



CHINA – COILING DRAGON CHINESE IMPERIAL POST PART - I

DESTINATIONS & FRANKING

1897-1912

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SUMMARY

1. Mixed Franking China & French stamps (Before January 1,1902)
2. Mixed Franking China & British stamps (Hongkong) (Before February 1,1905)
3. Franking & destinations with only « Coiling dragon »
 - A. Rate of Feb. 2, 1897 to Oct. 1, 1907. (Weight in oz.)
 - B. Rate of Oct. 1, 1907 to Aug. 5, 1910. (Weight in oz.)
 - C. Rate of Aug. 5, 1910 to Jan. 1, 1922 (Weight in g.)

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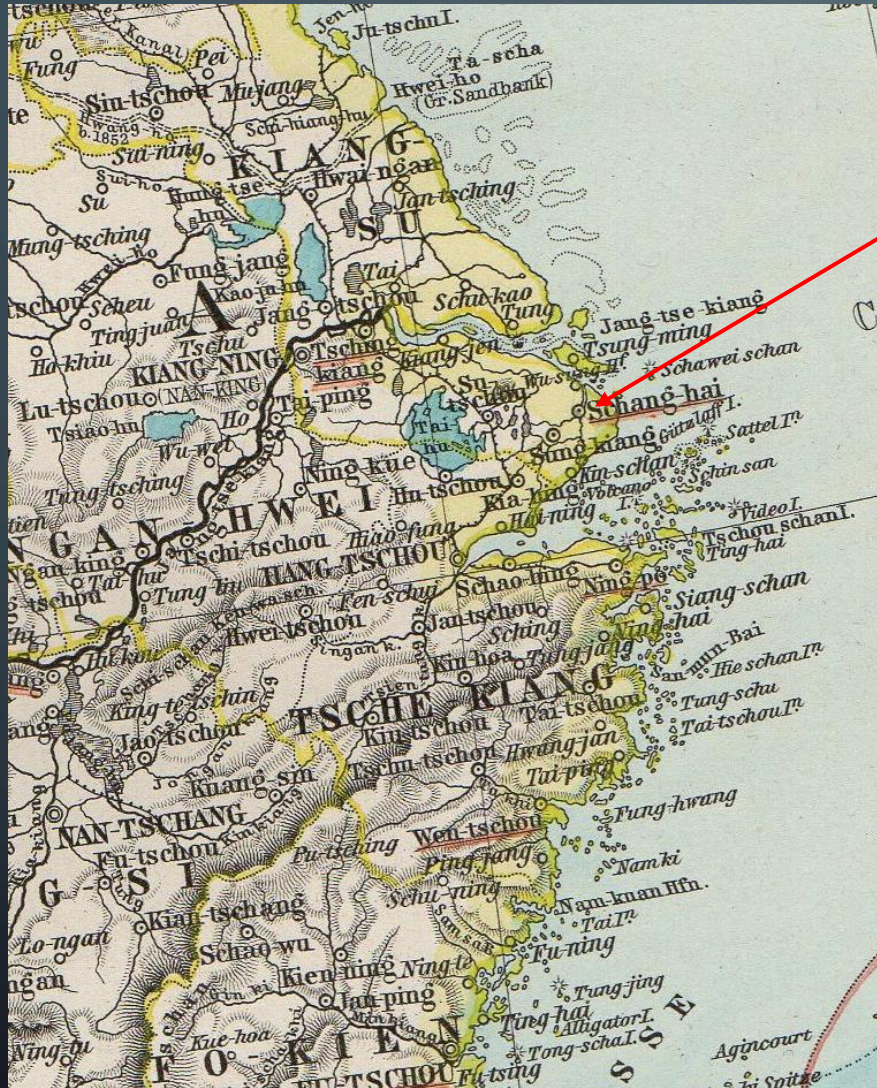
At the beginning of the national postal service, China had to rely upon the alien postal agencies for exchange of mail with foreign countries. Senders were encouraged to hand their letters for foreign countries to the Chinese offices franked with Chinese stamps at international rates; the Chinese service then affixed foreign stamps at the same rates handed the letters to the foreign offices in Shanghai (only in Shanghai for French stamps). In this way the Chinese offices, though they received no part of the postage, still introduced the principle that they were to handle the mail matter.

(Sieh and Blackburn — Postage rates of China 1867-1980 pg. 11)

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

- Stamps = China + French stamps type Sage with overprint « Chine »
- French stamps was applied by the CHINESE IMPERIAL POST of Shanghai
- French stamps was cancelled at Shang-Hai (French post office)

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Chinese international postage rates Feb. 2, 1897 to Oct. 1, 1907.

