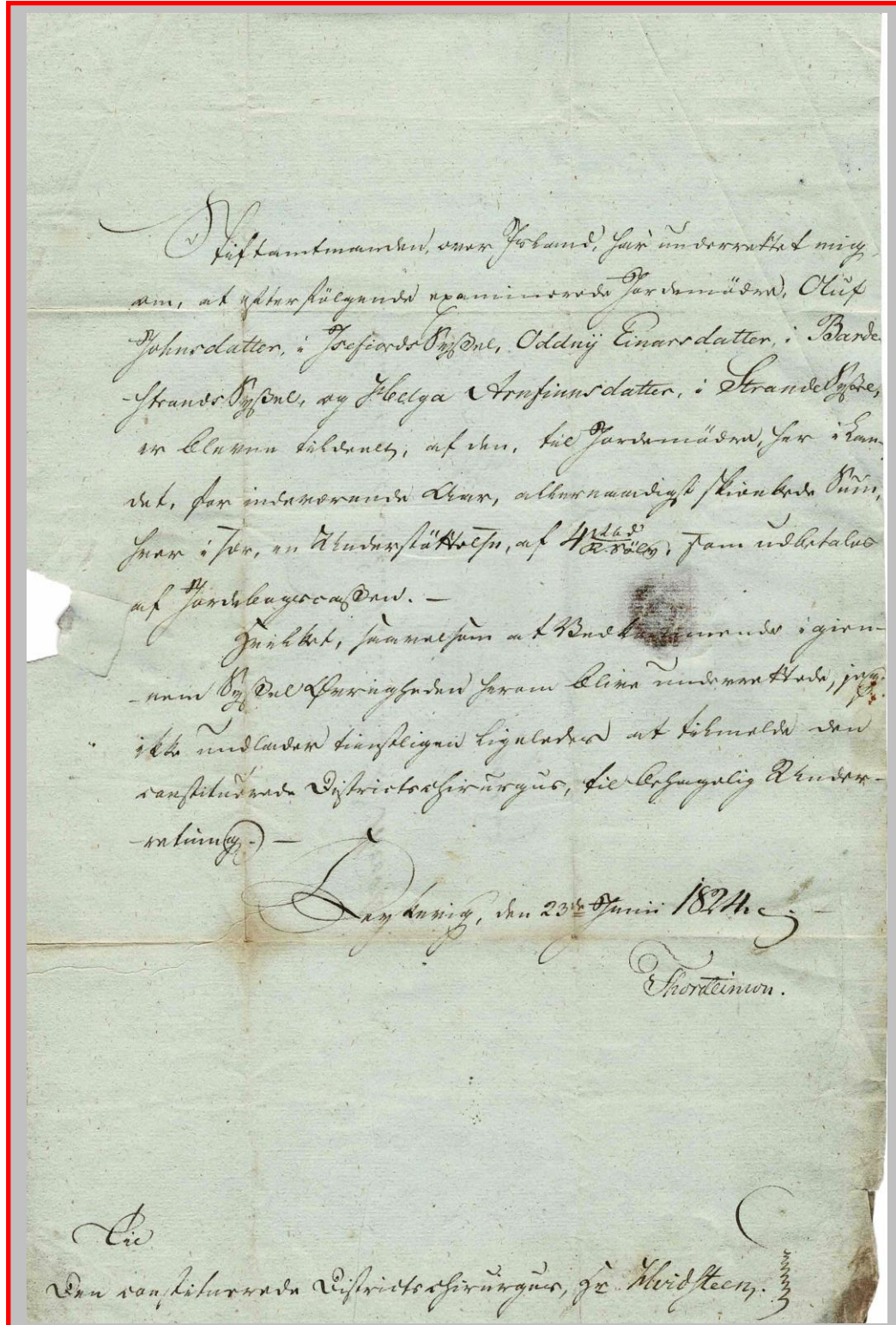
This 1824 official letter from Reykjavik is headed June 23 1824 and is addressed to Dýrafjörður in the Westfjords. It has a red wax seal with a crown impression. [A scan and translation follow]



**Dýrafjörður** was the Westfjords' most important centre of trade for many centuries, attracting merchants and fishermen from all around Europe and America. The fjord is long and narrow, accentuating the majesty of the surrounding mountains. The fjord is also the setting of one of the Icelandic sagas, **Gísla Saga**, which tells about the outlaw Gísli Sigurðsson. The village Þingeyri, in Dýrafjörður, is the home to some 260 people.



# Iceland to Independence



Scan of 1924 Letter - Translation to come



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## The Skilding Issues - 1873

By the **Postal Law in Iceland 26th February, 1872**, it was decided to reorganise the Posts in Iceland. It was also decided to issue special stamps with values and colours specified in an announcement 3rd May 1872 - **2 Sk blue; 4 Sk red; 8 Sk brown; 16 Sk yellow**. Designed by Philip Batz, Typography printing H H Thiele, Copenhagen in sheets of 100 stamps with Large Crown Watermark. They arrived on the Postal Steamer "*Diana*" 11th November 1872 with the introduction to be from **1st January 1873**. A new stamp **3 Sk grey**, was ordered and arrived by Postal Steamer **15th March, 1873**. They remained **valid until 1877** when the currency was changed.

### Original Issue January 1, 1873



P14 x 13½.

P12½.



- 2 Sk; 40,000 printed, Comb Perforation 14 x 13½. Local Rural rate; 90% sold by Post Offices
- 4 Sk; 100,000 printed, Comb Perforation 14 x 13½. Inland Letter rate to 15gm; 70% sold
- 8 Sk; 40,000 printed, Comb Perforation 14 x 13½. Letter to Denmark to 15gm; 69% sold
- 16 Sk; 40,000 printed, Comb Perforation 14 x 13½. [minority] Line 12½. [majority]; 55% sold

### 3 Sk Supplementary Issue March 1873



3 Sk; 25,000 printed, Line Perforation 12½ Supplementary postal use; 70% sold by Post Offices

**Unsold Reminders were later sold to speculators, initially at 50% discount, later at 25% premium  
Unused examples from these sources.**

The original stamp values and postal equipment [cancellations] were sent out in November and December 1872.

The validity of the Skilding Stamps dates from 1st January 1873 but it is clear from the records that the Postal Authorities did not intend the new postal legislation to take full effect before the first postal trips from Reykjavik at the end of March 1873 - the 3 Sk values were distributed at this time. The new postal rates were in force and all postage had to be paid with stamps.



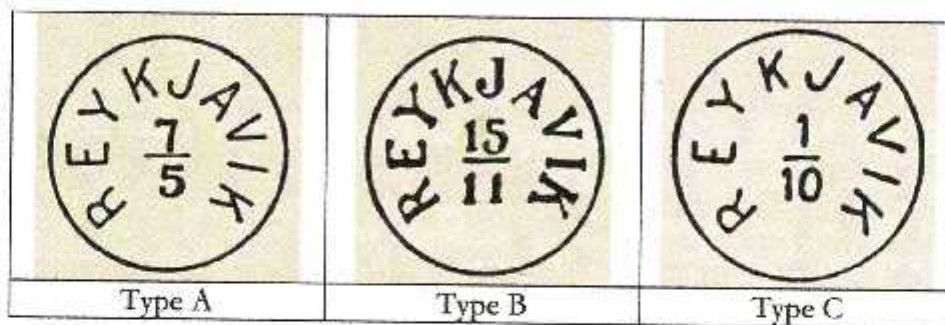
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### The Skilding Issues - 1873

**Cancellations:** When Danish postage stamps were introduced to Iceland from **1st March 1870**, Reykjavik received obliterator 236 in 3 concentric circles and a datestamp **Type A** - described as 'Grotesque name with Antiqua numerals' When the Skilding stamp issue arrived new datestamps of **Type B** were issued. **1st January 1873** - described as 'Antiqua Lettering and Numerals' At Reykjavik, both datestamps were used concurrently. Post-dated Skilding issues [from remainders and old PO stock] have Reykjavik **Type C** 'Grotesque lettering and Numerals' None have the year, just the day and month.

Skilding covers are very rare [ $<15$  known] and Skilding stamps with **genuine cancellations** are considered rare.



4 Sk with part **Reykjavik Type A** and part of **Thorshavn** [Faroe Islands] Postage would be 8 Sk  
**Unusual usage**



16 Sk [P 14 x 13½] with **Reykjavik Type A 28/3**  
Letter to Denmark 51-125gm

**Forgeries:** The Skilding stamps have been extensively forged most notably by **Spiro**. Philip Spiro was the proprietor of the well-established printing firm of Spiro Brothers of Hamburg who in 1864 added facsimile postage stamps and over the next fifteen years expanded their range to include more than 400 different stamps covering a wide geographical spread of countries.

These are easily recognised by the cancellations - '4 concentric circles' or part of an 'Antigua Reykjavik cancel without any date'.  
Numbers  $<30$  of each [Spud papers].

#### Spiro Forgeries





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## The Skilding Issues - 1873

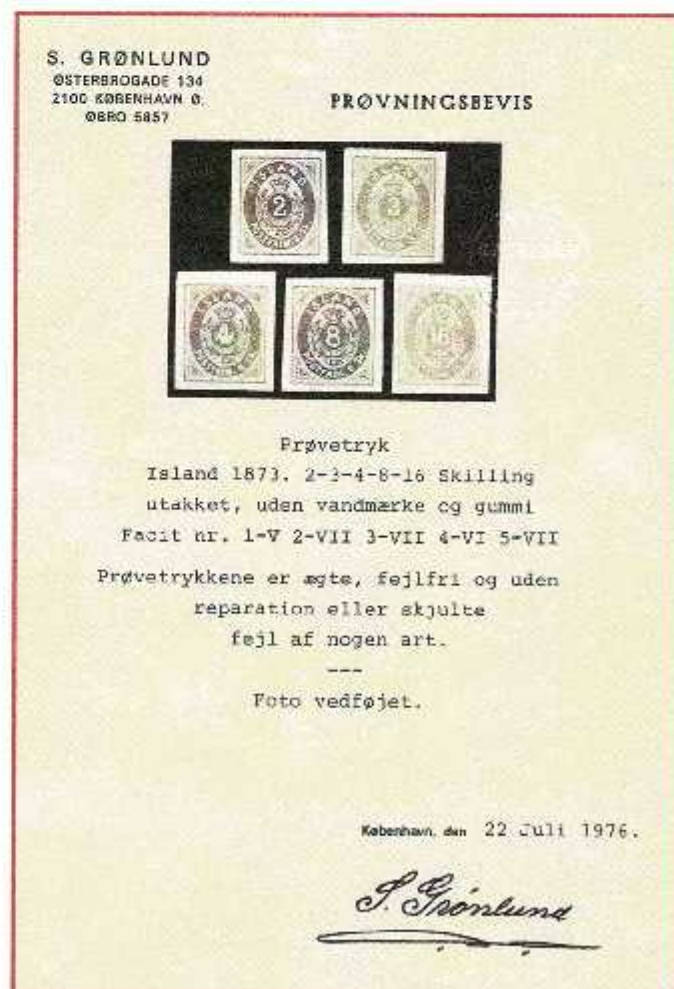
### The Skilding "Test-Print" Imperforates

These Imperforate Skilding stamps are described as "Test-Prints" but are not regarded as "Proofs" - these are not known to exist but specimens of 'Trial Colour Print' of the 4 Sk are in the Icelandic Postal Museum

They are in the issued colours, on very light white card without any watermark and without gum.

The prevailing knowledge indicate that these were "Test-Prints" of each plate as a quality control measure. It is thought that only 2 sheets [200 stamps] of each value were printed.

They are listed in Facit Catalogue and this is referenced on the **Certificate of Authenticity** [original on back]



Imperforate Skilding stamps are known - these are on the same **watermarked paper but without gum.**

They are from remainder sheets [between 2 & 5] which were accidentally released by the Thiele Printing Works in 1880.

**They were never put into circulation.**

One such example is the 4 Sk Official on the following page.



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## The Skilding Issues - 1873 Officials

In accordance with the Icelandic Postal Law of 1872, two stamps were prepared for use by **Officials** according to very strict rules. The two values [4 Sk and 8 Sk] were distributed to the Post Offices along with the ordinary postage stamps and cancellers in late 1872 and came into use in 1873. They were of similar design but had "**PJON. FRIM**" instead of "POSTFRIM" They were valid until 1877 when replaced by the new currency Official stamps. Remainders later sold.



4 Sk Green, 40,000 printed  
95% Line Perf 12½;  
5% Comb Perf 14 x 13½  
For Inland Official Letter  
52% sold



8 Sk Lilac 30,000 printed  
Comb Perf 14 x 13½  
For Official mail to Denmark  
93% sold



4 Sk [repaired]  
Seydisfjordur  
Type B



4 Sk  
Reykjavik  
Type C



8 Sk  
Reykjavik  
Type A  
[genuine usage]



8 Sk  
Spiro Forgery  
Perf 12½  
4 ring cancel



### 4 Sk Imperforate

Imperforate Skilding stamps are known - these are on the same **watermarked paper but without gum.** They are from remainder sheets [between 2 & 5] which were accidentally released by the Thiele Printing Works in 1880.



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# The Aurar Stamps 1876-1901

From 1st January 1875, there was a change in Icelandic currency with the introduction of Kronur and aurar. New stamps were ordered from Denmark. Design Philip Batz, typography printing by H H Thiele, Copenhagen crown watermark with 100 stamps to the sheet.

Introduced **1st August 1876** - 6 values: 5 aur, 6 aur, 10 aur, 16 aur, 20 aur, 40 aur. The first printing of the **5 aur** was line perforated  $12\frac{3}{4}$ , all others were **Comb perforated**  $14 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ . As the need arose, further printings were done.



5 aur P  $12\frac{3}{4}$ ,



5 aur P  $12\frac{3}{4}$ ,



5 aur

5 aur



6 aur

6 aur

6 aur



10 aur

10 aur



16 aur

16 aur



20 aur

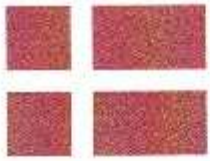
20 aur



40 aur

40 aur

Stamp	Printings	Total Numbers
5 aur Blue P $12\frac{3}{4}$ ,	One	40,000
5 aur Blue $14 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ .	One	50,000
6 aur Grey	Five	330,000
10 aur Red	Seven	1,150,000
16 aur Brown	Four	210,000
20 aur Violet	Two	90,000
40 aur Green	One	40,000



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## The Aurar Stamps 1876-1901

In 1881, it was decided that the minimum postage for printed matter within Iceland should be reduced from 4 aur to 3 aur. The new value, Comb perforated 14 x 13½ was released **1st July 1882**.

In 1882, it was necessary to change the colours of three Icelandic stamps in accordance with the UPU regulations of 1881. The 5 aur was reprinted green [inland postage]; the 20 aur was reprinted blue [foreign mail] and the 40 aur [second weight band foreign] was reprinted in purple - all Comb perforated 14 x 13½. Released **1st July 1882**



3 aur Yellow



5 aur Green



20 aur Blue



40 aur Purple

In 1890 there was a change in the postal rates for parcels - multiples of 25 aur - and a need for higher values. These were the **50 aur** and **100 aur** bicoloured stamps of the same design and comb perforated 14 x 13½.



50 aur Blue/Red



100 Brown / Mauve

Value	Printings	Numbers
3 aur	Five	560,000
5 aur	Three	560,000
20 aur	Three	310,000
40 aur	Three	150,000
50 aur	One	55,000
100 aur	One	55,000

Values Perforated 14 x 13½ were reprinted as required 1884-1895





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## The Aurar Stamps 1876-1901

When new supplies of postage stamps were requested from 1896, they were printed in the same way but were **Comb Perforated** 12 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.



3 aur Yellow



5 aur Green



6 aur Grey



10 aur Red



16 aur Brown



20 aur Blue

In 1899, a special local postage rate was adopted in Reykjavik which was fixed at 4 aur. A new value stamp was ordered from Copenhagen, **comb perforated** 12 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> delivered in December 1899 and circulated from **6th January 1900**.

In 1900, a request was made for a 25 aur value, **comb perforated** 12 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, to met the requirements of inland parcel post, they were received in December 1900 and circulated in **January 1901**



4 aur Red/Grey



25 aur Brown/Blue

Value	Printing	Years	Numbers
3 aur	Two	1896/1901	600,000
4 aur	One	1899	200,000
5 aur	Three	1896/7/8	750,000
6 aur	Two	1896/7	500,000
10 aur	Two	1897/8	700,000
16 aur	One	1897	100,000
20 aur	Two	1896/98	500,000
25 aur	One	1900	200,000



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## The Aurar Officials

When the new currency was introduced the Administration requested new design official stamps. These were designed by Philip Batz, Typography printing by H H Thiele Copenhagen on crown watermark paper, **Perforation 14 x 13½** 100 stamps per sheet.

- There were three values: **10 aur**, **16 aur** and **20 aur**. These were put into circulation **1st August 1876**.
- A request was made in late 1877 for a **5 aur** value, these were received in March and circulated **1st April, 1878**.
- On **1st July 1882** the **3 aur** value was added
- **50 aur** value was added in **March 1895**.



3 aur	5 aur	10 aur	16 aur	20 aur	50 aur
Yellow	Brown	Blue	Red	Green	Lilac
1/7/1882	1/4/1878	1/8/1876	1/8/1876	1/8/1876	3/1895
100,000	250,000	200,000	90,000	140,000	105,000



As with the ordinary stamps, from **1896**, reprints were produced in the same way except **comb perforation 12¾**. For the local postal rate was introduced for Reykjavik, a new **4 aur** value was issued, **January 1901**, again **comb perforation 12¾**.



3 aur	4 aur	10 aur
1896/8/9	1/1901	1898
350,000	200,000	300,000





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# The Aurar Postal Stationary

**Single Postcards: 5 aur; 8 aur; 10 aur.**

- The 5 aur card was first issued in **1879** - the indicia had the **triangles in the corner blank**. This card was printed by Nielsen & Lydieke, Copenhagen.
- All Subsequent issues [5, 8, 10 aur] from **1880** were printed by H H Thiele and have the **triangles shaded** like the postage stamps.



**5 aur Single Postcard**

**A 1879 Ultramarine & Grey**

**B 1889-1891 Blue-Green & Grey**

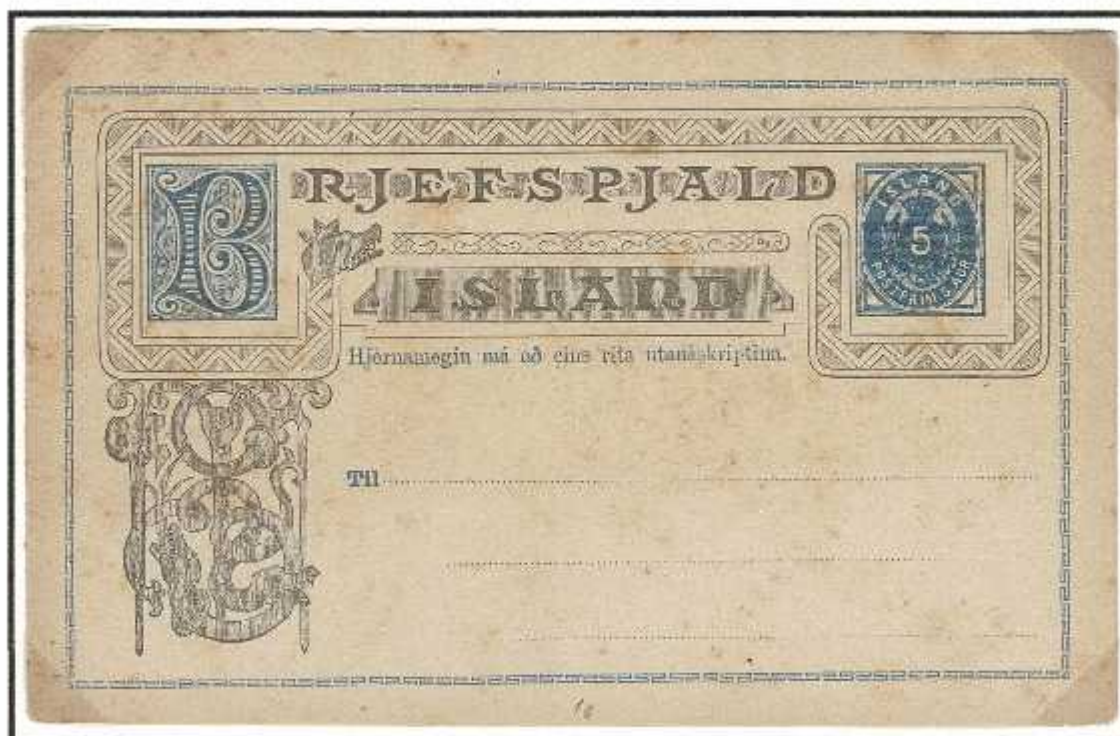
Numbers issued not recorded



1879



1889





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The Aurar Postal Stationary



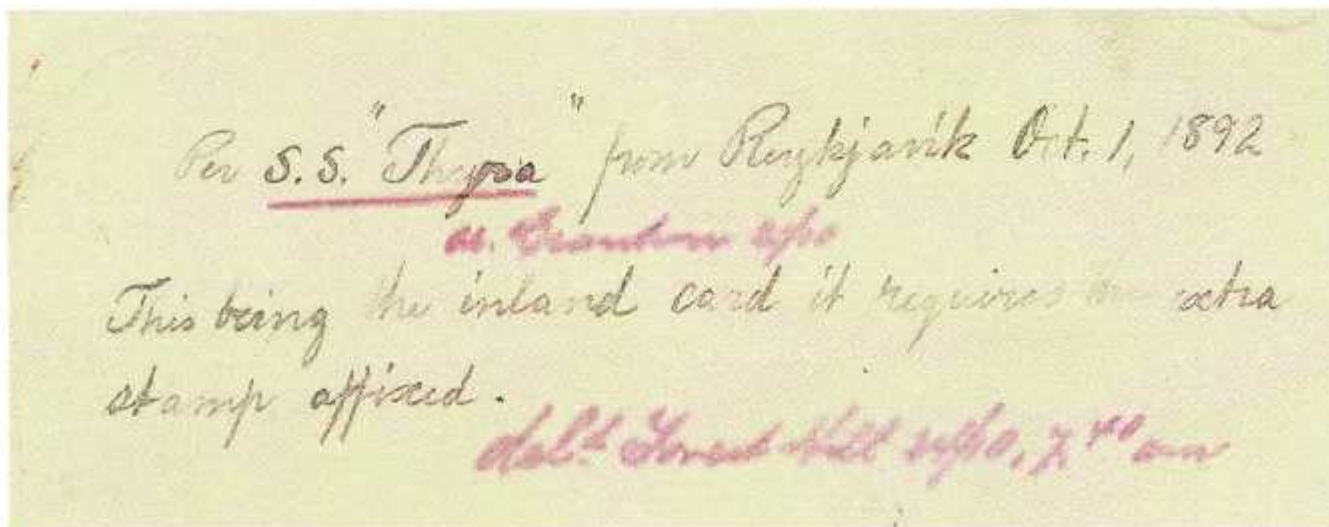
5 aurar postcard [1889] up-rated with 5 aur [1891 printing Perforated 14 x 13½. Cancelled REYJKAVIK 1/10 [1892]  
Correct foreign postcard rate 10 aur - addressed to England.

