

U.S. Postal Agency in China

Postage stamps of the 1917-1919 USA Series were issued to the US Postal Agency in Shanghai, China, and surcharged double the face value of the stamps. These stamps were issued to cover the postage of mail sent from the US Postal Agency in Shanghai at their surcharged value in local currency to addresses in the US. The stamps were first issued on May 24, 1919 and made available for sale in Shanghai on July 1, 1919. These stamps were not available in the US. The Shanghai post office was closed in December, 1922. The stamps were available for sale at the US Philatelic Agency, Washington, DC for a short while after that. Cancellations of the China office included 'U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai China', 'U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China' duplexes, and the Shanghai parcel post roller cancel.

United States Stamps Nos. Nos. 498 to 518 Surcharged,
1919, UNWMK, Perf. 11

2c on 1c green



K1

4c on 2c rose, type I



K2

6c on 3c violet, type II



K3

8c on 4c brown



K4

10c on 5c blue



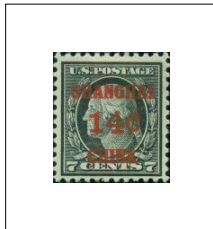
K5

12c on 6c red orange



K6

14c on 7c black



K7

16c on 8c olive bistre



K8

16c on 8c olive green



K8a

18c on 9c salmon red



K9

20c on 10c orange yellow



K10

24c on 12c brown carmine



K11

24c on 12c claret brown



K11a

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30c on 15c grey



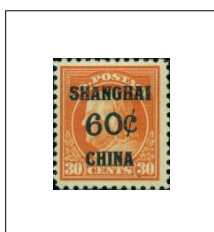
K12

40c on 20c deep ultramarine



K13

60c on 30c orange red



K14

\$1 on 50c light violet



K15

\$2 on \$1 violet brown



K16

United States Stamps Nos. 498 and 528B Locally Surcharged
1922, UNWMK, Perf. 11

2c on 1c green



K17

4c on 2c carmine, type VII



K18