Category	Unit of weight	price
Letters	Each 1/2 oz.	10c.
Post cards		4c.
Printed matter	Each 2 oz.	2c.
Minimum for:	Each 2 oz.	10c.
C. Papers	Each 2 oz.	4c.
Samples		
Registration for U.P.U. countries (type VI)		10c.
AR (acknowledgment of receipt)		10c.

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French postage's rates

Category	Unit of weight	price
Letters	Each 15gr.	25c.
Post cards		10c.
Post cards	less than 5 words	5c.
Printed matter	Each 50gr.	5c.
Registration		25c.
AR (acknowledgment of receipt)		25c.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination France

Postage rate (printed matter)

China postage

- 2c. each 2 oz.

French postage

- 2c. each 50 g.

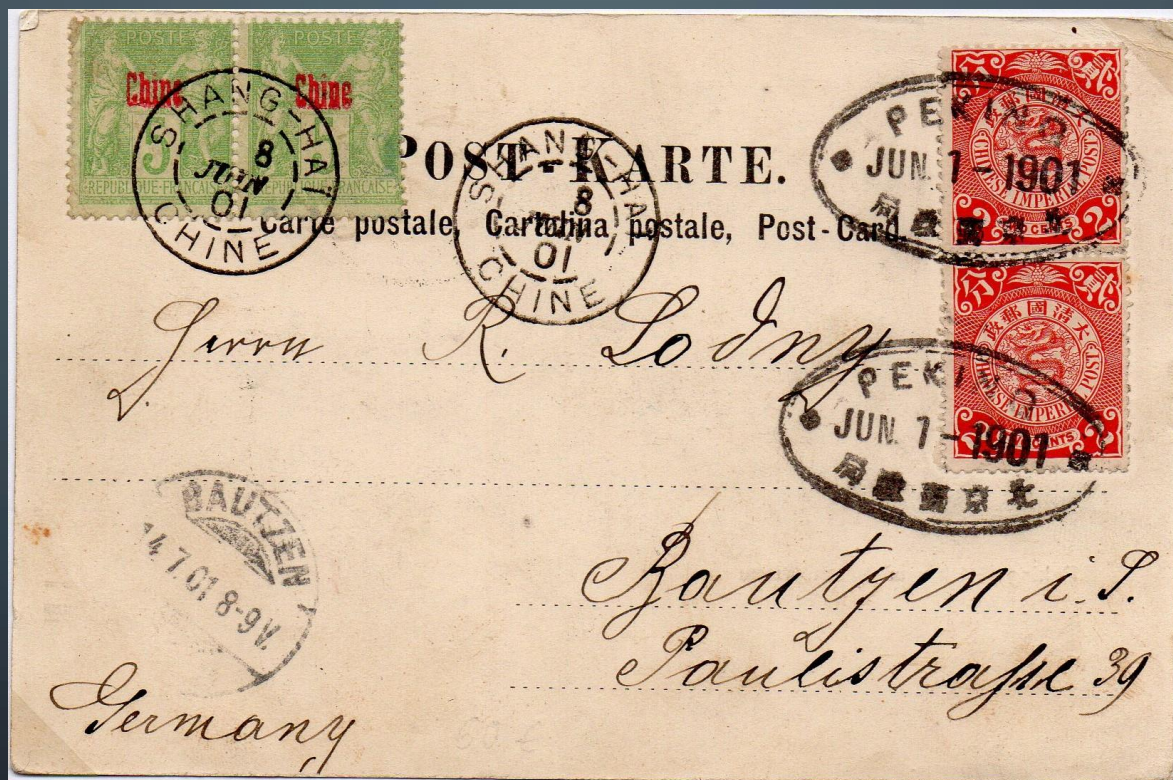


Printed matter sent from Peking May 8, 1900 to Paris/France. Transit by Shanghai May 14, 1900 and Shang-Haï (French post office) May 16, 1900.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination Germany

Postage rate for postcard = 4c. (China postage) + 10c. (French postage)



Postcard sent from Peking June 1, 1901 to Bautzen/Germany where it arrived July 14, 1901. Transit by Shanghai June 7, 1901 and Shang-Hai (French post office) June 8, 1901.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination Austria

Postage rate for postcard = 4c. (China postage) + 10c. (French postage)