Back endorsed by writer:

*"Per S.S. Thyra" from Reykjavik Oct. 1, 1892"*  
*"This being the inland card it requires the extra stamp affixed."*

The addressee had added:

*"at Ajanhvn 21/10"*  
*"Del. Forest Hill 24/10 7.40am"*





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# The Aurar Postal Stationary

**8 aurar Single Postcard**

Issued 1880-1891 rate for Denmark and Faroe Islands

Numbers not recorded

**8 aur** postcard up-rated with **3 aur** [1891 issue Perforated 14 x 13½. To met the foreign postcard rate [10 aur] - there being no 2 aur stamps.

Cancelled **REYKJAVIK 18/10** [1892] addressed to England



Endorsed by the Writer:

**"By S.S. "Laura"  
Reykjavik, Oct. 17, 1892"**

Endorsed as delivered  
25th October.

### **S.S "Laura"**

Was built 1875 as the "Roll Call" obtained by the **Laura Steamship Company** 1886 to 1909.

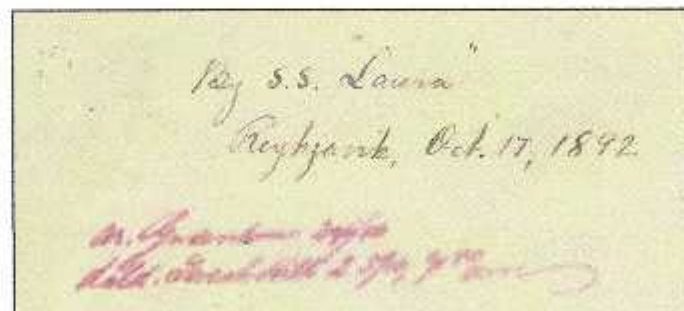
266 tons 136 feet 40hp motor single screw

Beached after being attacked by Motor Torpedo boat August 1941.

### **Danish Postal Steamer**

carried the 3 Aurar stamp issues replacing the "Prir" overprint.

Also delivered the Christian IX issues to Reykjavik 7 October 1902





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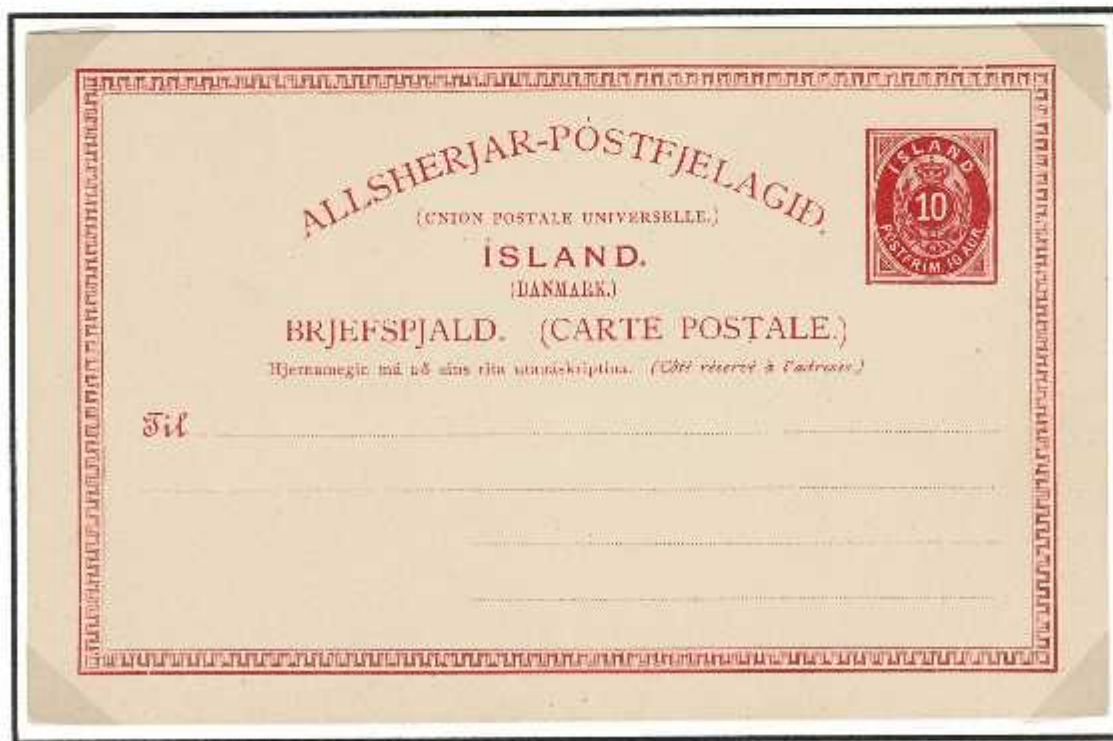


## The Aurar Postal Stationary

10 aur Single Postcard - carmine. For foreign postcard rate 2 Designs: 1880 & 1889.



The 1888 design included - **Union Postale Universelle** - a UPU requirement. Denmark joined the UPU in 1875 but the Regulations concerning the colour of stamps for inland and foreign were signed in 1881





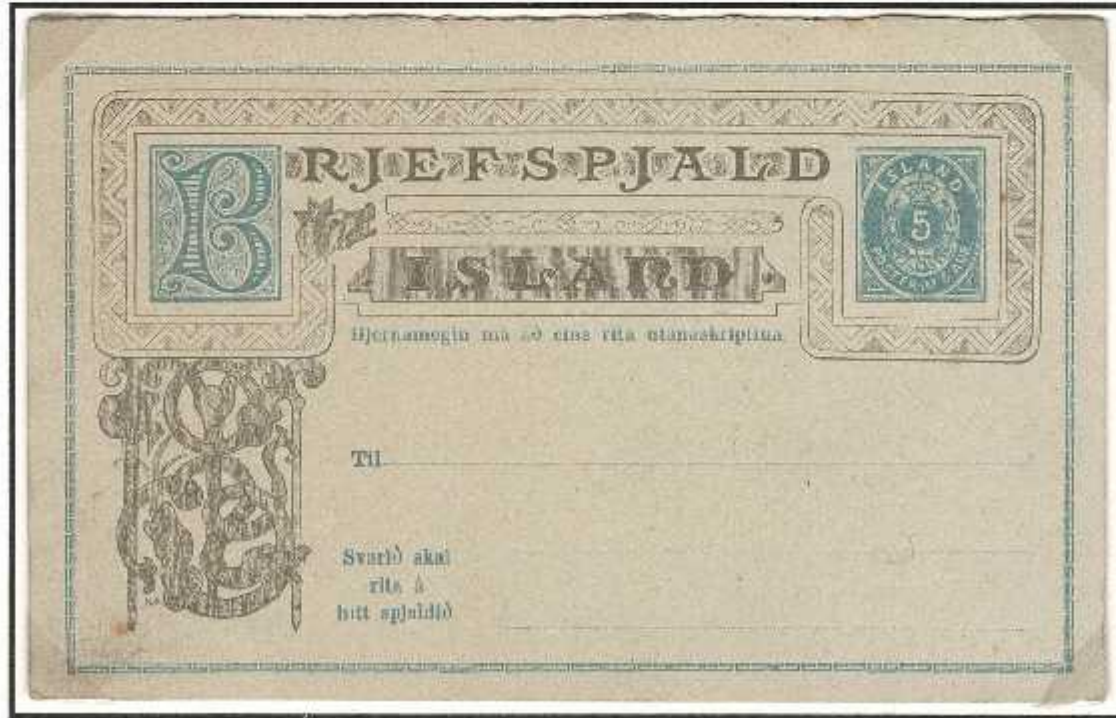
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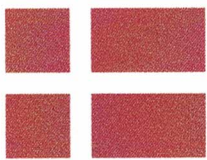


# The Aurar Postal Stationary

Reply - Double Postcards: 5 + 5 Inland postcard; 8 + 8 Denmark & Faroe Islands; 10 + 10 Foreign.  
Two issues: 1883 on greyish card. 1889-1890 on yellow-brown card

## 1883 Issues





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# The Aurar Postal Stationary

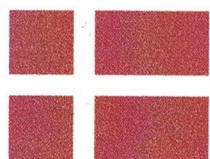
10 aurar 1883 Issue



10 aurar 1889-1890 Issue







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## King Christian IX Portrait Stamps

A new issue was being discussed in Iceland from 1897 following the difficulties with supply and the "3" overprint. A decision was made by the Althing in 1901 for the production of new Icelandic stamps. In August 1902, the Minister announced that the new stamps would have the portrait of the King. The stamps currently in use were to be overprinted and were valid only to 1903.

Designer Professor Hans Tegner, typography printing by H H Thiel, Copenhagen on crown watermarked paper, 100 stamps per sheet and comb perforated 12½. There were 11 values and 30,000 sheets arrived on the Postal Steamer "*Laura*" at Reykjavik and were distributed **9th October 1902**. In July 1904, 2 additional values were requested 2 Kr & 5 Kr. Additional printings of the 4, 5 and 10 aur. were ordered on **1 March 1905**. They remained valid until the **31st December 1921**. 6 values were later overprinted for use.



2 aur  
400,000  
printed



4 aur  
400,000 +  
400,000



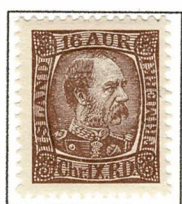
5 aur  
150,000 +  
850,000



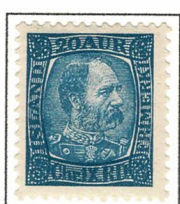
6 aur  
400,000  
printed



10 aur  
500,000 +  
500,000



16 aur  
300,000  
printed



20 aur  
400,000  
printed



25 aur  
300,000  
printed



40 aur  
200,000  
printed



50 aur  
200,000  
printed



1 Kr  
100,000  
printed



2 Kr  
100,000  
printed



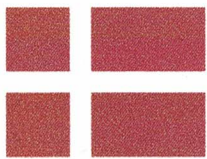
5 Kr  
100,000  
printed

Iceland assumed full control of postal affairs from 1 January 1921 and decided to invalidate all issues up to 1 December 1918. This took effect **1 January 1922**.

To make use of the significant stock on hand, various stamps were overprinted.

16 aur -	79,900 stamps overprinted	"5 aur."	[20 January 1922]
25 aur -	147,000 stamps overprinted	"20 aur."	[23 November 1921]
40 aur -	79,600 stamps overprinted	"20 aur."	[10 April 1922]
50 aur -	99,600 stamps overprinted	"30 aur."	[2 February 1925]
2 Kr -	79,914 stamps overprinted	"Kr.10"	[27 August 1929]
5 Kr -	94,600 stamps overprinted	"50 aur."	[30 January 1925]





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## King Christian IX Portrait Stamps

**28th November 1902.** Official stamps with a portrait of King Christian IX arrived in Iceland a month later than the ordinary postage stamps. They are of the same design and were printed at the same printing works on the same crown watermarked paper and perforated comb 12½. 100 stamps to the sheet. They were valid until **31 December 1921.**

In 1943, 30,000 of the 5 aur value were overprinted.



**3 aur**  
yellow/grey-  
brown  
220,000



**4 aur**  
green/grey-  
brown  
215,000



**5 aur**  
brown/grey-  
brown  
220,000



**10 aur**  
blue/grey-  
brown  
190,000



**16 aur**  
re/grey-  
brown  
120,000

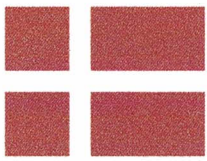


**20 aur**  
green/grey-  
brown  
120,000

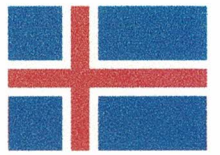


**50 aur**  
violet/grey-  
brown  
80,600





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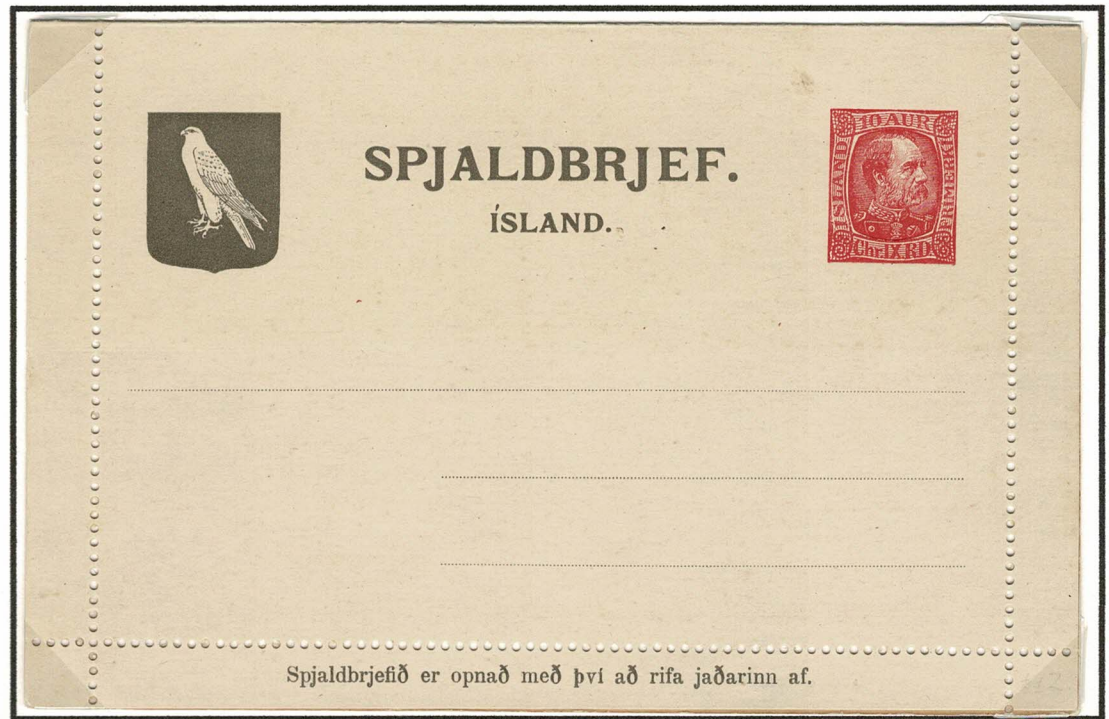


# King Christian Postal Stationary

The Iceland Postal Administration, when it ordered the postage and official stamps with the portrait of King Christian IX, also ordered **lettercards, single postcards and reply postcards.**

These had the exact same indicia as the appropriate postage stamp in the same colours. They were printed by H H Thiele in Copenhagen and were delivered with the official stamps in **November 1902.**

They were valid for use to **31 December 1921.**



Spjaldbrjefið er opnað með því að rífa jaðarinn af.

**10 aur Lettercard - 11,000 printed**  
Use: Inland from 1902 and to Denmark from 1908:



Hjernamegin má að eins rita utanáskriptina.

Til .....



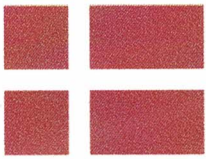
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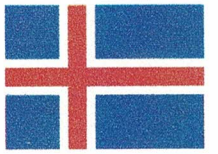
### Single Postcards

**3 aur Orange/grey - 15,000 printed**  
Local use

**5 aur Green/grey - 39,000 printed**  
Inland from 1902 &  
To Denmark from 1908



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King Christian Postal Stationary



1907 5 aur postcard overprinted '3' red relief to meet a shortage of 3 aurar postal cards - local use and inland printed matter. Numbers not recorded

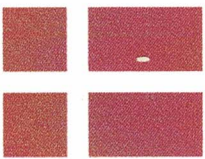
10 aurar postcard - 16,000 printed

Use foreign postcard rate from 1902



10 aurar postcard correctly used

Reykjavik - written 27 IX 06, cancelled Reykjavik 1.10.06 addressed to Germany. Received Bonn 9.10.06



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Reply Postcards [Double Postcards] were also ordered by Icelandic Postal Administration.  
Values 3, 5, 8 & 10 aurar. 4000 of each printed

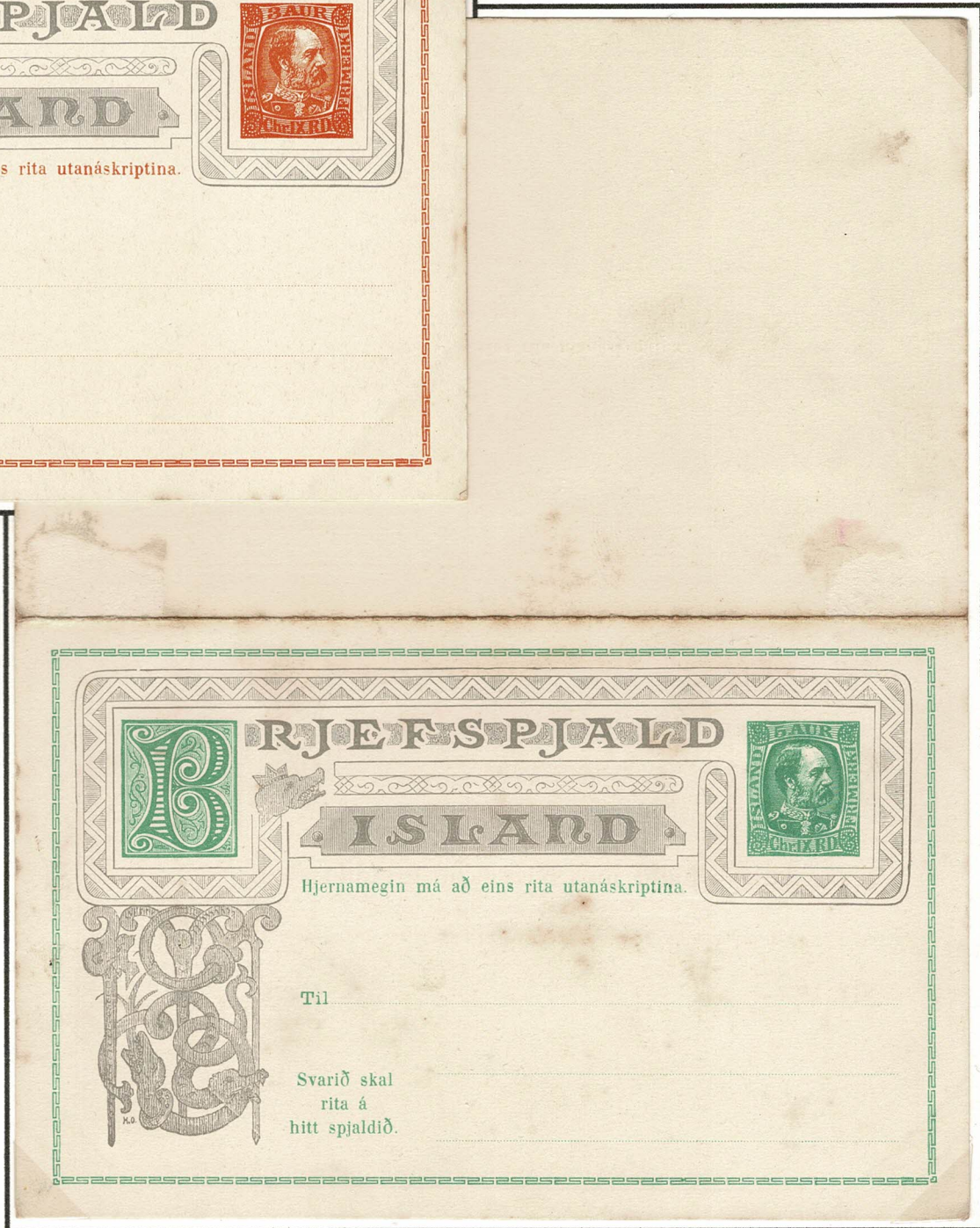


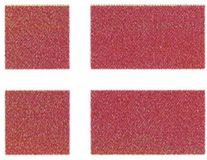
3 aurar - local post and inland  
printed matter rate



5 aurar - Inland postcard rate from  
1902 and postcard rate to  
Denmark from 1908.

Front of reply card shown above





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King Christian Postal Stationary



Reply Postcards [Double Postcards] were also ordered by Icelandic Postal Administration.  
Values 3, 5, 8 & 10 aurar. 4000 of each printed



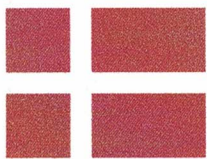
8 aurar - postcard rate to Denmark & Faroe islands



10 aurar - Foreign postcard rate

Reply card shown





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## The Three [Prir] Overprint 1897

In August 1897, stocks of the 3 aur stamp [local mail and inland printed matter] were low and the Postal Administration ordered more that were due to arrive by Postal Steamer in November 1897. However, the stocks were exhausted in late October and a **Provisional overprint on the 5 aur stamp** was approved.

On **1st November 1897**, 86 sheets [8,000] 5 aur stamps were overprinted with a red 3. This was considered to be inadequate and they were further overprinted "Prir" in black. The overprint was different on the top 6 rows of each sheet ["small P"] compared with the lower 4 rows ["large P"]. This double overprint issue sold out in 2 days.

On **3rd November 1897**, 50 sheets [5000 stamps] were overprinted "Prir" in black and again t he overprint was different on the top 6 rows of each sheet ["small P"] compared with the lower 4 rows ["large P"].

