UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

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International Bureau Circular **140**
Basic rate for air conveyance of mail

Dear Sir/Madam,

At its April/May 2026 session, the Postal Operations Council (POC) adopted an amendment to article 34-101 of the Convention Regulations concerning the formula for calculating the basic rate and calculation of air conveyance dues for closed mails (also known as “BACR”), with a date of entry into force of 1 September 2026.

On that occasion, the POC also considered document POC C 1 2026.1–Doc 4d, concerning the definition of the BACR for 2027; however, taking into account the aforementioned amendment, the POC decided to postpone that decision to a date on or after 1 September 2026, with a view to ensuring due compliance with the newly-revised BACR formula.

Accordingly, and bearing in mind the relevant attributions of the POC as set forth in article 34 of the Universal Postal Convention, the Chair of the POC, in consultation with other POC members and in conformity with the possibility outlined in article 21 of the POC Rules of Procedure, decided, on 2 September 2026, to set the BACR for 2027 at 0.701 thousandths of an SDR (i.e., 0.000701 SDR per kilogramme of gross weight and per kilometre or 0.701 SDR per tonne/kilometre), this amount having been calculated in strict observance of article 34-101 of the Convention Regulations, as amended.

Kindly note that the above BACR rate shall apply from 1 January 2027 onwards, and until otherwise amended by the POC.

Yours faithfully,

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