Postcard sent from Tientsin June 25, 1901 to Wien/Austria where it arrived August 4, 1901. Transit by Shanghai June 29, 1901 and Shang-Hai (French post office) July 1, 1901.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination Germany

Postage rate for postcard = 4c. (China postage) + 10c. (French postage)



Type Sage
Type B Chan FF5

Postcard sent from Shanghai November 25, 1899 to Berlin/Germany. Transit by Shang-Hai (French post office) November 7, 1899. Redirected to Kiel.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination Italy

Postage rate for Postcard = 4c. (China postage) + 10c. (French postage)



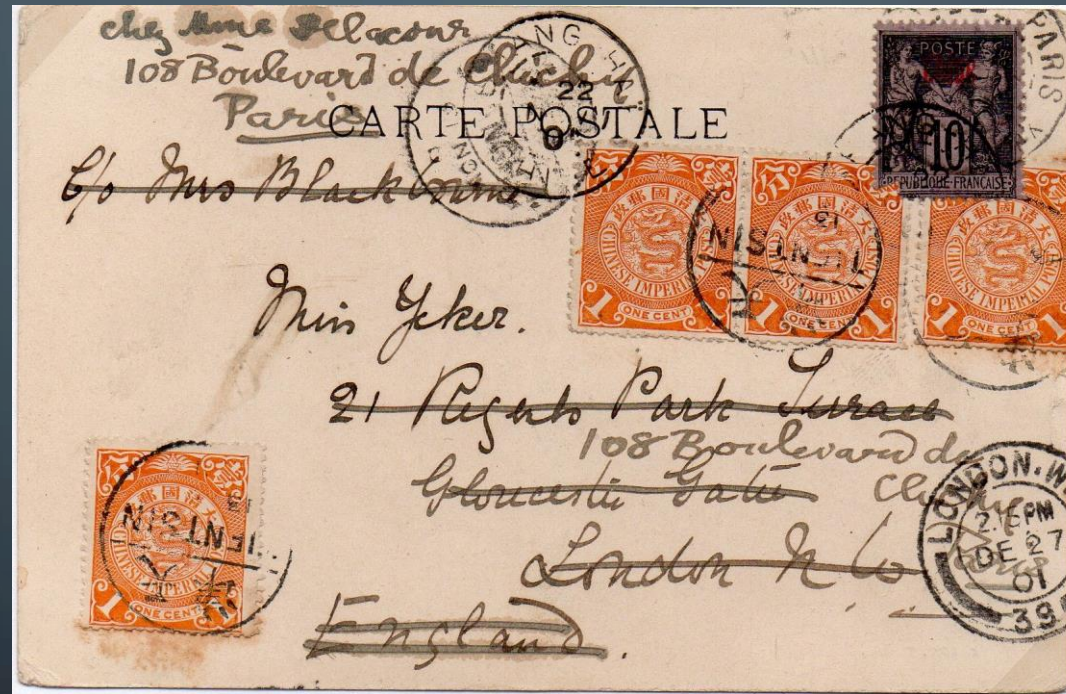
Type Sage
Type A Chan FF4

Postcard sent from Shanghai January 11, 1901 to Italy. Transit by Shang-Hai (French post office)
January 12, 1901. Redirected to Castellammare/Italy where it arrived February 21, 1901.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination UK forwarded to France

Postage rate for Postcard = 4c. (China postage) + 10c. (French postage)