This created 4 different stamp issues and was, and still remains, very controversial



5160 printed



3 "small p"



3460 printed



3 "large p"



3000 printed



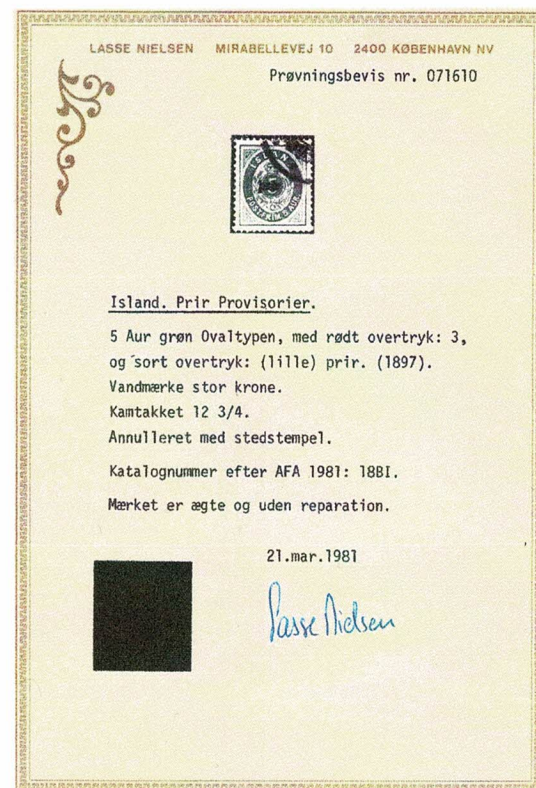
"small p"



2000 printed



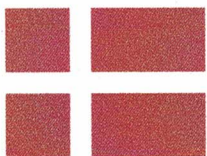
"large p"



Certificate Overprint 3 and "small p"  
[original on the back of sheet]

It is believed that a stamp speculator, Ditlev Thomsen, was probably involved in creating the shortage of the 3 aur stamps and was probably involved in the suggestions and process involved in creating the Provisional overprints. He did buy up most of the issue, used a significant number of printed matter mail to trusted employees. He was involved in the subsequent promotion and sale of these Provisional issues overseas to his own financial advantage.





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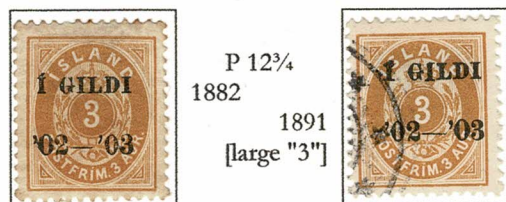
## The I GILDI '02-'03 Overprints

With the pending arrival and introduction of the King Christian IX stamps in October 1902, the Iceland Postal Administration decided that the aurar stamps already in circulation should not be used in competition with the Royal stamps beyond 1903. On 9th October, 1902 a decision was made that all stocks of aurar stamps and postal stationary were to be valid until the end of 1903 and overprinted "I GILDI '02-'03" [Valid 02-03].

The Postal Administration arranged the overprint of the stock on hand [most - 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 25 & 40 aur - Perforated 12<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> - 100 aur P14 x 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and 40, 50 aur - both perforations] to be done at Felagsprentsmidjan in Reykjavik. This was done between late October and July 1903.

It also allowed for individuals with sheets or held sheets to be able to take them direct to the printer for overprinting. As a direct result, certain stamp speculators arranged for earlier aurar printings [perforation 14 x 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>] to be overprinted and also manipulated inverted, double and incorrectly coloured overprints.

The overprint was in Typeset in half sheet at a time in red or black depending on the colour of the stamp. The typeset was dismantled and recreated as needed so whole sheets show a variety of different settings. These are identified as the printer used two types of 0 - thin and wider - and also two types of ' - thinner and wider apostrophes - at random.



P 12<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
1882 1891  
[large "3"]  
3 aur 193,000 printed



4 aur 27,000 printed



5 aur 150,000 printed



INVERTED



6 aur 320,000



INVERTED



10 aur 190,000 printed



16 aur 42,500 printed



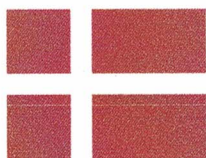
20 aur 330,000 printed



25 aur 165,000 printed



INVERTED



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# The I GILDI '02-'03 Overprints



P 14 x 13½  
1882  
30,000

40 aur



40 au P 12¼ 200,000



INVERTED



50 aur P 14 x 13½ 30,000



50 aur P 12¼ 90,000



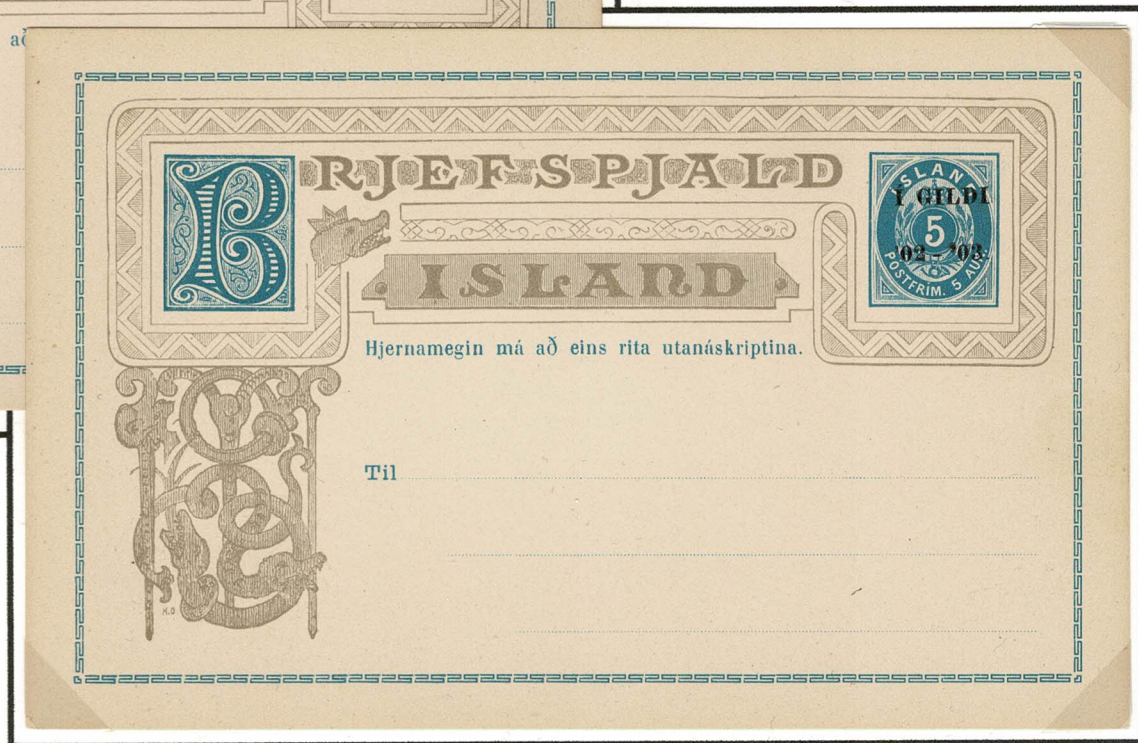
100 aur 14 x 13½ 22,000

## I GILDI '02-'03. Stationary Overprints

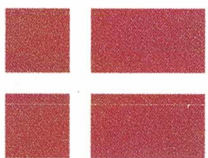
Post Office stock of single and reply - double postcards were overprinted. There were 4 settings depending on the space between the two overprint lines. Type I 7.25mm; Type II 5.2mm; Type III 5.7mm; Type IV 4.5mm



Type I



Type II



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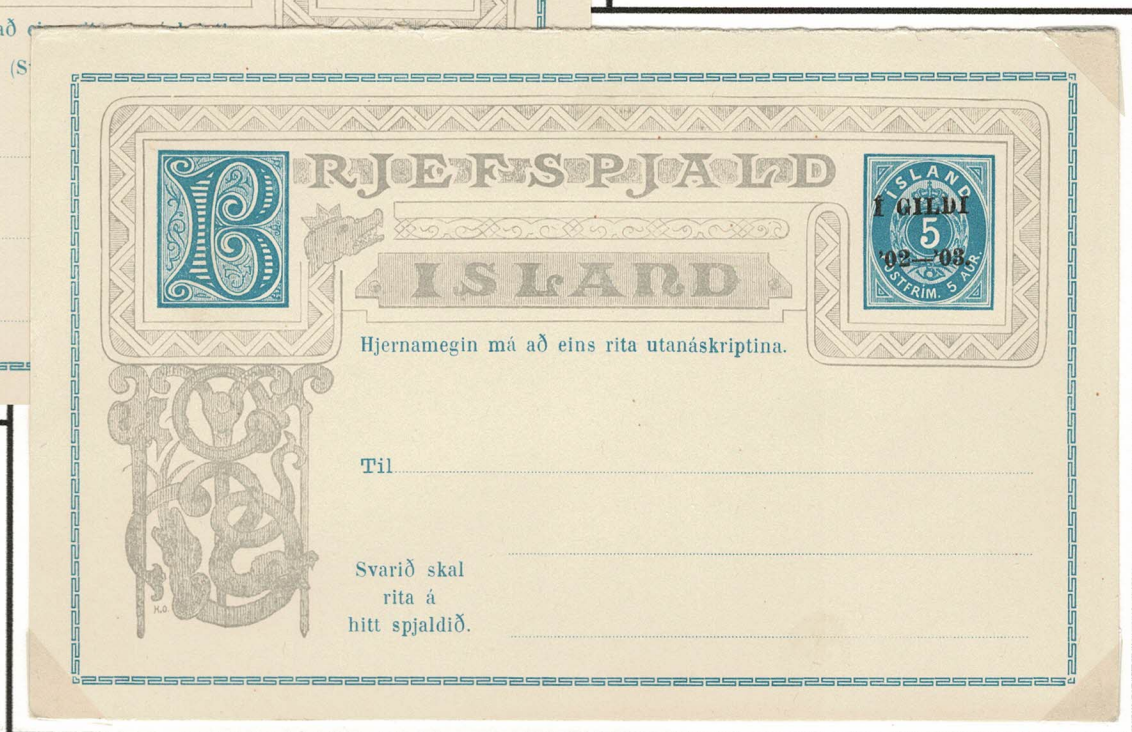
# The I GILDI '02-'03 Overprints



5 aur Reply card 1889-1891

Front Card

Reply half

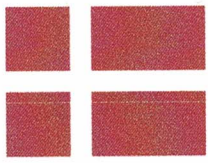


10 aur Reply Card [1889-1891]

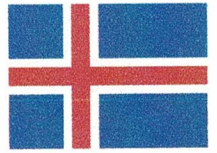
Type IV overprinr



Type IV [4.5mm]



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# The I GILDI '02-'03 Overprints Officials

The Aura Official stamps were overprinted for use until the end of 1903 and used concurrently with the King Christian IX officials. The numbers overprinted are uncertain except for the 5 aur [300,000] and 20 aur [200,000] printings of 1898 that had not been circulated and were overprinted with the other values which had mostly been reprinted from the end of 1895 and were perforated 12<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. The 16 aur and 50 aur were printed in 1895 so were perforated 14 x 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.



3 aur, [1896, 1898]



4 aur 1901



5 aur 1898



3 aur



4 aur



5 aur



10 aur 1898



10 aur



16 aur 1895



16 aur



20 aur 1898



50 aur 1895

Some of the Official stamps from **earlier printings** were overprinted, this could have happened by combining half sheets to make up a sheet for overprinting. **Small numbers** with Perforation 14 x 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> came into circulation

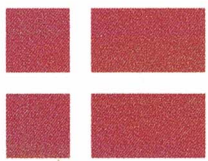


5 aur 1891 & 1892



20 aur 1891 printing





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## 2-King Issue 1907-1908

King Christian IX died 29th January 1906 and was succeeded by his son Frederick VIII. A month later the Icelandic Administration requested new stamps. These were to be the same value and colours as the King Christian IX issue but the portrait was to be profile of both kings. Designer Hans Tegner; centre Portraits recess steel engraving with frames typography at Reichsdruckerei in Berlin.

Watermark crown, perforation 12½ 100 stamps to the sheet.

The issue arrived in Iceland in May 1907 and put into circulation **1st June 1907**.

New Postal rates from 1 January 1908 required 2 new values - 1 eyr [10th March 1908] 15 aur [16th September 1908]

The 3, 5 and 10 aur values were reprinted 1910-1913. Some higher values were overprinted from 1922



3 aur  
712,000



4 aur  
400,000



5 aur  
1,000,000



6 aur  
400,000



10 aur  
1,341,500



16 aur  
300,000



20 aur  
400,000



25 aur  
300,000



40 aur  
200,000



50 aur  
200,000



1 Kr  
100,000



2 Kr  
100,000



5 Kr  
100,000



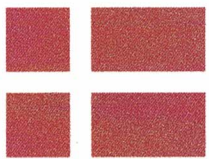
1 eyr  
1,400,000



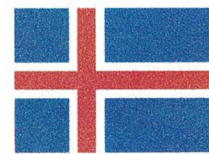
15 aur  
500,000

### Values later Overprinted

16 aur	1922	"5 aurar"	179,700
25 aur	1922	"20 aurar"	99,900
50 aur	1929	as airmail	50,000
	1936	"þjonusta"	50,000
1 Kr	1943	"ORLOF"	50,000
2 Kr	1943	"ORFLOF"	70,000
5 Kr	1930	"Kr 10"	49,600
	1943	"ORLOF"	32,500



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## 2-King Issue 1907-1908



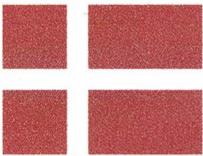
3 aur postcard  
for local  
postcard and  
Inland printed  
matter

10,000 issued



3 aur postcard

Reykjavík  
18 10 08  
Printed matter  
usage



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2-King Issue 1907-1908



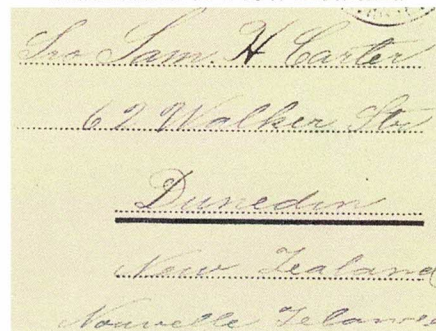
Laugarnar við Reykjavík.



Postcard "Laundry at Reykjavik" No.73 by Thomsens Magazin, Reykjavik.

Written "23/3/08" Reykjavik 24.3.08  
Copenhagen transit 1.4.08

Addressed to New Zealand



Magnussen [1931] suggests that in the years 1904-1914, just 1:100,000 mail items were to an Asian or Pacific destination.

Franking 10 aurar - correct foreign postcard rate 4 aur + 5 aur + 1eyr  
[The 1 eyr was issued 10/3/1908]



BREVKORT

Kun for Adressen:

Alex. Vincents Kunstforlag. Eneret. Skuspillerbrevkort No. 85.

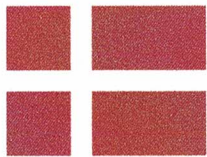
31-12-13.

Fróken Halldora Jónsdóttir  
Lindargötu 20C  
Reykjavík



3 aurar on ppc - correct local postal rate

Written "31-12-13"  
Reykjavik 31 XII 13  
Addressed locally



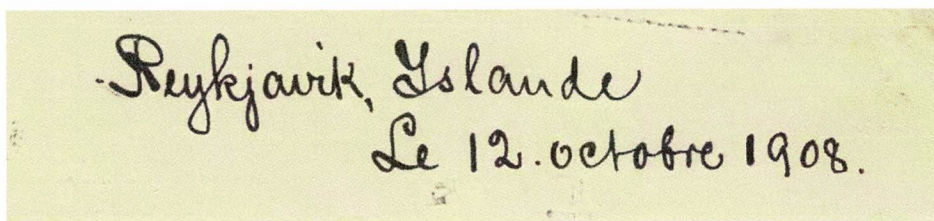
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2-King Issue 1907-1908



3 aur postcard [local use or inland printed matter] written Reykjavik 12 October 1908



Addressed to Paris France, the correct 10 aur rate is met by 1 eyr and 6 aur values up-rating the 3 aur card  
Cancelled Edinburgh OC 19 08 with *PAQUEBOT* marking of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Received Paris 11 District 20 OCT 08

Mail from Iceland was limited by the monthly postal steamer from Denmark and letters and cards were entrusted to Captains of Fishing boats to deliver to the Post Offices in the UK.

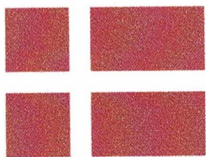


Edinburgh

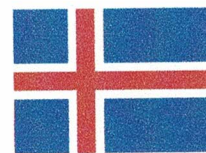


Edinburgh





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## 2-King Officials

When the Icelandic Postal Administration requested new postage stamps they also requested stamps for official use. Received in May, they were issued **1st June 1908**, there were **5 values**. Other than a wording change they were prepared in identical fashion.

In accord with the new postal regulations 1 January 1908, the Registration fee became **15 aur** and a new value issued **1 September 1908**. This **15 aur** was later reprinted in September 1918 on paper with multiple crosses and perforated 14 x 14½.

In 1943, the 10 aur [20,000], 16 aur [30,000], and 50 aur [30,000] were overprinted ORLOF. These numbers have been removed from the print numbers below.



3 aur  
200,000



4 aur  
200,000



5 aur  
200,000



10 aur  
180,000



16 aur  
70,000



20 aur  
100,000



50 aur  
70,000



15 aur  
100,000

1/9/1908

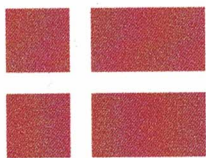
1/9/1918



15 aur  
41,700



These 2-King officials, along with the Christian IX officials of 1902 were **withdrawn at the end of 1921**



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## Embossed Issues 1911-1912

**Jon Sigurdsson:** Issued for the **100th Birth Anniversary** of Jon Sigurdsson, Iceland's greatest leader in the independence struggle from Denmark in the 19th century. Engraving by S Lindahl, Court engraver Copenhagen from a model by Einar Jonsson.

Typography by H H Thiele, Copenhagen. Comb perforation 12½ watermark crown, 100 stamps per sheet.

The 4 aur issued **17th June 1911** the true commemoration. Other values issued **19th December 1911**.



4 aur 600,000



1e 1,000,500



3 aur 207,600



6 A 230,600



15 A 283,700



25 A 131,000



5 A 265,000



10 A 252,700



20 A 194,600



50 A 76,500



1 Kr 40,100



2 Kr 29,200



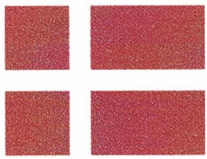
5 Kr 15,800

**King Frederick VIII:** Seven similar designs with different face value, featuring the profile of the King.

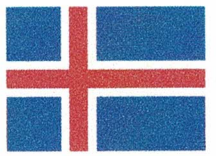
These were issued **17th February 1912**.

Some sheets of the 25 aur, 50 aur, 1 Kr, 2 Kr, 5 Kr were later overprinted - numbers deducted from the above numbers.





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### 2-King Issue 1913-1918

Between 1913 and 1918 seven values of the 2-King design were reprinted but on paper with multiple crosses watermark and perforated comb 14 x 13½.



1 aur  
1916-1917  
478,400



3 aur  
1914,  
1916,1918  
547,700



4 aur  
1913, 1916,  
1918  
1,080,800



5 aur  
1913, 1914  
1916, 1918  
1,590,700



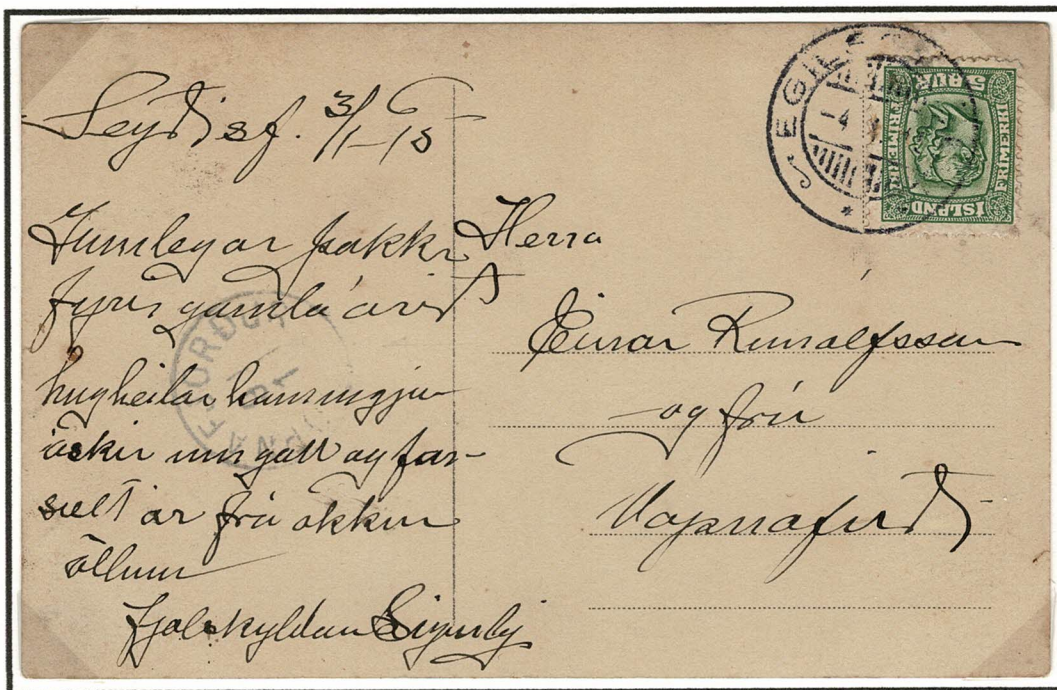
6 aur  
1918  
90,000  
issued



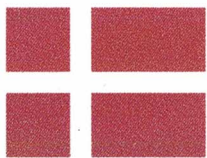
10 aur  
1914, 1916,  
1918  
1,739,900



20 aur  
1918  
157,900  
issued

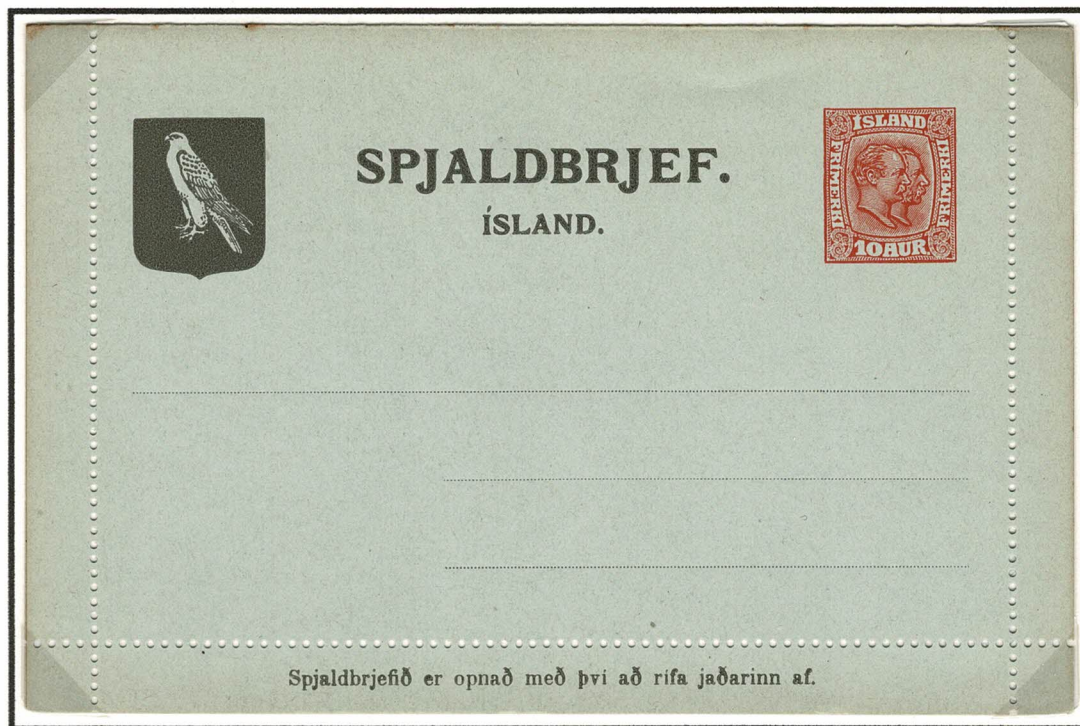


5 aur - correct postcard rate  
Egilsstadir 4.1.15 to  
Dyrafjordur 9/I



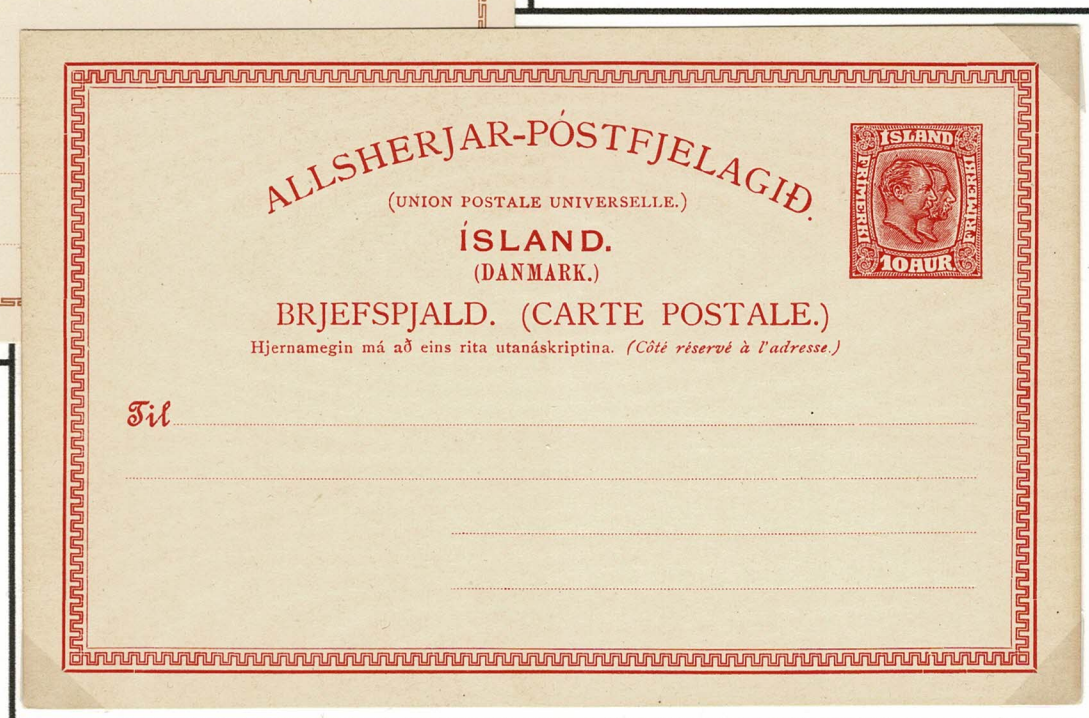
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2-King Stationary 1913



1913: 10 aur Lettercard

Numbers printed including the 1907 issue - 33,600



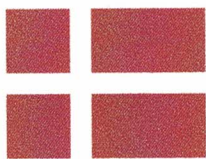
1913: 3 aur postcard

Numbers printed including the 1907 issue - 90,000

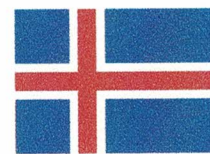
1913: 10 aur postcard

Numbers printed including the 1907 issue - 28,900





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2-King Issue 1913-1918

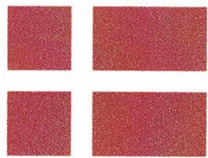


Letter Reykjavik 10 IX 21 to Copenhagen, received 24.9.21

Franking 20 aur - correct letter rate to Denmark 20-125gm from 1908

- 16 x 1 eyr 2-Kings issue of 1913-18
- 1 eyr Jon Sigurdsson [December 1911]
- 3 aur King Christian X [April 1920]

After Iceland took control of its own postal matters, all stamps issued prior to 1st December 1918 were declared invalid as from 1st January 1922.



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# King Christian X 1920-21 issues

In May 1912 King Frederick VII died and was succeeded by his son Christian X. There were delays in the decisions to prepare new stamp issues and the 2-King stamps were reprinted. The 1920 issues included a design from a photograph by Elfelt. This portrait was recess printed on all issues with separate frames by typography - a 2-step process. Printer H H Thiele, Copenhagen, multiple crosses watermarked paper, perforation 14 x 14½ 100 stamps per sheet. Issued in 4 lots, during 1920 and 2 lots in 1921. Some values were later overprinted and the issued numbers deducted from the total printings.

## 23rd February 1920



5 A green  
514,800



10 A red  
492,800

## 16th March 1920



8 A brown  
531,300



20 A blue  
281,600



25 A br/gr  
182,000



30 A red/gr  
643,900



40 A claret  
107,100

## 10th April 1920



3 A yell-br  
400,000



4 A gr/red  
768,700



6 A grey  
310,000



15 A violet  
1,013,800

## 5th June 1920



1 eyr gr/red  
1,079,500



50 A gr/cl  
216,700



1 Kr bl/blk  
545,399

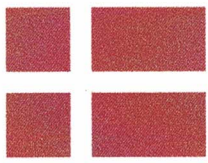


2 Kr dk br  
162,504

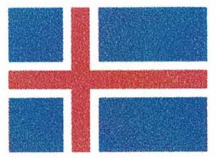


5 Kr br/blue  
166,100





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# King Christian X 1920-21 issues

23rd February 1920



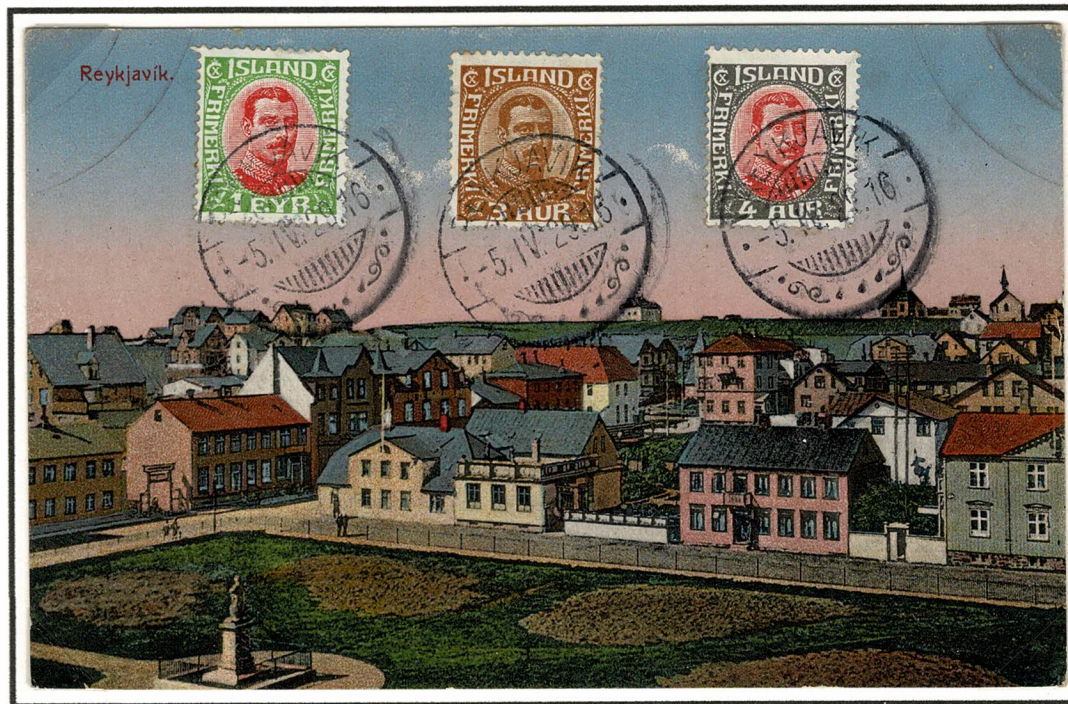
16th March 1920

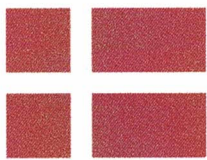


10th April 1920



5th June 1920





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## King Christian X issues

At the 1920 conference of the Universal Postal Union, new postage rates were approved. The inland letter rate became 10 aur [from 5 aur], the overseas letter rate became 40 aur [from 20 aur], the postcard rate went to 25 aur [from 10 aur]. This required altered colours for all affected values. Issued in 2 lots. All stamps with portrait of King Christian X were valid until 31st December 1946

18th April 1921



10 A green  
1,850,250



25 A red  
285,400



40 A blue  
343,200



5 A olive  
1,341,600



20 A brown  
1559,600

17th July 1921



## King Christian X Officials

When the ordinary stamps with the portrait of King Christian X came into circulation in 1920, new official stamps were introduced of similar design and identical printing. Issued in 3 lots.

10th April 1920



20 A gr/gr  
215,800

5th June 1920



3 A yell/gr  
218,400



4 A gr/gr  
236,200



15 A gr/gr  
519,000



1 Kr red/gr  
129,000

19th June 1920



5 A gr/gr  
537,200

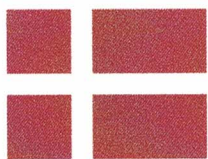


10 A bl/gr  
470,000



50 A vio/gr  
218,100

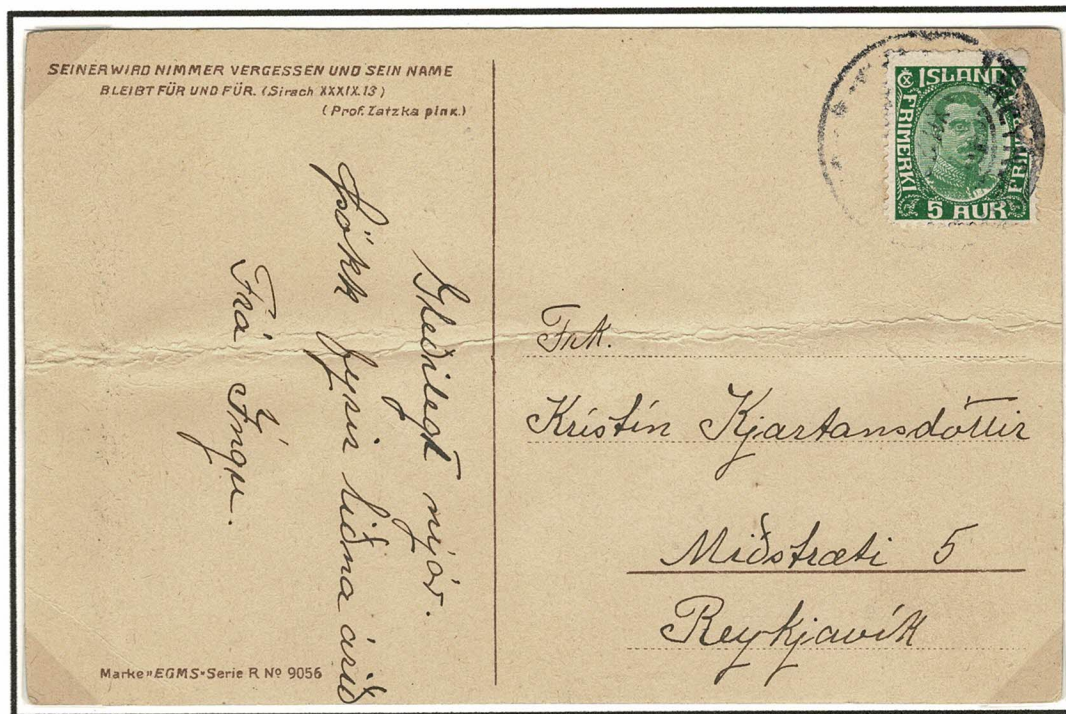




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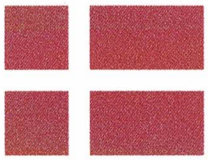
# King Christian X 1920-21 issues



Postcard 5 aur green [1920 printing] Reykjavik 1 XII 20 used locally. [Local postcard rate was 3 aur]



Registered window envelope 30 aur [1920 issue] + 40 aur blue [1921 issue] Reykjavik 10 III 22 via Edinburgh 7 AP 22 to London received 8 AP 22  
Foreign rate from 1920 40 aur - Registration fee 30 aur.



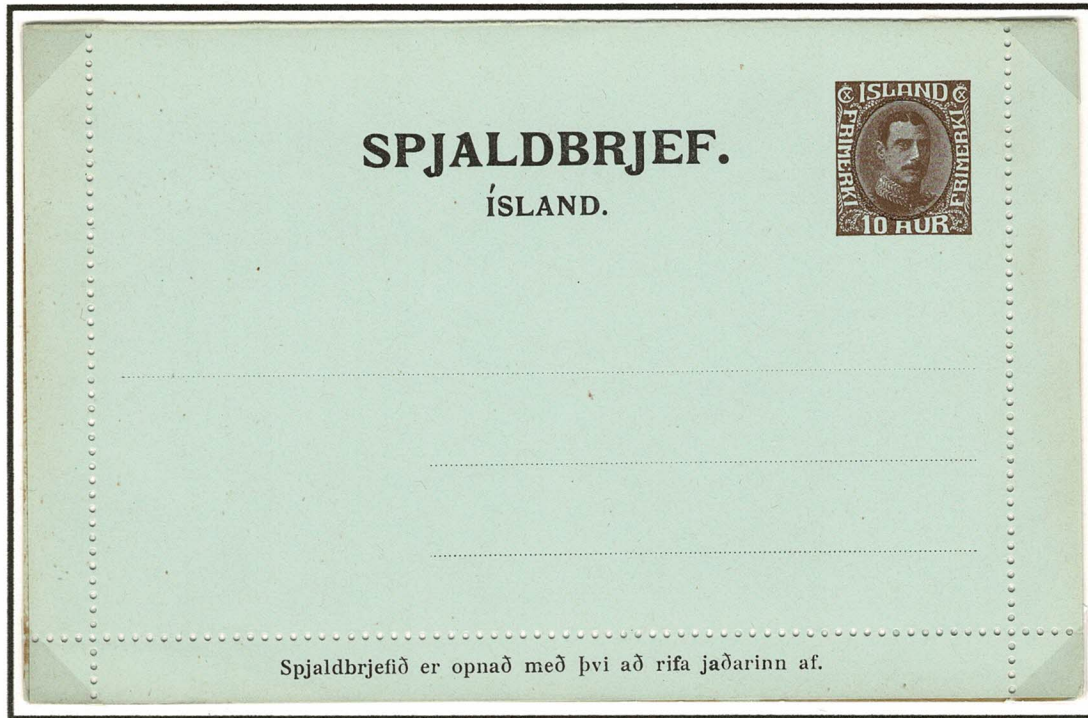
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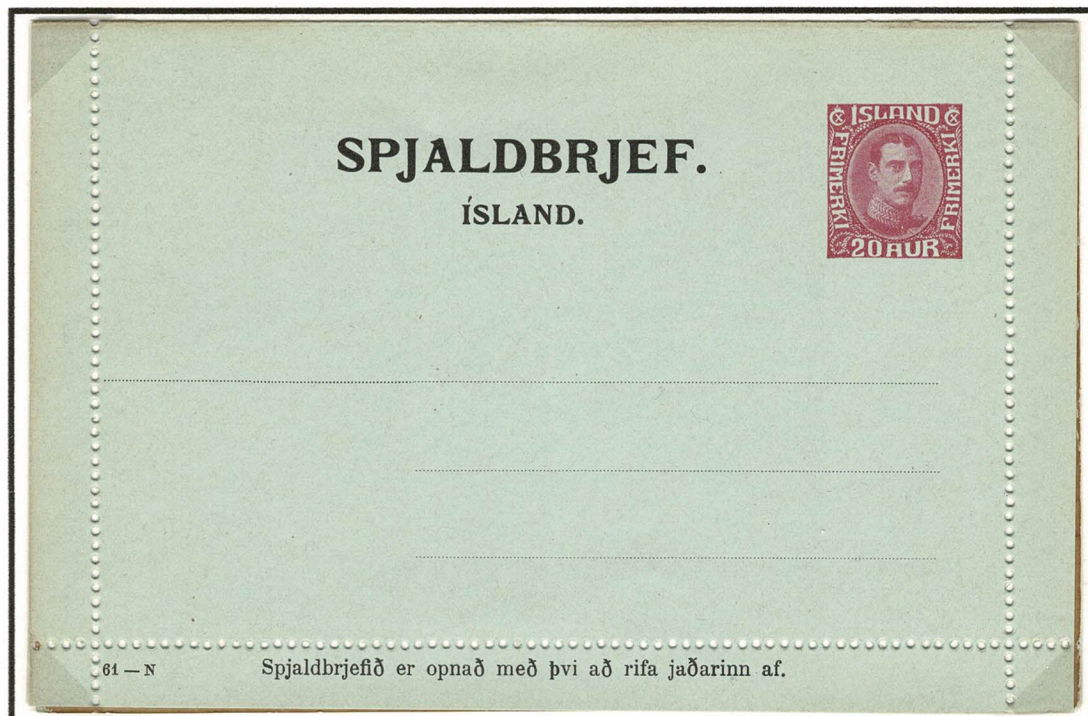
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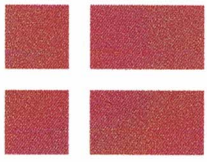
Lettercards on blue-grey card were issued between 1920 and 1926 - 4 values, 8 aur, 10 aur [[green & brown], 15 aur and 20 aur.

10 aur lettercard issued 1926 - 6,325 issued



20 aur lettercard lilac-red. Issued 1923 - 14,850 issued





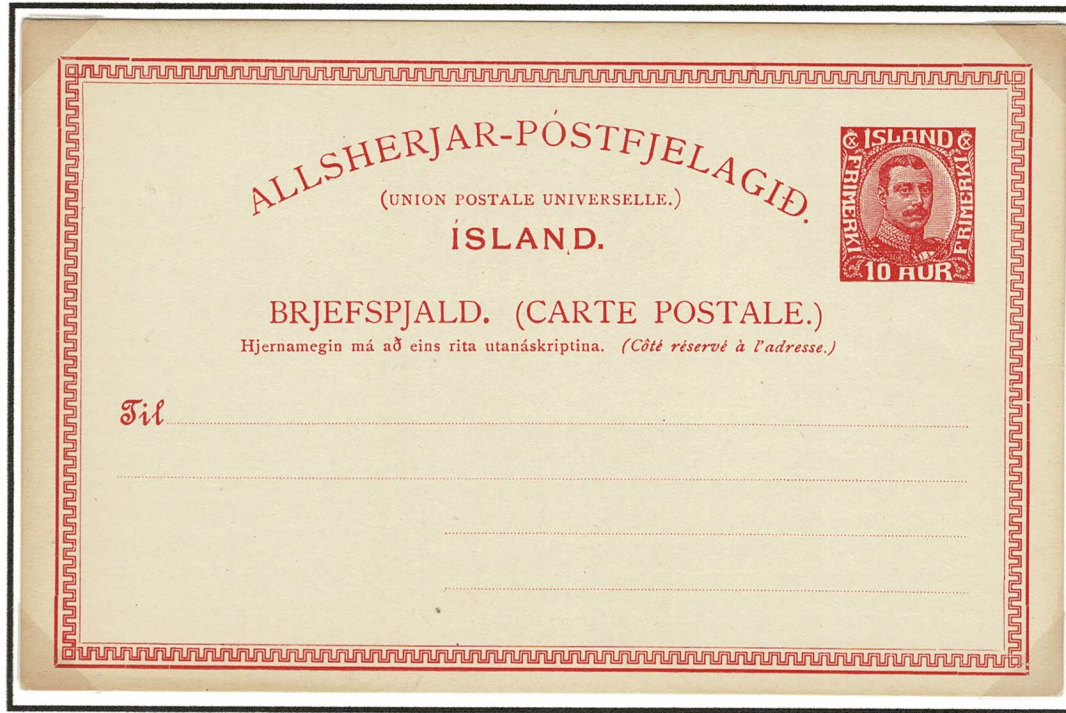
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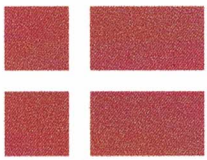
Single Postcards were issued 1920-1924 in 5 values - 5 aur, 8 aur, 10 aur, 15 aur and 25 aur,

10 aur postcard issued 1920 - 5,100 issued



25 aur postcard. Issued 1924 - 5,100 issued





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# King Christian Stationary

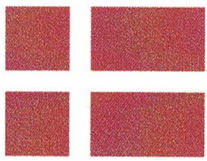
Reply - Double Postcards were issued in 1920 Values 5 aur, 10 aur and 1924 Values 8 aur, 15 aur and 25 aur.