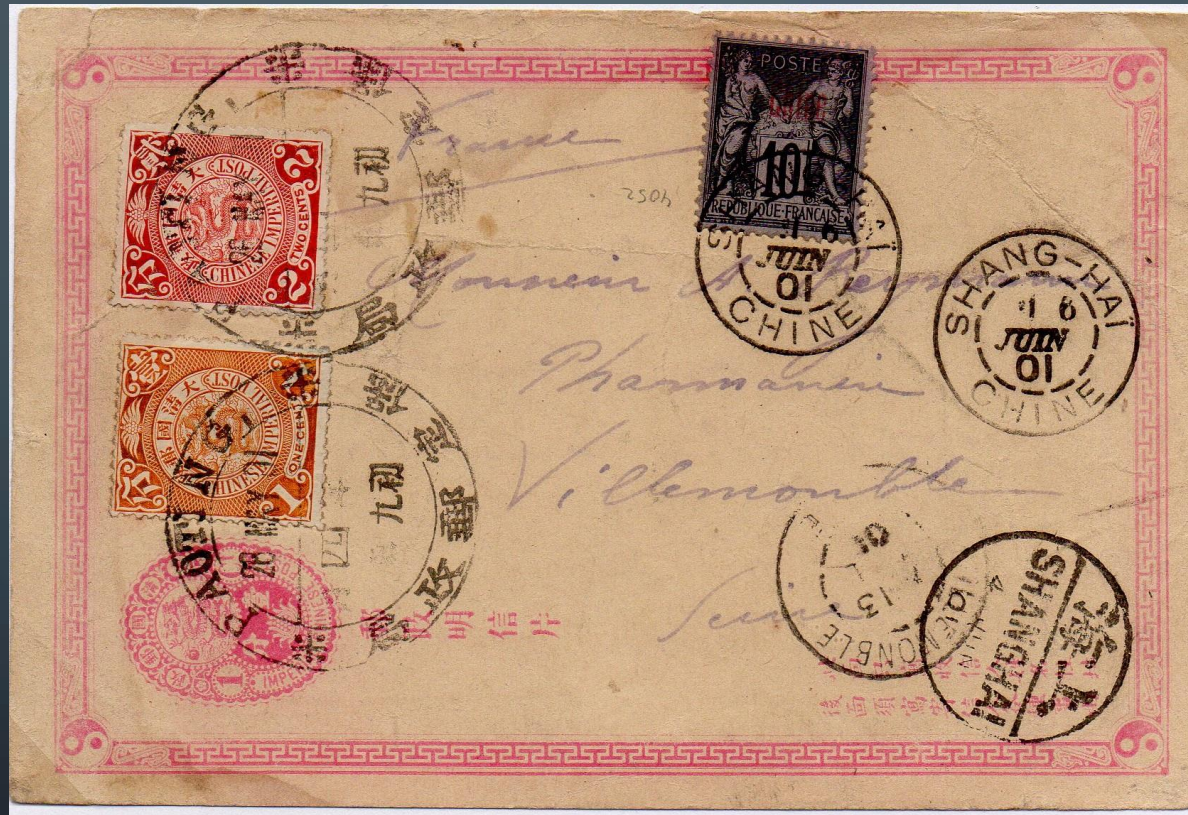


Postcard sent from Tientsin November 13, 1901 to London/England where it arrived December 27, 1901 and forwarded to Paris / France. Transit by Shanghai November 21, 1901 and Shang-Hai (French post office) November 22, 1901.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination France

Postage rate for Postcard = 4c. (China postage) + 10c. (French postage)



Postal stationery with additional postage sent from Paoting May 28, 1901 to Villemonble/France where it arrived in July. Transit by Shanghai June 4, 1901 and Shang-Hai (French post office) June 6, 1901.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination Germany

Postage rate for Postcard = 4c. (China postage) + 10c. (French postage)



Postal stationery with additional postage sent from Nanking December 17, 1900 to Sörup / Germany where it arrived January 30, 1901. Transit by Shanghai December 18, 1900 and Shang-Hai (French post office) December 26. Carried by French ship (« Oceanien ») of the line « N » December 27, 1900.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination England

Postage rate

China postage

- 10c./ ½ oz.

French postage

- 25c./15gr.



Letter sent from Hankow December 7, 1901 to Kidderminster/England where it arrived January 20, 1902. Transit by Shanghai December 11, 1901 and Shang-Hai (French post office) December 11, 1901.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination France

Postage rate

China postage

- 10c./ 1/2 oz.
- 10c. Registration

French postage

- 25c./15gr.
- 25c. Registration



Registered letter sent from Tientsin November 23, 1900 to Paris / France. Transit by Shang-Hai (French post office) November 28, 1900.

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Destination France

Postage rate

China postage

- 10c./ 1/2 oz.
- 10c. Registration

French postage

- 25c./15gr.
- 25c. Registration



Registered letter sent from Peking May 3, 1900 to Bordeaux/France where it arrived June 15, 1900.

Transit by Shanghai May 10, 1900 and Shang-Haï (French post office) May 11, 1900.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination England

Postage rate

China postage

- 10c./ ½ oz. (2x)

French postage

- 25c./15gr. (2x)



Letter sent from Hankow December 7, 1901 to London/England. Transit by Shanghai December 11, 1901 and Shang-Hai (French post office) December 11, 1901.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination Netherlands

Postage rate

China postage

- 10c./ 1/2 oz. (2x)
- 10c. Registration

French postage

- 25c./15gr. (2x)
- 25c. Registration



Registered letter sent from Peking November 28, 1899 to La Haye/Netherlands where it arrived January 7, 1900. Transit by Shanghai December 4, 1899 and Shang-Hai (French post office) December 4, 1899.