8 aur Reply postcard issued 1924 - 3,100 issued



15 aur Reply postcard. Issued 1924 - 3,100 issued  
Reply half uprated 7 aur used Reykjavik 14.7.26 to Germany





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## "Landscape" Issue

At the UPU Congress of 1924, postage rates between member countries were reduced. Printed matter 7 aur [from 10 aur]; postcard 20 aur [from 25 aur]; letters 35 aur [from 40 aur.]. This change made it necessary for the Icelandic Postal Administration to produce stamps in the new values. An entirely new series of stamps - the so-called "Landscape" stamps were issued **12th September 1925**. Engraving and typography H H Thiele, Copenhagen, multiple crosses watermarked paper, perforation 14 x 14½ 50 stamps to sheet. Reprinted as needed to 1934 and valid until 31st December 1946.

**7 aur & 50 aur:** boat landing on harbourless south coast near Vik from a photo Olafur Jonsson [Vik postmaster is holding rope]

**10 aur & 35 aur:** View of centre of Reykjavik with lake and Mt Esja - from photo by Olafur Magnusson.

**20 aur:** Museum in Reykjavik which houses National Library and National Archives



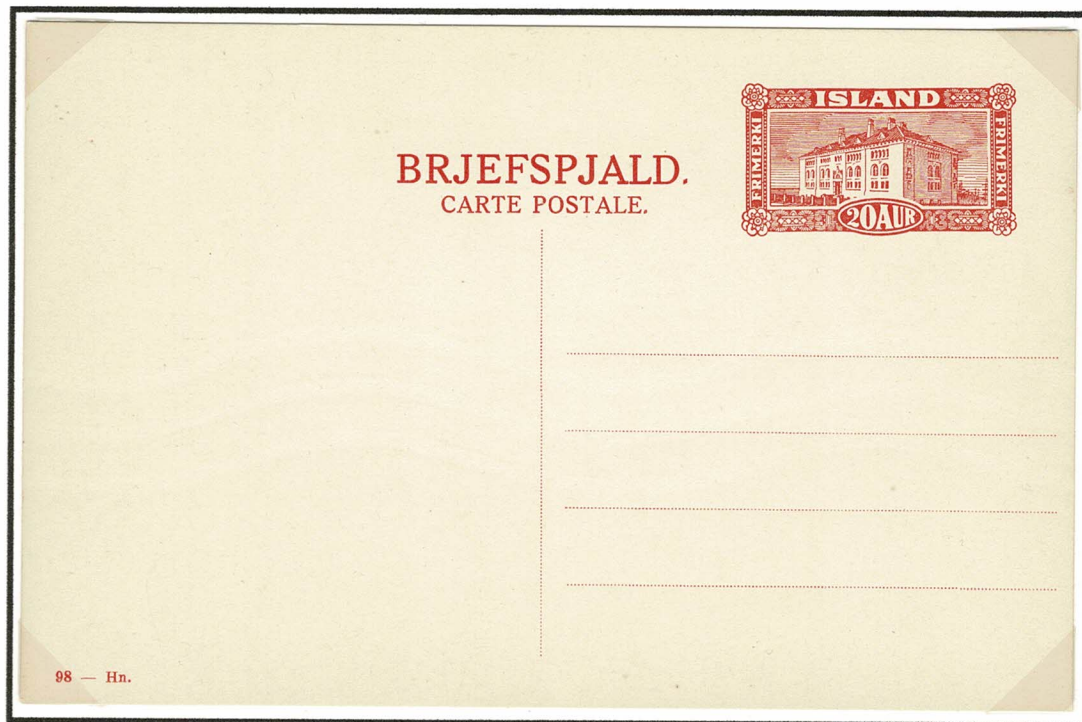
**7 aur**  
3 printings 1925-29-31  
826,700

**10 aur**  
3 printings 1925-26-29  
1,934,150

**20 aur**  
3 printings 1925-28-29  
4,107,200

**35 aur**  
5 printings 1925-27-29-30-31  
1,026,900

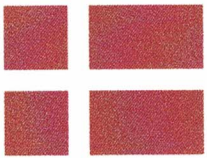
**50 aur**  
5 printing 1925-27-29-32-43  
905,750



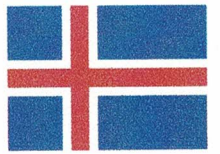
Single Postcard 20 aur [foreign postcard rate] 5,200 printed



**Tollur** - Customs stamp  
duty - unusual on low value



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# "Landscape" Issue



7 aur [Inland Printed Matter] Reykjavik 24 VI 31  
on Real Photo postcard Laxfoss by M Einkaretti  
printed in Reykjavik

2 x 10 aur - 20 aur  
[Inland Letter rate]  
Reykjavik 10 VI 30



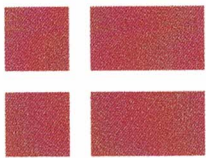
10 aur [Inland Postcard Rate]  
Reykjavik 30 XII 37  
Real Photo postcard - Icelandic  
Horses - no print details



30 Dec. 1937  
Kære H. Nationalbank-  
direktin!  
Min Kone og jeg  
satter hushjælp for de  
vulige Julensker og  
beder Dem og Pui Koster  
mottage vor bedste Gæster  
om et glædeligt Nytår  
Dens hengiven  
L. Koster

H. Nationalbankdirektin  
L. Koster  
Købd. SF. 2 p. r.  
Islands Landsbank  
Reykjavik





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# "Landscape" Issue



Registered Letter with 55 aur  
To Svendborg Denmark  
35 aur Denmark letter-rate  
20 aur Registration fee

Reykjavik 18 II 27  
Svendborg 28 2 27



Fine wax seal Paul Tinsen



Registered Foreign Letter  
65 aur with 7 aur & 50 aur  
Landscape stamps  
Reykjavik 10 XII 27  
To Cincinnati via Hull [18 DE 27]  
and New York 12 28 1927,  
received DEC 29 1927

Stamp Dealer Mail



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**Einschreiben**  
**Registered**

Briefmarken  
Postage stamps

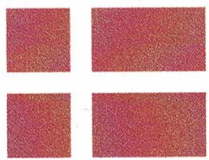
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Western Bank & Trust Co.

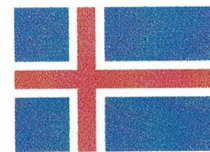
Cincinnati,

U.S.A.

2107



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## Officials 1922-1936

In **May 1922**, the two high values of the **King Frederick VIII** series of 1912 which had been invalid for postage from the end of 1921, were overprinted "**Pjónusta**" and thus made into official stamps. The black overprint was done in Reykjavik printing works.



13 mm  
overprint  
9,600



14 mm  
overprint  
20,000



13 mm  
overprint  
10,000



2 Kr



5 Kr

In **June 1923**, the 1920 King Christian X **10 aur** stamp was withdrawn and the remainder were overprinted "**20 aur. /Pjónusta**" in Reykjavik.



20 aur  
199,000



20 aur

On **7th August 1930**, new official stamps with the portrait of King Christian X were introduced. **2 Kr and 5 Kr** - on multiple cross watermarked paper, P 14 x 14½. On **30th March 1932** a **20 aur** value was issued.



1 Kr  
44,000



5 Kr  
22,500



20 aur  
260,000



2 Kr



5 Kr



20 aur

On **7 December 1936**, 3 additional official stamps were introduced with "**Pjónusta**" overprint. The last Official stamps issued.



7 aur  
on 1931  
100,000



10 aur  
on 1920  
150,000



50 aur  
on 1907  
50,000



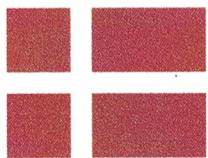
7 aur



10 aur



50 aur



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## 1928 Airmail Overprint

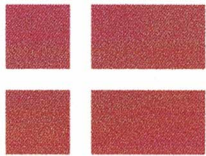
In 1928, the *Flugfélag Islands - Icelandair* airline company was formed and began flights. The postal administration and the company reached an agreement on airmail deliveries to various places in Iceland. This was published in May 1928. It was decided to levy a special extra charge in addition to the normal postage amounting to **10 aurar for a letter to 20 gm.** A special airmail stamp was issued by **overprinting** the **10 aur** King Christian X issue with an **aircraft**.

Issued **31st May 1928** - 100,000 stamps with 99,000 delivered 4th June 1928 - total **199,000**



Flight **Reykjavik to Isafjordur 29 VIII 28** with **10 aur airmail stamp** + 20 aur postage

The **first flight** was **4th June 1928** Reykjavik to **Akureyri** via Isafjordur and Siglfjordur. A few days later flights started to **Stykkisholmur** and **Vestmannaeyjar** [Westman Islands]. These flights continued to **September 1928**. Flights resumed in July 1929 to more destinations. **This airmail service ended in 1931**



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# 1929 Airmail Overprint

In addition to the charge for letters the Administration set a fee for newspapers and magazines at **50 aurar per kilogram**. A special airmail stamp was issued by **overprinting** the **50 aur** 2-King 1907 issue with an **aircraft**. Flights resumed in July 1929.

The 50 aur stamp was used on mail to meet the letter rate & registration fee

Issued 29th June 1920 - 49,786 stamps overprinted



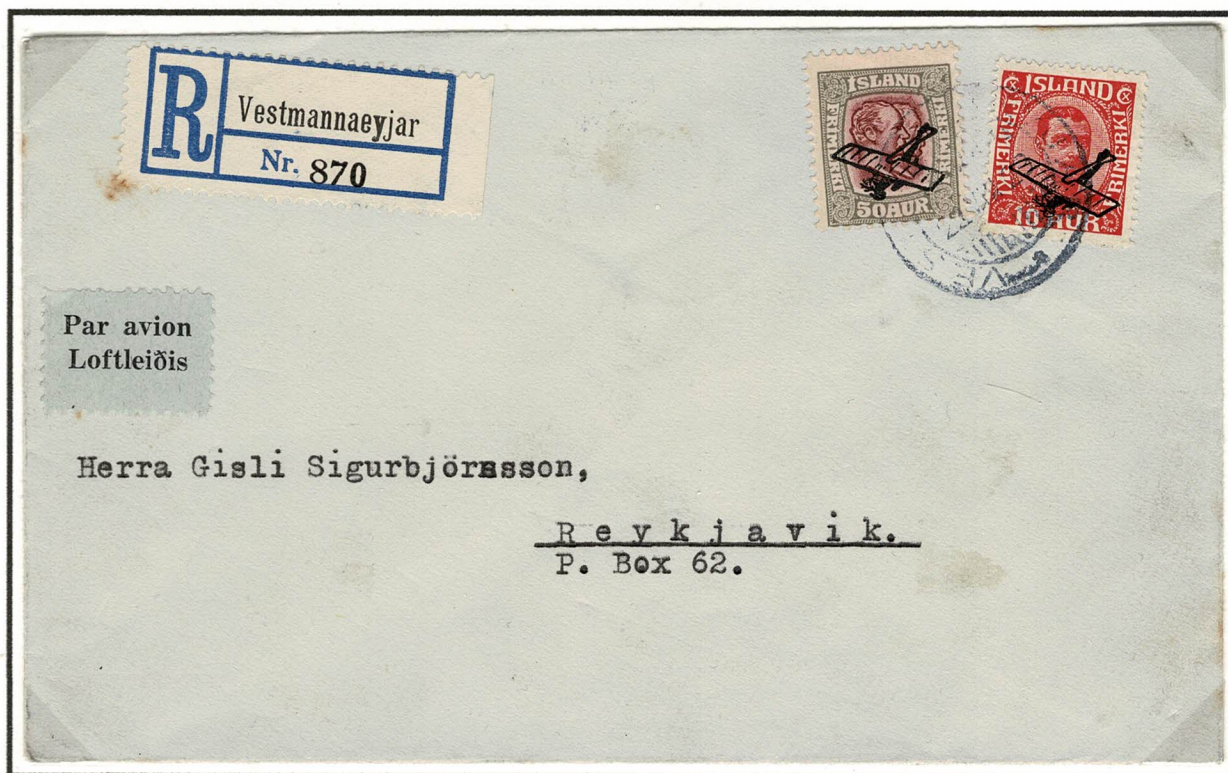
Registered Airmail  
Vestmannaeyjar 29 VIII 29 to  
Reykjavok 29 VIII 29

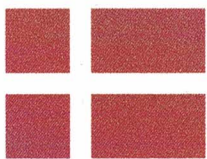
Airmail stamps 50 aur & 10 aur  
Letter 20 aur + Airmail 10 aur +  
Registration fee 30 aur = 60 aur

Registered Airmail  
Akureyri 13 IX 29  
Via Reykjavik 13 IX 29  
Via New York 9 27 1929  
To Benica California  
received OCT 1 1929

75 aur paid  
2 x 10 aur Airmail +  
50 aur Airmail + 5 aur.

Foreign Letter 35 aur  
Registration 30 aur  
Airmail fee 10 aur





# Iceland



## Overprints 1921-1930

Iceland became a sovereign state December 1, 1918 and assumed full control of postal affairs from 1st January 1921. A decision was made to invalidate all stamps issued by the Danish Postal Administration up to 1st December 1918. This decision went into force from **1st January 1921** after which time only the stamps with portrait of King Christian X were valid. Because of this, large stocks of now invalid stamps remained unsold. The solution was to overprint and change the values as needed.

1921



23/11/21



24/12/21

20 aur  
on 25 aur  
147,900

5 aur  
on 16 aur  
179,700

1922



20/1/22

5 aur  
on 16 aur  
79,900



20/1/22

20 aur  
on 25 aur  
149,800



10/4/22

20 aur  
on 40 aur  
79,600



29/4/22

20 aur  
on 40 aur  
99,900



10 aur  
on 5 aur  
528,100

1924



1/11/24

10 Kr  
on 1  
Kr21,000

1925



30/1/25

50 aur  
on 5 Kr  
94,600



2/2/25

30 aur  
on 50 aur  
99,600



24/12/25

Kr.10  
on 50 aur  
39,800

1926



6/1/26

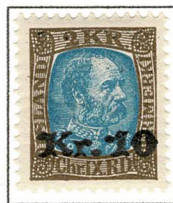
2 kronur  
on 25 aur  
49,500

1929



8/7/26

Ein kronur  
on 40 aur  
100,000



27/8/29

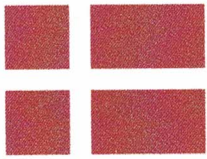
Kr 10  
on 2 Kr  
79,914

1930



28/4/30

Kr.10  
on 5 Kr  
49,960



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## Overprints 1921-1930

Legislation of 15th March 1920, required the use of postage stamps to pay the special stamp duty on imported parcels. Post Offices at ports had to collect the duty for the Treasury and the addressee had to pay the duty with postage stamps. Special customs cancellations were used "TOLLUR"

As high amounts often were needed to be paid, the **10 Kronur** overprinted stamps were issued for this purpose and were rarely used for postal services. **Such use is rare.**



5 aur  
24.12.1921



5 aur  
20.1.22



10 aur  
29.4.22



20 aur  
23.11.21



20 aur  
20.1.22



20 aur  
10.4.22



20 aur  
29.4.22



30 aur  
2.2.25



50 aur  
30.1.25



Ein Kronur  
8.7.26



2 kronur  
6.1.26



Kr.10  
1.11.24  
Postal



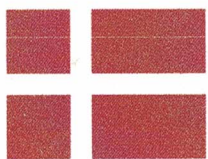
Kr.10  
24.12.25  
Tollur



Kr.10  
27.8.29  
Postal



Kr.10  
8.4.30  
Tollur



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# Althing Festival Issue 1930

The **1000th Anniversary of the Iceland Parliament - Althing** - was to be commemorated in 1930. The **"Society of Friends of Iceland"** made an offer to the Icelandic Government for a commemorative stamp issue to the value of 813,000 Kronur of which 600,000 Kr was guaranteed as a gift to Iceland. The Postal Administration wanted nothing to do with the decision and regarded itself as a seller on behalf of the Government. Separate accounts were to be set up at each Post Office. It was decreed that any for order of a value above 50 aurar, the whole set must be bought. They were for postal not fiscal use and were issued **1 January** and only valid until **31 July 1930**.

				
3 Au. Althing Building in Reykjavik	5 Au. Hrafra-Floki arrives in Iceland	7 Au. Old Booths at Thingvellir	10 Au. Ingolfur Arnarson high-seat pillars	15 Au. "Firing the Land" claiming settlement
				
20 Au. Riding to the Althing	25 Au. Gathering Driftwood	30 Au. Thingvellir lake and farm	35 Au. Womens' Festival dress	40 Au. The Icelandic Flag
				
50 Au. The law-speaker at Logberg	1 Kr. Iceland map	2 Kr. Icelandic farm in winter	5 Kr. Icelandic handicrafts	10 Kr. Ring-oath at Assembly

10 au. Icelandic falcon



Printed offset lithography, Elbemuhl A G Vienna, 120 stamps per sheet, Perforation 12½x12.

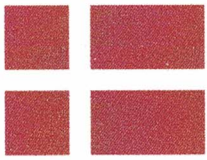
Numbers according to Agreement:

3 aurar - 15 aurar	300,000 stamps
20 aurar - 40 aurar	100,980 stamps
50 aurar - 10 Kr	21,200 stamps

Frame designs by Ludwig Hesshaimer, the centre motifs designed by a series of Icelandic artists

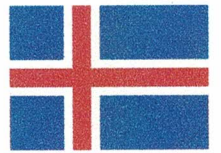
**A fraud was perpetrated by the Society with a "1" inserted before the agreed value [813,000 Kr] resulting in a 1,000,000 Kr additional "Profit" so numbers are in doubt!**

All imperforate and other irregularities are fraudulent as they were never sent to Iceland Post



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## Althing Festival Issue 1930



This issue was available through the Post Offices and was valid for postal use from **1 January 1930 to 31 July 1930**.

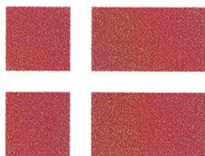
A special illustrated postal marking was made available by Iceland postal administration for use on the Postal Administration 1000th commemorative stamp issue - 1 June 1930. "THINGVELLIR 930 - 1930" This cancellation is frequently found on this issue and most commemorative cover usage is dated 20 VI 1930. Examples with postmarks are clearly CTO and some even outside the period of validity - the 30 au value is dated "8.30"



Iceland Postal  
Administration special  
cancellation used at  
Thingvellir for the 1000th  
commemoration  
930 - 1930







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# Althing Festival Issue 1930

As part of the Contract with the Iceland Government, the "Society of Friends of Iceland" undertook to send 480 - 4 sheets of each value [excluding the Triangular 10 Au. Airmail stamp] to the Universal Postal Union in Berne Switzerland. Each stamp was to have "SPECIMEN" 21mm x 2mm in black stamped on them. This appears to have been done by hand.

SPECIMEN

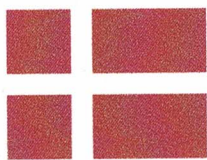


## Festival Officials

The "Society of Friends of Iceland" arranged for all values of this set to be overprinted "þjonustumerki" = official in either red or violet according to the basic colour of the stamp

þjonustumerki





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Festival Officials



**Numbers Issued.** The Facit Catalogue & the publication "One Hundred Years of Icelandic Stamps" agree that:

24,000 stamps [200 sheets] of the values 3 Au. to 40 Au.

4,000 stamps of each value 50 Au. To 10 Kr. [But that is not a whole number of sheets!] were overprinted for official use

The 10 Au. airmail was also overprinted [24,000] but served no purpose!



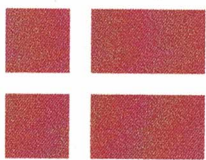
### The Airmail Festival Stamps

On 1st June 1930, the Icelandic Postal Administration issued a set of special airmail stamps on occasion of the Festival Celebration of the 1000th Anniversary of the Icelandic Parliament. They were designed by Tryggi Magnusson. The frames are identical and the guardian spirits of Iceland decorate the corners.

Engraving and printing, Thomas de la Rue & Co., Ltd, London. Perforation 14, watermark 'lotus blossom' 50 stamps per sheet.

Valid until 31st July 1930 - just 2 months. The decorative cancellation **Thingvellir 930-1930** was used





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15 aur. Snæfellsjökull  
40,000 issued



20 aur. Boat under Sail  
40,000 issued



35 aur. Galloping Horse  
25,000 issued

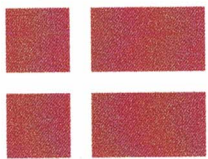


50 aur. Gullfoss  
25,000 issued



1 Kr Arnarsen Statue  
25,000 issued





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## Zeppelin Airmail 1931

On **1st July 1931**, the German airship *Graf Zeppelin* came to Reykjavik direct from Germany. Some Post was brought by the airship and lowered to the ground. The airship then took Post from Iceland to Germany and other countries.

The postal rates were **1 krona for postcards, 2 kronur for letters and registration fee was 30 aur.**

To mark the occasion and meet the postal fees, the Icelandic Postal Administration overprinted 3 [reprinted] values of the 1920 King Christian X issue "**Zeppelin 1931**" - these overprinted stamps were **only valid for this one flight**. Flight cover numbers unknown.



30 aur  
1926 print  
50,000



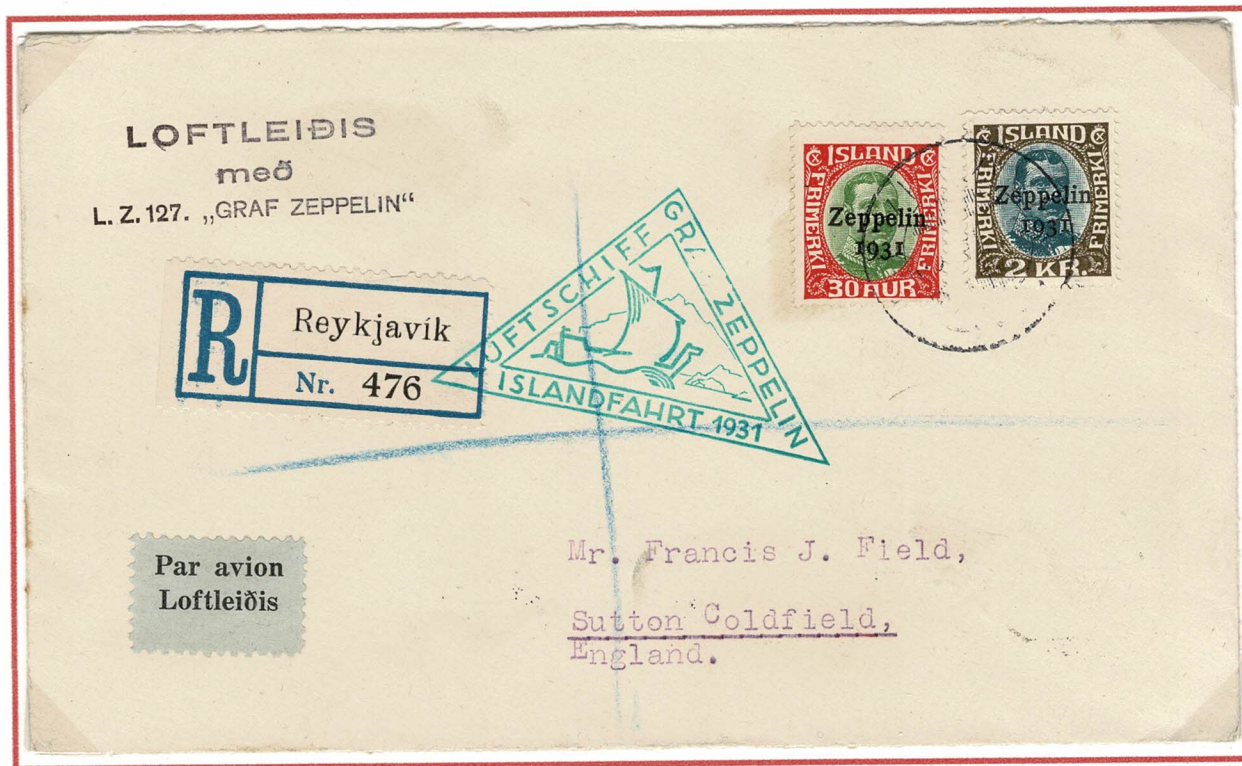
1 krona  
1931 print  
60,000



2 krona  
1930 print  
40,000

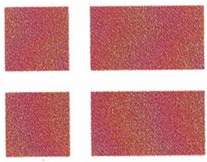


Registered Reykjavik with **2 kronur Zeppelin** - correct letter rate with **30 aur Zeppelin** registration  
Cancelled **Reykjavik 1 VII 1931** With **Green Triangular** confirmation cachet  
Received Friedrichshafen 3 7 31, Sutton Coldfield 6 JY 31

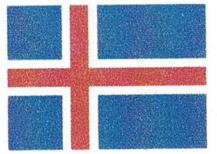


The 1931 *Graf Zeppelin* L.Z. 127 flight was a **direct return trip** from Friedrichshafen in Germany.

The airship visited Iceland in **July 1930** but no Icelandic mail was associated with that flight



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# King Christian X 1931-1934

In 1931, a re-issue of stamps with a portrait of King Christian X was begun - there were **12 values with 6 different issue dates**. The frame plates were reused but the **portrait was re-engraved** from the same photograph with the features being more delicate resulting in the portrait appearing duller. Printed by H H Thiele, Copenhagen, on multiple cross watermarked paper, perforated 14 x 14½. Sheets of 100 stamps. Valid until 31 December, 1946.



1 eyr  
8/1/32  
667,800



3 aur  
8/1/32  
150,900



4 aur  
14/3/32  
304,100



6 aur  
14/3/32  
210,900



7 aur  
7/4/34  
925,500



10 aur  
8/1/32  
1,377,000



25 aur  
14/3/32  
202,400



30 aur  
2/6/34  
305,400



40 aur  
14/3/32  
200,800



1 Kr  
9/6/31  
213,800

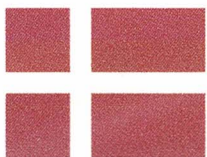


2 Kr  
18/8/31  
111,300



**11 November 1937:** The 1 eyr value was reprinted on unwatermarked paper by J Jorgenson & Co, Copenhagen using the Thiele printing clichés. Perforated 11½ - 315,000 issued





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King Christian X 1931-1934



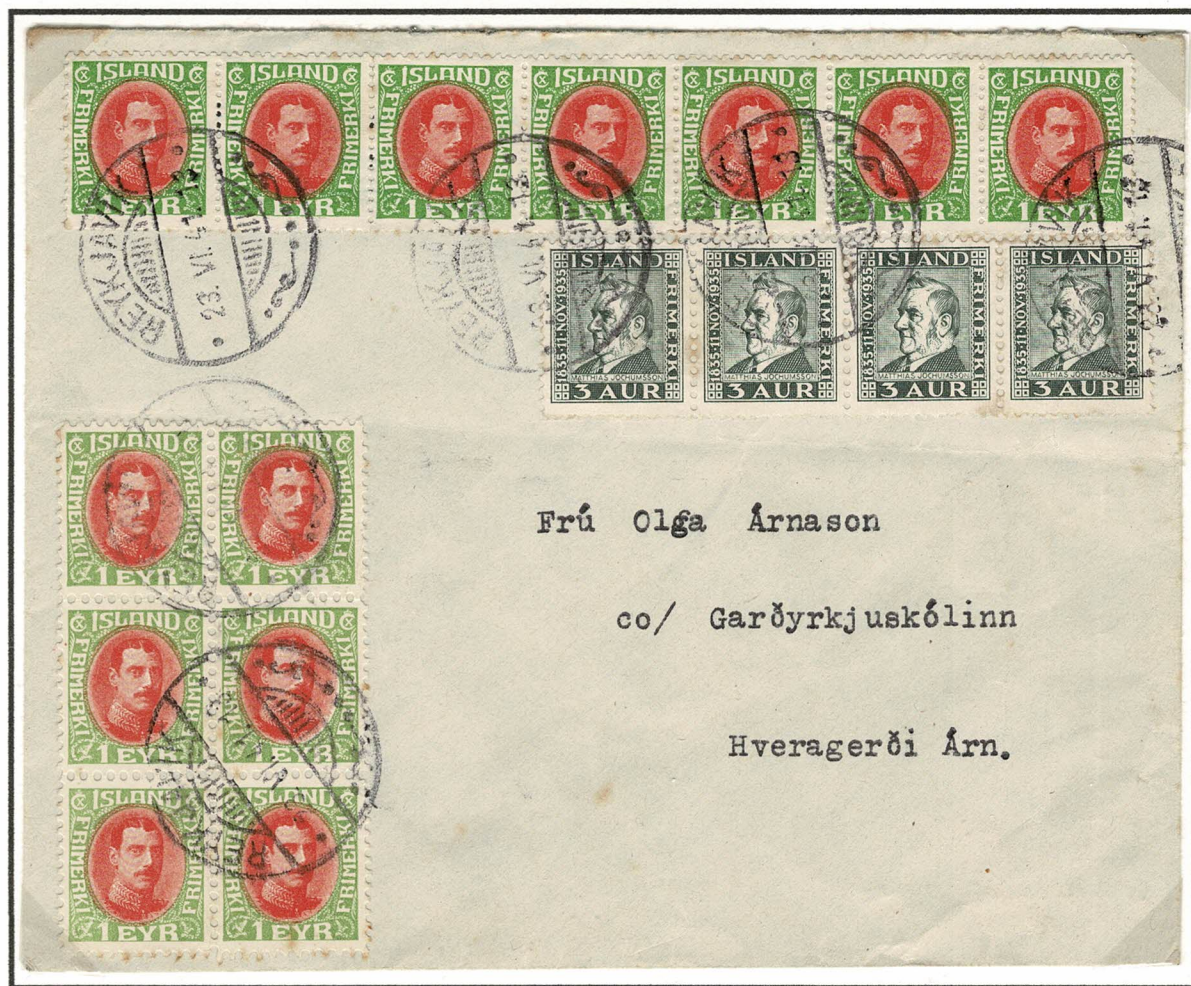
Reykjavik to New Zealand  
3 X 36

Franking: 41 aur  
12 x 1 eyr [1932]  
4 aur  
5 x 3 aur Matthias Jochumsson

Reykjavik Inland Letter  
23 VI 41

Franking: 25 aur

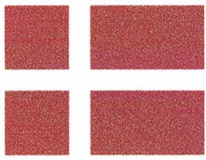
7 x 1 eyr [1932]  
6 x 1 eyr [1937]  
4 x 3 aur [1935]



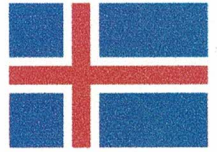
Frú Olga Árnason

co/ Garðyrkjustólinn

Hveragerði Árn.



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# Gullfoss 1931-1932

A landscape series of 3 values [5, 20, 35 aur] featuring **Gullfoss waterfall** from a photograph by Olafur Magnusson, was introduced **15th December 1931** with another 3 values [60, 65, 75 aur] issued **30th May 1932**. Frame design, engraving and printing H H Thiele, Copenhagen on unwatermarked paper perforation 14, 100 stamps per sheet. Frequently reprinted. The three lower values were also in rolls for automatic machines at the Reykjavik head post office.

## 15 December 1931

## 30 May 1932



5 aur  
5 printings  
1,350,000



20 aur  
8 printings  
4,670,000



35 aur  
5 printings  
700,000



60 aur  
440,000  
issued



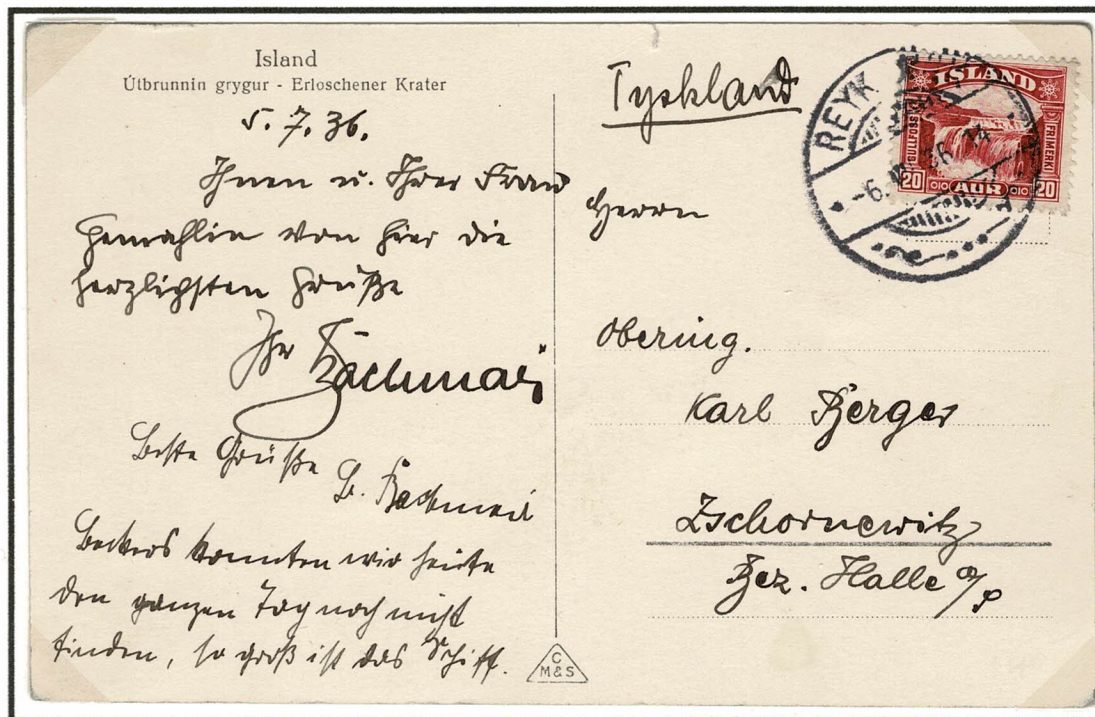
65 aur  
500,000  
issued

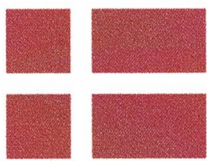


75 aur  
99,900  
issued



20 aur Gullfoss on postcard [Volcanic crater] dated 5.7.36 cancelled Reykjavik 6 VII 36





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## Charity 1933

**28th April, 1933** The first Icelandic Charity issue. Designed by Kristjan Magnusson, engraving and printing de la Rue & Co, London England. Perforation 14 x 14 50 stamps per sheet. The premium on these stamps accrued to the Icelandic Charity Fund which was established to support various charitable and humanitarian causes such as accident prevention and care homes for the elderly.



10 aur + 10 aur  
Life-saving at sea  
150,000



20 aur + 20 aur  
Children picking berries  
150,000



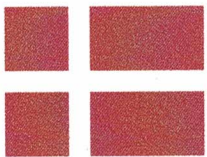
35 aur + 25 aur  
Life-saving at sea  
150,000



50 aur + 25 aur  
Old man & boat watching  
sunset  
150,000







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## Airmail Italian Flying-boat Squadron 1933 - Balbo

On **5th July 1933**, an Italian Flying-boat squadron of 23 planes under **Air-Marshel Balbo** arrived at Reykjavik en-route to Chicago. The Icelandic Postal Administration **overprinted** 3 values of the King Christian stamps for mail despatched with the squadron.

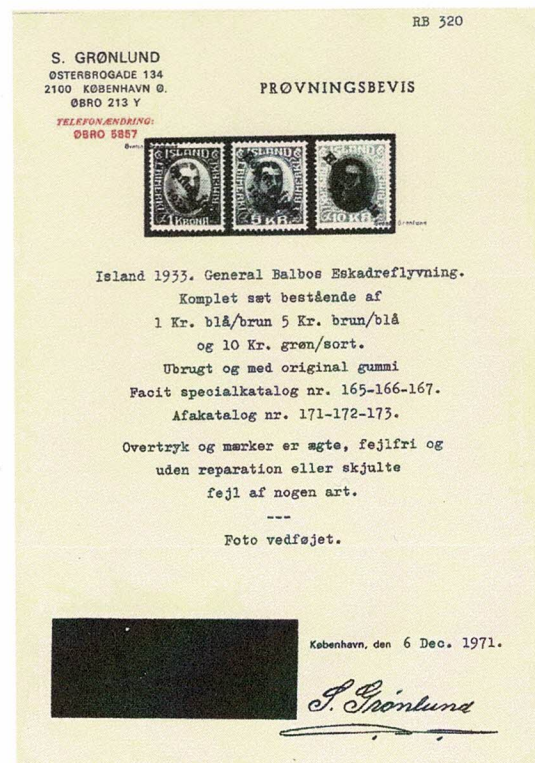
The postage was fixed at **16 kr per 10 gm** - that is one of each stamp - with **30 aur** extra for any **Registration**. The Italian Postal Administration received some of the revenue from the stamp sales. **298 Registered letters** were despatched along with a larger number of ordinary letters - mostly to the USA.



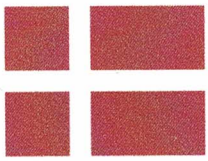
Overprint: "**Hopflug Italia 1933**" in red diagonally.

King Christian X stamps, watermark multiple crosses, perforation 14 x 14½.  
5 kr original centre; 1 kr & 10 kr - re-engraved centre

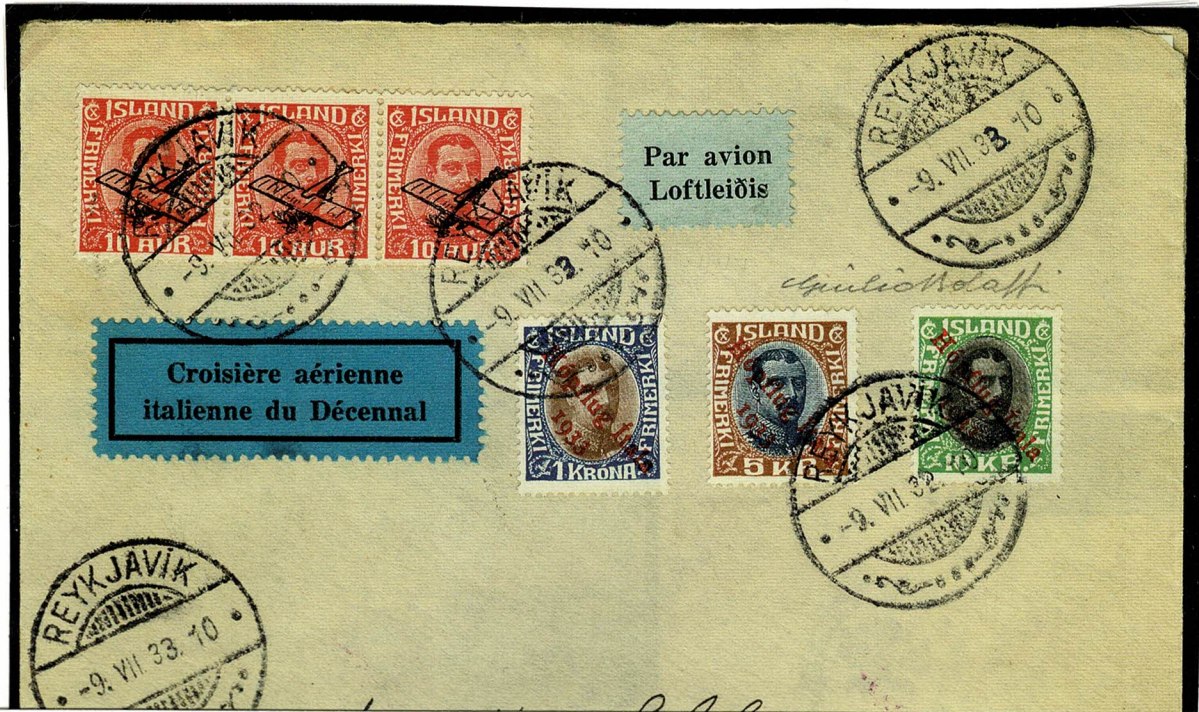
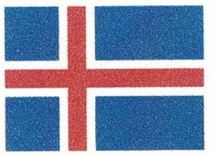
**1 kronur** Issue 1931 - 5,900 circulated  
**2 kronur** Issue 1930 - 4,600 circulated  
**10 kronur** Issue 1931 - 4,000 circulated



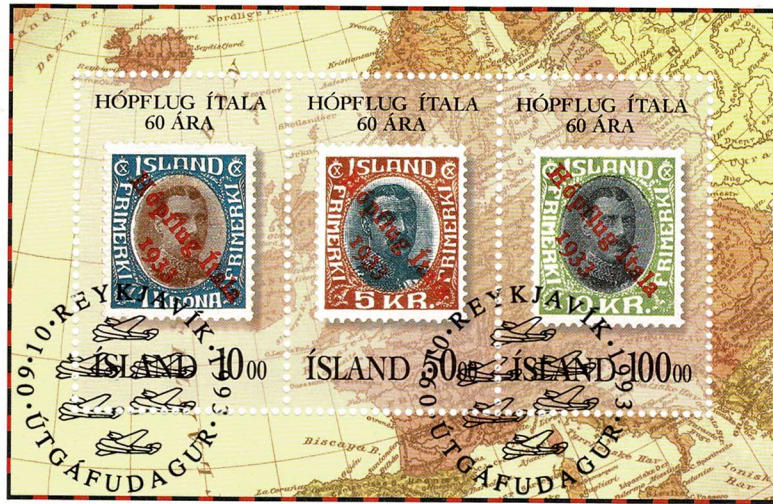
1971 Certificate [original on back]



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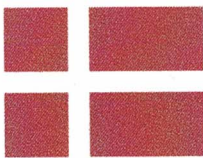


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# Airmails 1934

**1st September 1934.** Six new airmail stamps were issues even though there has been no regular domestic flying since 1931. While they could be used for ordinary mail, the intent was for mail going by sea to Scotland or Denmark then by airmail to other countries. Designer Fredrik Gudjonsson, recess printing by Thomas de la Rue & Co, England. The 20 aur and 25 aur were reprinted in 1936 with different perforations.



10 aur  
P 12½ x 14  
300,000



20 aur  
Perf 14  
200,000



20 aur  
P 12½ x 14  
100,000



25 aur  
Perf 14  
100,000



25 aur  
P 12½ x 14  
100,000



50 aur  
Perf 14  
200,000



1 Kr  
P 12½ x 14  
100,000

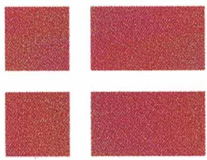


2 Kr  
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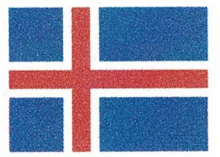


There were **three designs:**

Aircraft over Pingvellir [10 aur, 20 aur]; Aircraft and Northern Lights 25 aur 50 aur]; Aircraft over Iceland [1 kr, 2 kr].