1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination Germany

Postage rate

China postage

- 10c./ ½ oz. (8x)

French postage

- 25c./15gr. (8x)



Letter sent from Kiukiang November 11, 1900 to Munchen/Germany where it arrived December 20, 1900.

Transit by Shanghai November 13 and Shang-Hai (French post office) November 14. (carried by French boat).

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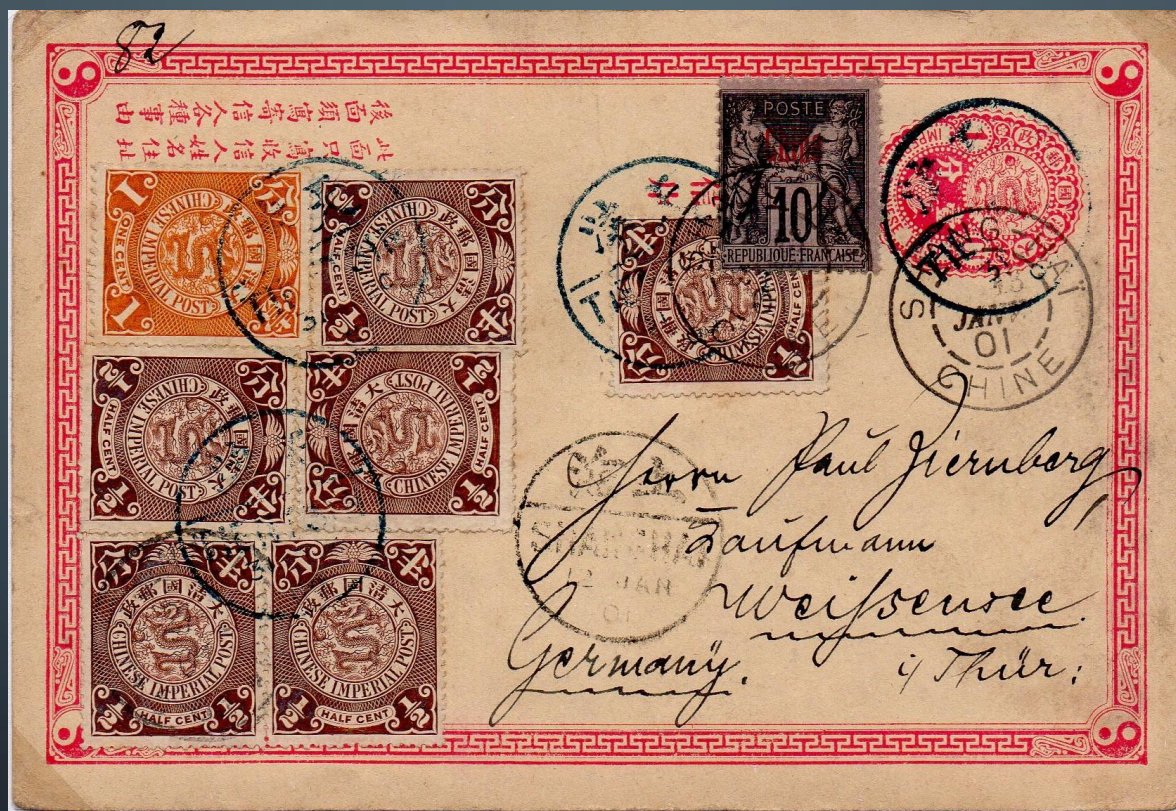
Domestic postage had to be paid additionally by senders or addressees, as the case may be, on international mail articles posted at, or addressed to, the three northern post offices, Peking, Tientsin, Newchang during winter season from 1897 to October 10th, 1902.



1. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & FRENCH STAMPS (BEFORE 1/1/1902)

Destination Germany – Winter rate

Postage rate for postcard = 4c. + 1c. (winter domestic rate) (China postage) + 10c. (French postage)



Postal stationery with additional postage sent from Tientsin December 31, 1900 to Weifseusce / Germany. Transit by Shanghai January 12, 1901 and Shang-Hai (French post office) January 13, 1901.

The background is a dark blue gradient. In the corners, there are decorative white line art elements resembling circuit boards or neural networks, with lines and small circles connecting them.

2. MIXED FRANKING CHINA & BRITISH STAMPS (HONGKONG) (BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1905)