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Airmails 1934

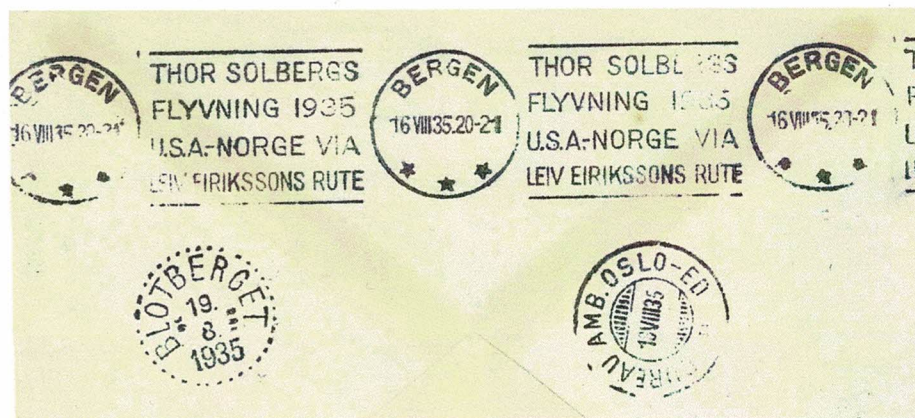
### Thor Solberg's Flight

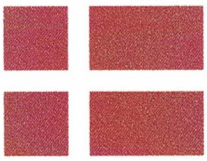
After having failed in a similar attempt in 1932, Norwegian pilot Thor Solberg and radio operator Paul Oscany and left Floyd Bennett Field, New York, bound for Norway on **July 18, 1935** in a Loening amphibian plane named *Leiv Eiriksson*. They returned after an hour's flight because the plane was tail-heavy but left the next day for Montreal. From there, they flew via Labrador, Greenland, and **Iceland** before reaching Norway on August 16. Solberg's course roughly followed the path that Leif Erikson's voyage took. Upon his arrival in Norway, the King of Norway gave Solberg a gold medal to honour the first Northern-route flight to Europe. **Most of the mail carried was uncancelled.** Numbers carried unknown. On arrival at Bergen, these covers received a special postmark:

"Bergen 16 VIII 35, 20-21" with "Thor Solbergs / Flyvning 1935 / U.S.A.-Norge Via / Leiv Eirikssons Rute."

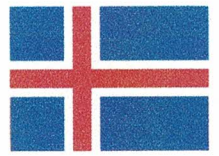


Reykjavik  
8 VII 35





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## 1935 Issues

### Landscapes

**28th June 1935.** Two new landscape stamps were issued. They were designed from photographs of the **Fjallfoss waterfall** on Dynjandi River in Arnarfjordur and of the Volcano **Mt Hekla**. Design and engraving by John Bitze, Denmark. Printed by Post & Telegraph Department, Copenhagen. Perforations 13 x 12½ [10 aur] 12½ x 13 [1 Kr] 100 stamps per sheet.



10 aur P 13 x 12½  
1,000,000  
reprinted 2,003,300



1 Kr P 12½ x 13  
1,000,000

### 100th Birth Anniversary M. Jochumsson

**11th November 1935.** A set of 4 stamps issued to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of **Reverend Matthias Jochumsson** [1835-1920]. He was a long-serving minister and active as a poet and writer and translator. He composed the Icelandic national Anthem. Design and engraving from a photograph by John Bitze, Denmark. Printed by Post & Telegraph Department, Copenhagen. Perforations 13 x 12½ 100 stamps per sheet.



3 aur  
566,400  
issued



5 aur  
1,120,000  
issued



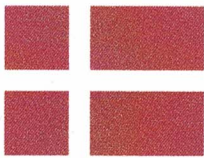
7 aur  
623,800  
issued



35 aur  
640,800  
issued



500,000 of the 3 aur value were overprinted in 1941 "25" & 450,000 of the 35 aur value were overprinted "5" 1939-1941.  
These numbers not included in the numbers issued.



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## 25th Years King Christian X - 1937

**15th May 1937.** Issued to commemorate the **Silver Jubilee of King Christian X** of Denmark & Iceland, 3 stamps 10 aur, 30 aur, 40 aur. Design and engraving by Johs Btitz from a photograph. Recess printing by Danish Postal Administration, Copenhagen. Perforation 13 x 12½ 100 stamps to a sheet. **Valid until 30th April 1938.**

The Postal Administration stated that these stamps could only be sold in sets **"all the values together, the same quantity of each, but never one value singly."** This decision was made after the order for the stamps had been placed otherwise the printing numbers would have been the same!



10 aur  
175,000



30 aur  
159,000



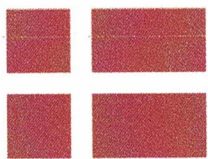
40 aur  
170,000



A **special Commemorative mini-sheet** was issued with 3 stamps with different values [15 aur, 25 aur, 50 aur] and with different values. The **sheet was sold at 2 Kr** with the surplus going to a special post office building fund. Printed by typography by J. Jorgensen printing works, Copenhagen.

Before printing, an agreement had been made with an English firm for the sale of **27,000 sheets of the 55,000** printed, this was very controversial and led to rationing of the sheets in Reykjavik.





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15 aur  
violet  
55,000



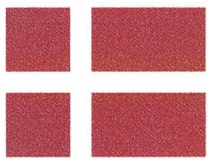
25 aur  
red  
55,000



50 aur  
blue  
55,000

Commemorative Sheet cancelled Reykjavik 9 4 38 - Stamps issue invalid from 30 April 1938





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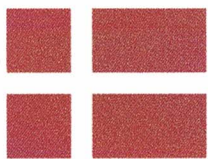
## 20th Anniversary Sovereignty 1938

On 1st December 1918, Iceland gained full sovereignty in a personal union with the King of Denmark. To commemorate the 20th Anniversary, the postal authorities ran a competition for the special commemorative stamps. The outcome was the selection of a model of the University of Iceland which was then being constructed. Issued **1st December 1938**

Frame design. Engraving and printing Thomas de la Rue & Co. Ltd, London. Perforation 13½. 50 stamps to the sheet. **100,000 each.**







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## Great Geysir 1938-45

Late in 1936, the Postal Administration advertised for a design or photograph of the **Great Geysir** for a remuneration to be agreed. The result was a selection of a photograph by Olafur Magnusson from which a design was then made. Recess printed by Thomas de la Rue, London, England on unwatermarked paper, perforation 14.

The initial 4 values were issued **1 April 1938** with other values being added in 1939, 1940, 1943 and 1945. Due to wartime difficulties there are some differences in the paper used for subsequent reprints. In 1947 the 2 higher values were reprinted and perforated 11½. All values valid to **31st December 1958**

1 April 1938



15 aur Lilac  
2 reprints  
400,000



20 aur Red  
1 reprint  
1,600,000



35 aur Blue  
500,000  
issued



50 aur Gr-green  
2 reprints  
500,000

10 May 1939



40 aur Brown  
1 reprint  
200,000

6 January 1940



45 aur Blue  
2 reprints  
800,000

1 May 1943



60 aur Blue  
2 reprints  
700,000

26 March 1945



1 Kr BI-black  
1 reprint  
1,000,000

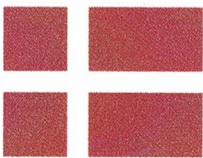
1947 - 1948



60 aur P 11½  
1 reprint  
500,000



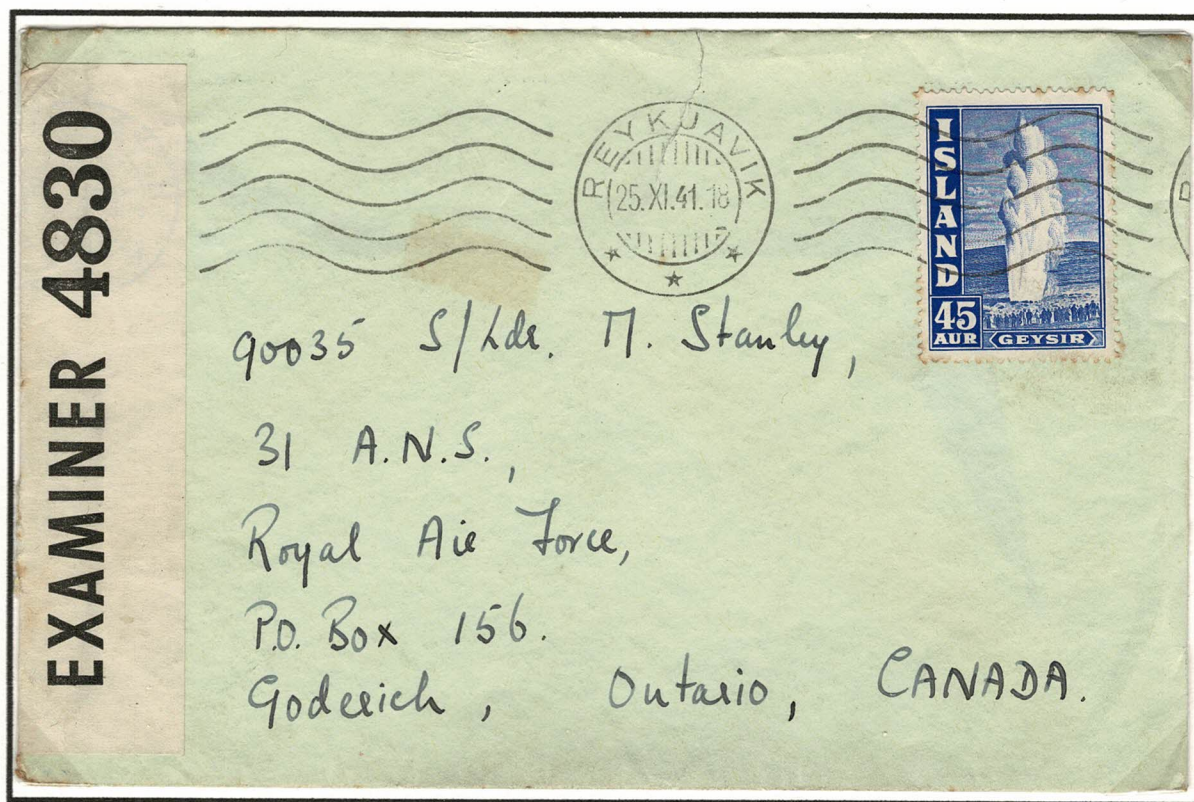
1 Kr P 11½  
1 reprint  
500,000



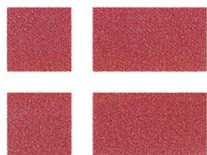
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Great Geysir 1938-45



45 aur Reykjavik 25 XI 41 to Canada with British Army censorship Opened by Examiner 4830



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Great Geysir

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REYKJAVIK — ICELAND



Messrs. George W Van Boskerck & Son,  
Flour & Grain,  
Produce Exchange,

Prints Trygveg Bakki to USA



45 aur Reykjavik 25 V 41  
British censorship

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332 W. 79th St.  
Apt 7, Wash., U.S.A.



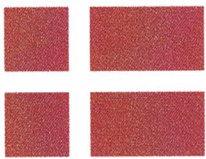
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Maroubra. N.S. W.  
Australia

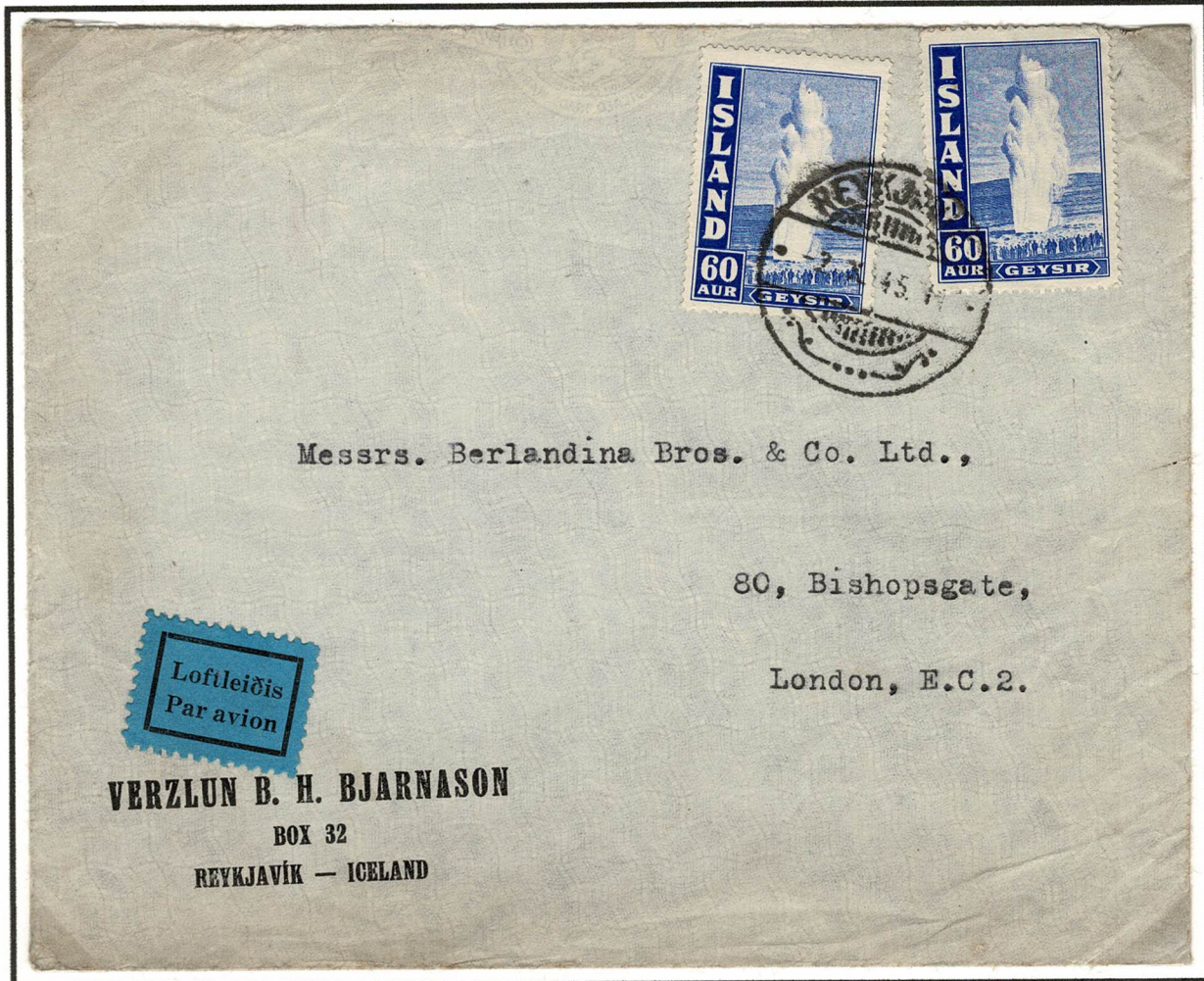
60 aur Perforation 11½

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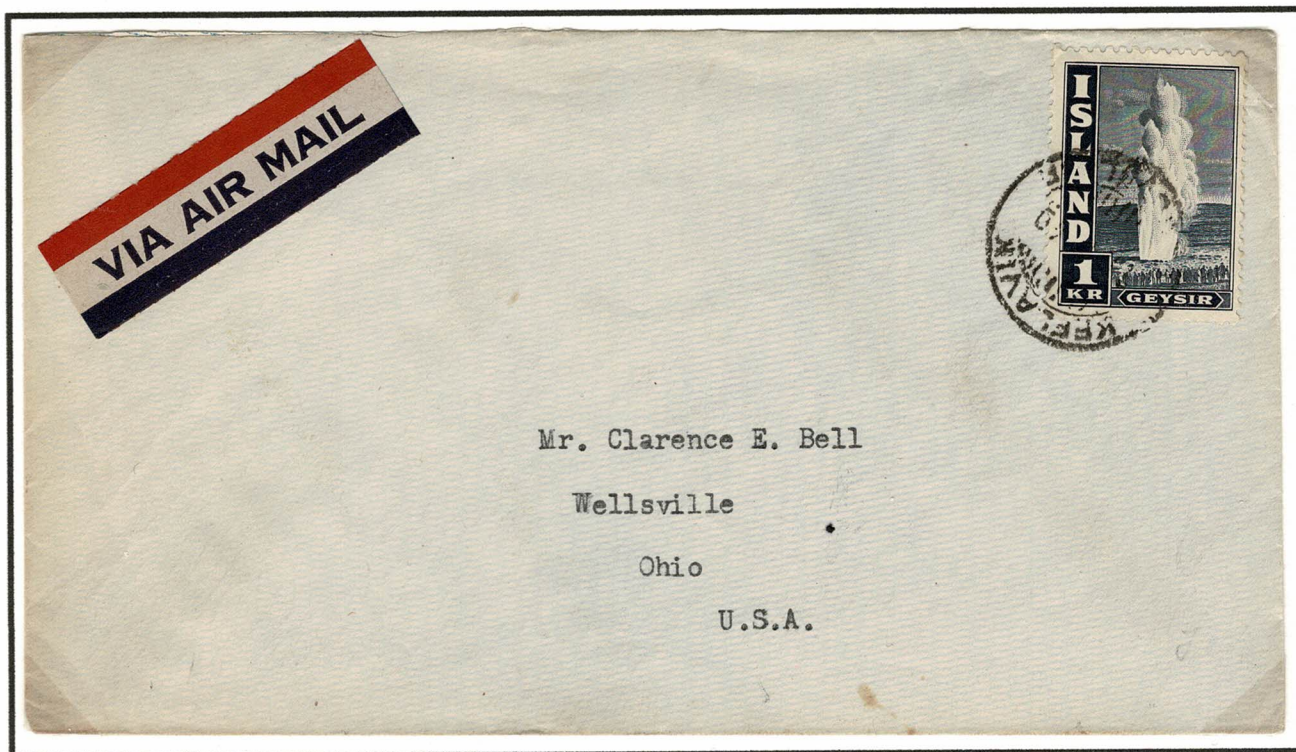
Akureyri to Australia

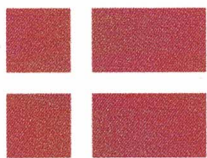


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Great Geysir



60 aur x 2 [Perf 14 issue] 1Kr20aur - Reykjavik 7 X 45 Airmail to London  
1 Kr [Perf 11½] Reykjavik 7 IX 49 Airmail to USA





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# Leifr Eriksson's Day 1938

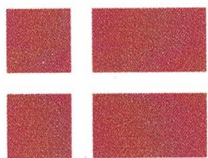
**9th October 1938.** A mini-sheet with 3 stamps was issued. Designer Arni Sveinbjonsson of Reykjavik, printing in seven colours by State Printing Office, Vienna, Austria, perforation 12½. 200,000 issued. Valid for 1 year.

The sheet sold for 2 Kr [the face value of stamps 1Kr 30 aur] so the 70 aur was the profit to the Post Office building fund.

The 30 aur & 40 aur stamps show the statue of Leifr Eriksson that was presented by American people on the 100th Anniversary of the Althing in 1930.

**First Day Cover 9 X 38 Reykjavik**





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# Definitives 1939-1945

Usually called the "fish series" these definitives were issued at four different times and most issues were reprinted. Designed by H Petursson, they feature codfish and herring with the 10 aur having the Icelandic flag. All were printed by Thomas de la Rue on England, the 10 aur by typography the others by recess. Two perforations were used P 14 and P 14 x 13½.



1 eyr Cod blue-green  
Issued 10/5/1939

Perf 14 Perf 14 x 13½  
Reprints 1939-42 - total 3,300,000



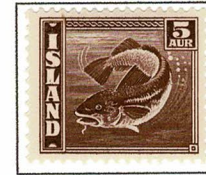
3 aur Herring violet  
Issued 10/5/1939

Perf 14 Perf 14 x 13½  
Reprints 1940-48 - total 2,400,000



5 aur Cod brown  
Issued 10/5/1939

Perf 14 Perf 14 x 13½  
Reprints 1940-50 - total 6,100,000



7 aur Herring  
Issued 10/5/39  
Perf 14  
300,000



10 aur Flag  
10/5/39  
Perf 14  
1,000,000



10 aur Herring Green  
Issued 6/1/1940

Perf 14 Perf 14 x 13½  
Reprints 1941-42 - total 1,880,000



10 aur Grey  
Issued 26/3/45  
Perf 14  
4,000,000



12 aur Green  
Issued 1/5/43  
Perf 14  
1,450,000



25 aur Cod red  
Issued 6/1/1940

Perf 14  
Reprinted 1941-44



25 aur Red-Br  
26/3/1945  
Perf 14  
4,000,000



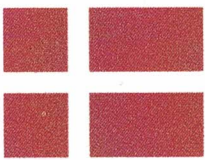
35 aur Red  
1/5/1943  
Perf 14  
1,550,000



50 aur Green  
1/5/1943  
Perf 14  
6,000,000

2 Kr Booklet 10 x 5aur + 6 x 25 aur

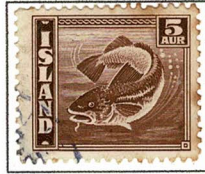




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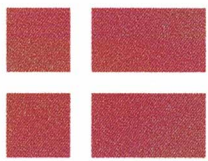


Definitives 1939-1945



2 x 10 aur Grey [issues 26//3/1945] with 75 aur Airmail stamp of 1947 to New Zealand

"You may not have believed we would be in Iceland yet here we are. The best bacon & eggs & bread for years & what a trip in the air! ... Please keep the stamps... Excellent trip - all well."



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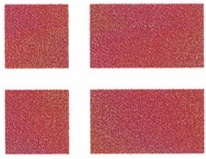


**First mail carrying Glider Flight Sandskeid to Reykjavik 30 July 1939.**

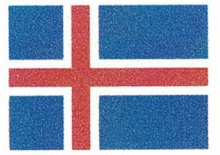
**Sandskeið** is the main gliding centre in **Iceland** and home of the Icelandic gliding club (Svifflugfélag Íslands) since 1936. It is situated 20 km to the east of **Reykjavik**, the Icelandic capital. It is a big grass airfield with several runways. Height above sea level is 180 m.







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## Karlsefni Statue Issue 1939-49

**30th June 1939.** On this day a **2 Kr stamp** with a picture of **Thorfin Karlsefni** was issued of the same design as those issued for New York World Fair in 1939 without the lettering. Frame design by Hallidor Perursson, engraving and printing by Thomas de la Rue & Co., London. 50 stamps per sheet. Perforation 14. A 5 Kr was issued in 1943 and a 10 Kr in 1945. These stamps were reprinted 1947-1949 perforated 11½.



2 Kr  
30/6/1939  
Perf 14  
1,300,000



5 Kr  
1/5/1943  
Perf 14  
350,000



10 Kr  
26/3/1945  
Perf 14  
200,000



2 Kr  
Jan 1947  
Perf 11½  
600,000



5 Kr  
Jan 1947  
Perf 11½  
450,000



10 Kr  
Sept 1947  
Perf 11½  
50,000

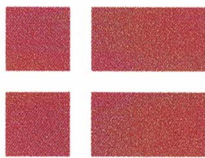


## Provisional - 1941

As the 25 aurar stamps stock was nearly exhaustion, the Postal Administration decided to overprint the **3 aur** of the 1935 Jochumson issue "**25**" in red. The overprinting was done at the Gutenberg Works in Reykjavik. Released 6th March 1941. Valid to 31st December 1946.



25 / 3 aur 6 / 3 / 1941



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## New York World Fair 1940

**11th May 1940.** The New York World Fair in 1939 was reopened 11th may 1940. It was decided that Iceland should continue its participation. To mark the event, and by agreement with the exhibition committee, part of the 1939 stamp series that had been withdrawn in November 1939, were overprinted "1940" at the Gutenberg Works in Reykjavik. The stamps were on sale in Reykjavik and New York until **31st December 1940** and were then invalid for postage.



20 aur  
75,000



35 aur  
75,000



45 aur  
75,000



2 Kr  
19,000

## Snorri Sturluson

**17th November 1941.** Commemorating the 700th Death Anniversary of **Snorri Sturluson** - Icelandic historian. Design from a photograph of a stature by Gustav Vigeland. Erected at Reykholt in 1947. Frame design by Arni Sveinbjornsson, engraving and printing Thomas de la Rue, England, perforation 14 with 59 stamps per sheet. Valid until 31st December 1942.



25 aur  
300,000

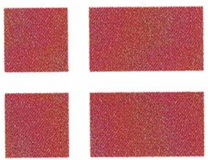


50 aur  
300,000



1 Kr  
150,000





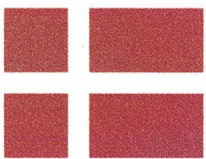
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## Provisional Issue

**17th March 1939.** At the beginning of 19389 there was a scarcity of 5 aur stamps. As a provisional measure, the 35 aur Matthias Jochumsson stamp was overprinted with a figure "5" in black. This was done in Reykjavik with a handset frame which could overprint a sheet at a time. Initial printing 200,000 with further overprintings in 1939 & 1941 - total **450,000 stamps.**



## New York World's Fair 1939

**30th April 1939.** Three [20 aur 35 aur 45 aur] Stamps were issued to commemorate Iceland's participation in the World Fair at New York which opened the same day. The Fair was held to mark the 150th Anniversary of assumption of office of the first President of the United States. Frames and 20 aur and 35 aur designed by Arni Sveinborjornsson. The 45 [ & 2Kr] from a photograph of Thorfinnur Karlsefni statue by Einar Jonsson. Engraving and printing Thomas de la Rue & Co Ltd, England. 50 stamps per sheet perforation 14.

**30th June 1939.** A 2 Kr was not supposed to be part of the issue but was to be an ordinary stamp. They were to be withdrawn but then it was found some had been released so they were put on sale. Profits of sales in New York were to support the cost of Iceland's participation in the fair. Profits from sales in Iceland went to the Post Office building fund.



20 aur  
275,000



35 aur  
175,000



45 aur  
125,000

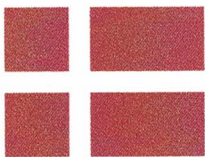


2 Kr  
31,000



20 aur NYWF stamp Reykjavik 28 VI 39 to Scotland  
mailed by passenger on "RMS Stratheden"

Postcard of Tndafjallajokul



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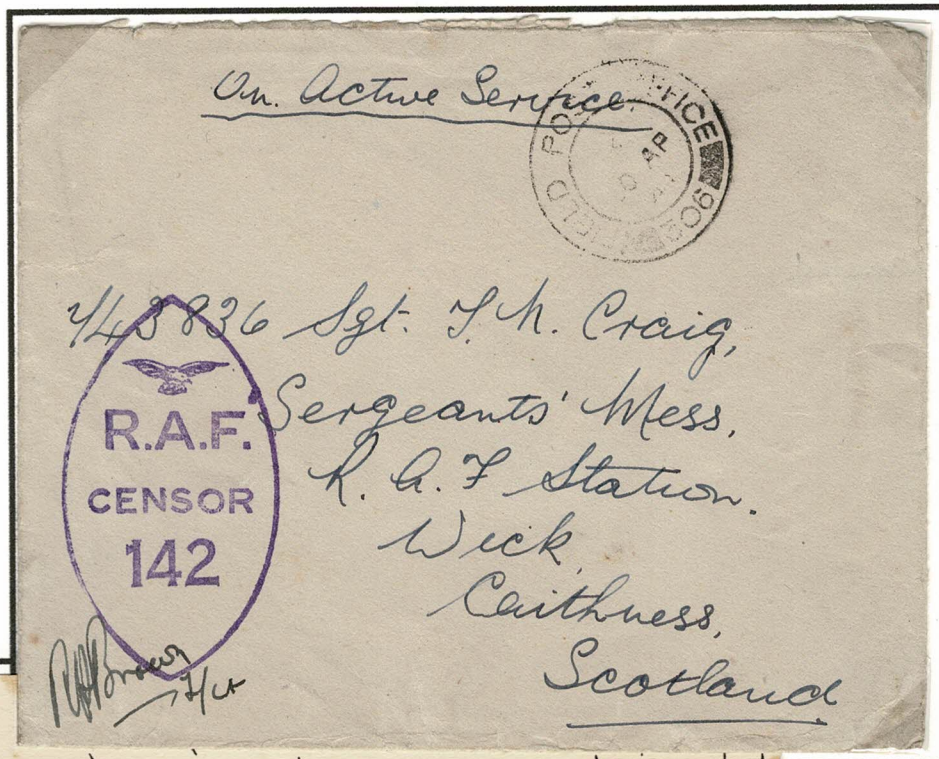
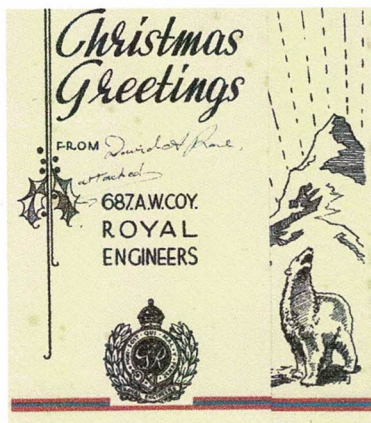


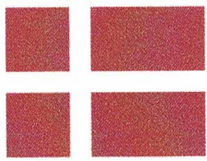
# British Military 1940-1942

British Military forces arrived in Reykjavik **May 5th 1940** seizing important communication networks and arresting German subjects. No shots were fired during the initial occupation. Further British forces arrived, including Air Force units. The defence of Iceland became an American responsibility during 1942 with British withdrawing in October 1942.

Field Post Office 306 10 AP 41 RAF censorship

Army Post Office 500



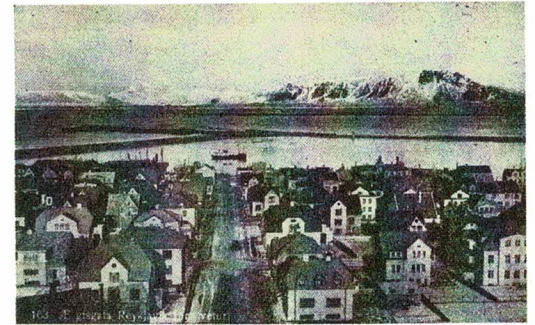
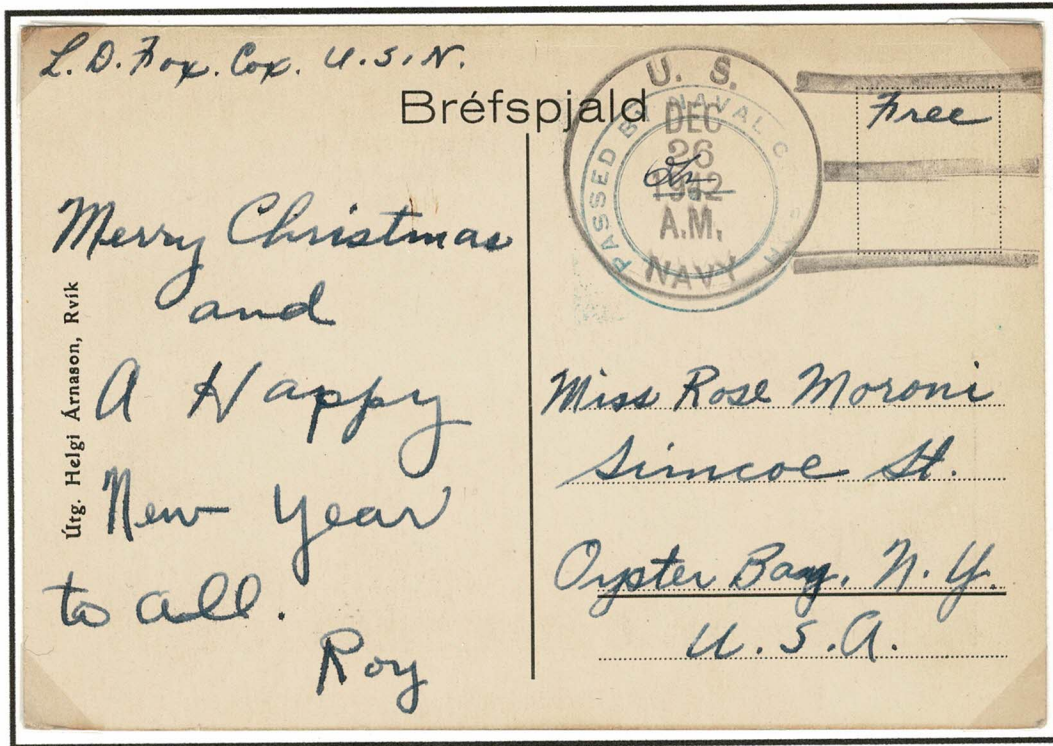


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### American Forces 1941-1946

The British Army requested that America take over the defence of Iceland 7 July 1941 but it was not until America entered the War that troop numbers increased - the first FPO opened in April 1941. Forces numbered about 30,000 in total - the initial Marines were replaced by Army units with Navy and Air detachments to follow.

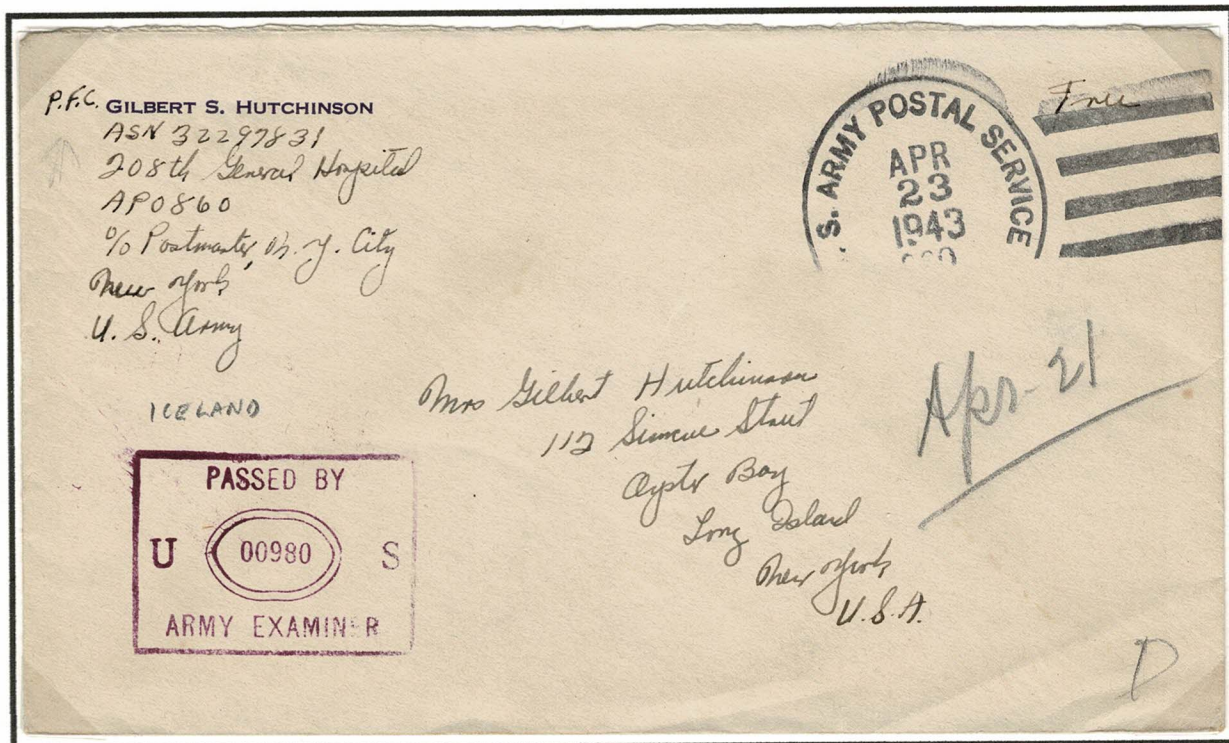


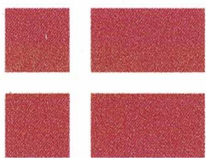
Aegisgata Reykjavik postcard

US NAVY Dec 26 1942  
Passed by naval censor

Naval Operations Base Iceland at  
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APO 860 - Reykjavik October 1941 - 21 July 1945





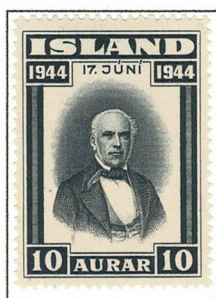
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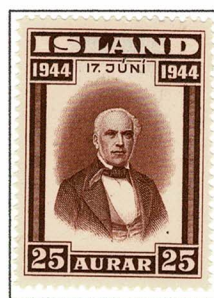
## Proclamation of Independence 1944

**17th June 1944.** Iceland was declared a **Republic** on the site of the ancient Althing, the legislative assembly at Thingvellir. This day was the birthday of **Jon Sigurdsson** [1811-1879]. For many ears he was the leader of the Icelandic struggle for Independence from Denmark. This day is now **Iceland's National Day**.

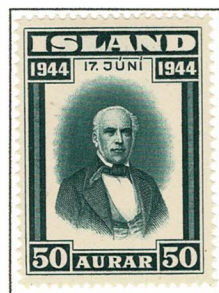
The stamps show a portrait of Jon Sigurdsson taken from a photograph. Frame design Arni Sveinbjornsson, engraving and printing Thomas de la Rue, England. On unwatermarked paper perforation 14, with 50 stamps per sheet.



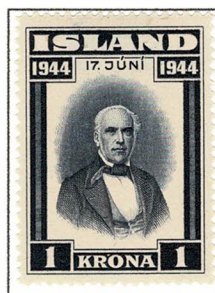
10 aur  
500,000



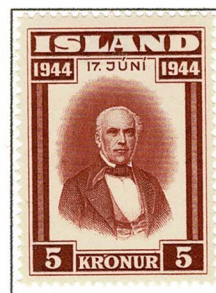
25 aur  
500,000



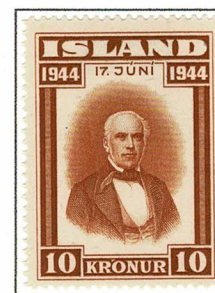
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500,000



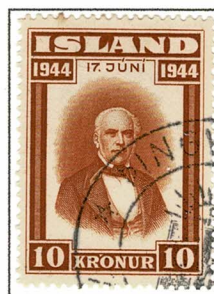
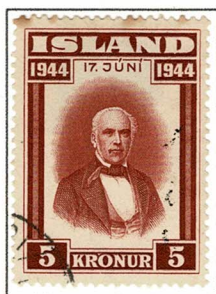
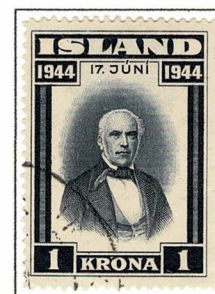
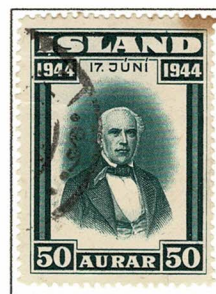
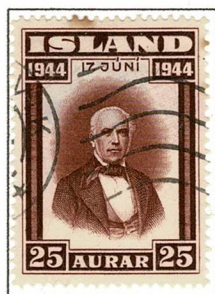
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300,000

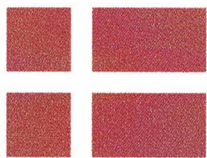


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100,000



10 Kr  
50,000





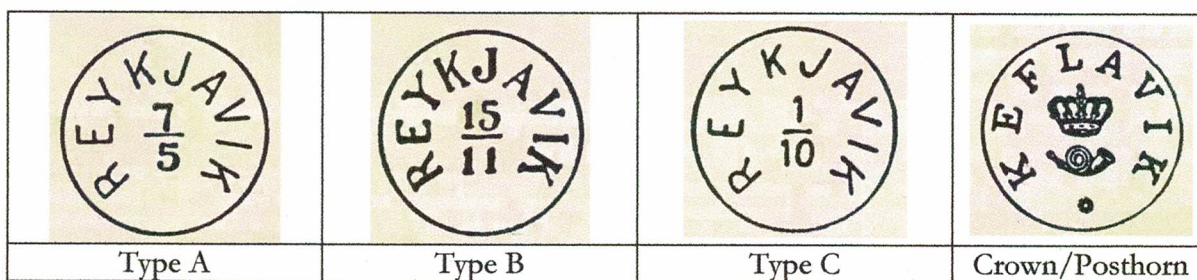
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## Icelandic Postmarks

**Cancellations:** When Danish postage stamps were introduced to Iceland from **1st March 1870**, Reykjavik received obliterator 236 in 3 concentric circles and a datestamp **Type A** - described as 'Grotesque name with Antiqua numerals' When the Skilding stamp issue arrived new datestamps of **Type B** were issued. **1st January 1873** - described as 'Antiqua Lettering and Numerals' At Reykjavik, both datestamps were used concurrently. **Type C** 'Grotesque lettering and Numerals' were introduced later/

None have the year, just the day and month.



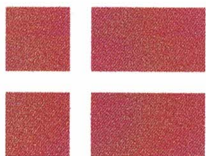
### Postmark Examples



**Non-Icelandic Postmarks:** Some Icelandic mail was carried or written on fishing boats and cancelled at the Port of call. Examples are well known from Scotland as Iceland fisheries had depots there. Known from Denmark and Norway. Mail could receive ship markings.







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## Icelandic Postmarks

Apart from the 3 types of single circle datestamps, shown earlier in this display, some Post Offices were issued with single circle name stamps with a crown but no date. The most distinctive of the Iceland postal markings are the **Numeral Stamps**. These are a circle of several sizes with numerals of different styles and sizes. They number from **1 to 300** and the **first series were issued in 1903** [Nos.1-139]. Some of the higher numbers were issued as late as the 1960's. They are an interesting part of Iceland's philatelic history and very collectable.



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Eyrarbakki  
Svalbard  
Svalbardseyri

Fellsmuli

Stokkseyri

Stori-Nupur 1903-30  
Asar 1903

Torfastadir

Pjorsarbru

Aegissida



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Holt

Myar 1903-16  
Nordurhjaaleiga 1917  
Herjofsstadir 1918

Seljaland

Holmur  
Flatey 1945

Kalfafelisstadir  
1903-26  
Kalfafell 1926

Stafafell



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Starmyri

Hoskulsstadir

Skjoldolisstadir

Faskrudsfjodor  
Breiddalsvik  
1907

Stodvarfjodor

Bakkagerdi  
Borgarfjodor  
Laxamyri

Bakkafjodor



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Grimsstadir  
Skinnastadir  
1948-

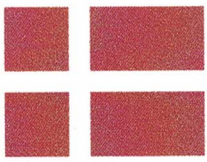
Kopasker  
1903-25

Raufarhofn  
1903-28

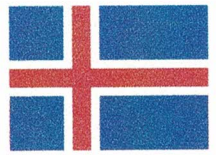
Reykjahid

Sandfellshagi  
Sklinnastadir  
Aeiaekur  
Slinnastadir

Skutustadir



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# Icelandic Postmarks



<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>96</b>
Vikingavatn Grimsstadir 1946-	Einarsstadir 1903-27	Hofsos Hoskulsstadir 1915-	Lon	Sigulfjordur Fell skag 15 Lonkot 1932	Holmavik Laugaras 1924



<b>101</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>141</b>
Reykjarfjordur	Hesteryi	Brijanaslaekur	Hvammur Asgardur 1944	Budir



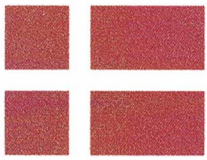
<b>164</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>203</b>
Kotstrond Hveragardi 1934	Selfoss 1903-29	Hjaltastadir Sandbrekka 1945-	Ossabaer Lagafell 1945-	Pykkvibaer 1903-20	Breidabol- sstadir 1915-



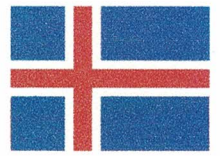
**207**  
Svunafell  
1925-



<b>213</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>230</b>
Bolstadarhlid 1925 Brun 1925-	Seydisfjordur 1925-	Fossveillir 1930-34

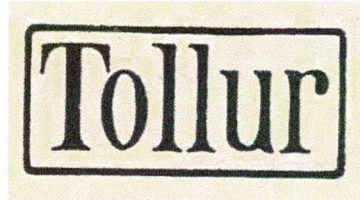


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## Customs Stamp Duty

According to legislation of **15th March 1920**, stamps began to be used for the payment of a special stamp duty on imports sent by post. Post Offices at ports had to collect such Duty for the Treasury. The addressee was to pay the duty with postage stamps. These were then cancelled or invalidated in various ways, mostly by means of a special customs cancellation stamp "TOLLUR"



As high amounts often had to be paid for invoices, it proved necessary to issue stamps with unusually high values. The "10 Kr" overprints of 1924-1929 were issued solely for this purpose and very rarely used for ordinary post.

The Facit catalogues price the definitive issues used as postal or customs. Lower values Custom use up to 10x while higher values about 1/10th postal use.

### Tollur Examples

