

# United States, Air Parcel Post to Sweden 1948-1980

## Purpose of Exhibit

The purpose is to show the rates for Air Parcel Post to Sweden 1948 to 1980. Parcel wrappers and fronts with adhesive stamps or meter marks are used to document the rates. The Swedish custom handling fees on the items are also described

## Exhibit plan

There were five rate periods during the years studied, and the exhibit is divided into these periods. For each period there are, if known, a section a) for items without insurance and a section b) for items with insurance.

1. Air Parcel Post 15 Mar 1948 to 30 Jun 1961
2. Air Parcel Post 1 Jul 1961 to 30 Jun 1971
3. Air Parcel Post 1 Jul 1971 to 1 Mar 1974
4. Air Parcel Post 2 Mar 1974 to 2 Jan 1976
5. Air Parcel Post 3 Jan 1976 to 31 Dec 1980

## Observations

The period for the exhibit starts 15 March 1948 when United States Post Office started to offer Air Parcel Post to foreign destinations. Sweden was one of the 21 countries to which this service was offered from the beginning. The exhibit ends 31 December 1980 as a major change was made in the rate structure for air parcels on 1 January 1981.

## Important items

All items shown in this exhibit are very rare or unique. The degree of rarity has therefore normally not been shown in the description. My estimate is that there are at the moment totally 20-25 air parcel items known to all foreign destinations so about half of them are shown in this exhibit.

## 1a. Air Parcel Post 15 Mar 1948-30 Jun 1961



**Air mail parcel 4-8oz: 85+49=134c**

**Customs handling in Stockholm(23 May 1952-24 Aug 1955): 95öre**

1a. Air Parcel Post 15 Mar 1948-30 Jun 1961

**Table 1. Air mail parcel rates to Sweden**

	15 mar 1948	1 Jul 1961	1 Jul 1971*	2 Mar 1974	3 Jan 1976- 31 Dec 1980
First 4 oz	85c	135c	149c	172c	214c
Add. 4 oz	49c	45c	50c	58c	72c

\*The rate change 1 Jul 1971 was first announced as a 10% increase without any list of the amounts, so during the first months two slightly different rates exists depending on how the amount was rounded. As an example an 11th rate parcel can cost  $149+10 \times 50=649c$  or  $(135+10 \times 45) \times 1.1=644c$



**Air mail parcel 12 oz-1 lb:  $85+3 \times 49=232c$**

1a. Air Parcel Post 15 Mar 1948-30 Jun 1961



Air Mail Parcel, 3lb 4oz-3lb 8oz,  $85+13 \times 49=722c$   
Customs handling in Stockholm(23 May 1952-24 Aug 1955): 95öre

**1b. Insured Air Parcel Post 15 Mar 1948-30 Jun 1961**

**Tabel 2 Insurance fees 1932-1980**

Indemnity	1 Jul 1932	1 Mar 1952	26 Mar 1966	2 Mar 1974	18 Apr 1976	29 May 1978-31 Dec 1980
\$0-\$10	20c	20c	35c	35c	60c	90c
\$10-\$15	25c	25c	35c	35c	60c	90c
\$15-\$25	25c	25c	45c	45c	80c	120c
\$25-\$50	35c	35c	45c	45c	80c	120c
\$50-\$100	55c	55c	55c	55c	80c	150c
\$100-\$150	--	60c	65c	65c	120c	210c
\$150-\$200	--	60c	75c	75c	140c	210c
\$200-\$300	--	65c	75c	75c	160c	270c
\$300-\$330	--	70c	115c	115c	180c	330c
\$330-\$400	--	--	115c	115c	180c	330c
\$400-\$500	--	--	135c	135c	200c	360c
\$500-\$600	--	--	155c	155c	220c	390c
\$600-\$700	--	--	175c	175c	240c	420c
\$700-\$800	--	--	195c	195c	260c	450c
\$800-\$900	--	--	215c	215c	280c	480c
\$900-\$1000	--	--	235c	235c	300c	510c
\$1000-\$1100	--	--	--	255c	320c	540c
\$1100-\$1200	--	--	--	275c	340c	570c



**Air mail parcel rate 8-12oz: 85+2x49=183c**

**Insurance fee \$0-\$10(1 Jul 1932-25 Mar 1966): 20c**

**Total fee(15 Mar 1948-30 Jun 1961): 203c**

2a. Air Parcel Post 1 Jul 1961-30 Jun 1971



Air parcel rate, 4-8 oz: 135+45=180c  
 Customs handling in Stockholm(9 Jan 1967-30 Dec 1968): 265öre

2b. Insured Air Parcel Post 1 Jul 1961-30 Jun 1971



Air parcel rate 8-12 oz:  $135 + 2 \times 45 = 225c$   
 Insurance fee \$0-\$15(26 mar 1966-17 Apr 1976): 35c  
 Total Fee (26 Mar 1966-30 Jun 1971): 260c

3b. Insured Air Parcel Post 1 Jul 1971-1 mar 1974



Air parcel rate, 1 lb 8 oz-1 lb 12 oz, 149+6x50=449c

Insurance fee \$25-\$50 (26 mar 1966-17 Apr 1976): 45c

Total Fee(1 Jul 1971-1 Mar 1974): 494c

Customs handling(1 Jul 1972-31 Mar 1974): 400 öre

During the first months of this rate period the rate could also be calculated as a 10% increase of the previous rate (135+6x45)x1.1=446c.

3b. Insured Air Parcel Post 1 Jul 1971-1 mar 1974



Air mail parcel 8 oz-12 oz, 149+2x50=249c

Insurance fee \$25-\$50(26 mar 1966-1 Mar 1974): 45c

Total Fee (1 Jul 1971-1 Mar 1974): 294c

Customs handling(1 Jul 1972-31 Mar 1974): 400 öre

Insurance ammount is indicated on the red Swedish V-label; 78 Gfr(Goldfrancs)=26 US\$



3b. Insured Air Parcel Post 1 Jul 1971-1 mar 1974



Back side, 80%

**Air mail parcel to Sweden by mistake paid at the rate to Switzerland; 0-4 oz: 167c**

**Insurance fee \$50-\$100(1 Jul 1932-17 Apr 1976): 55c**

**Total Fee (1 Jul 1971-1 Mar 1974): 222c**

**Correct rate would have been 149+55=204c**

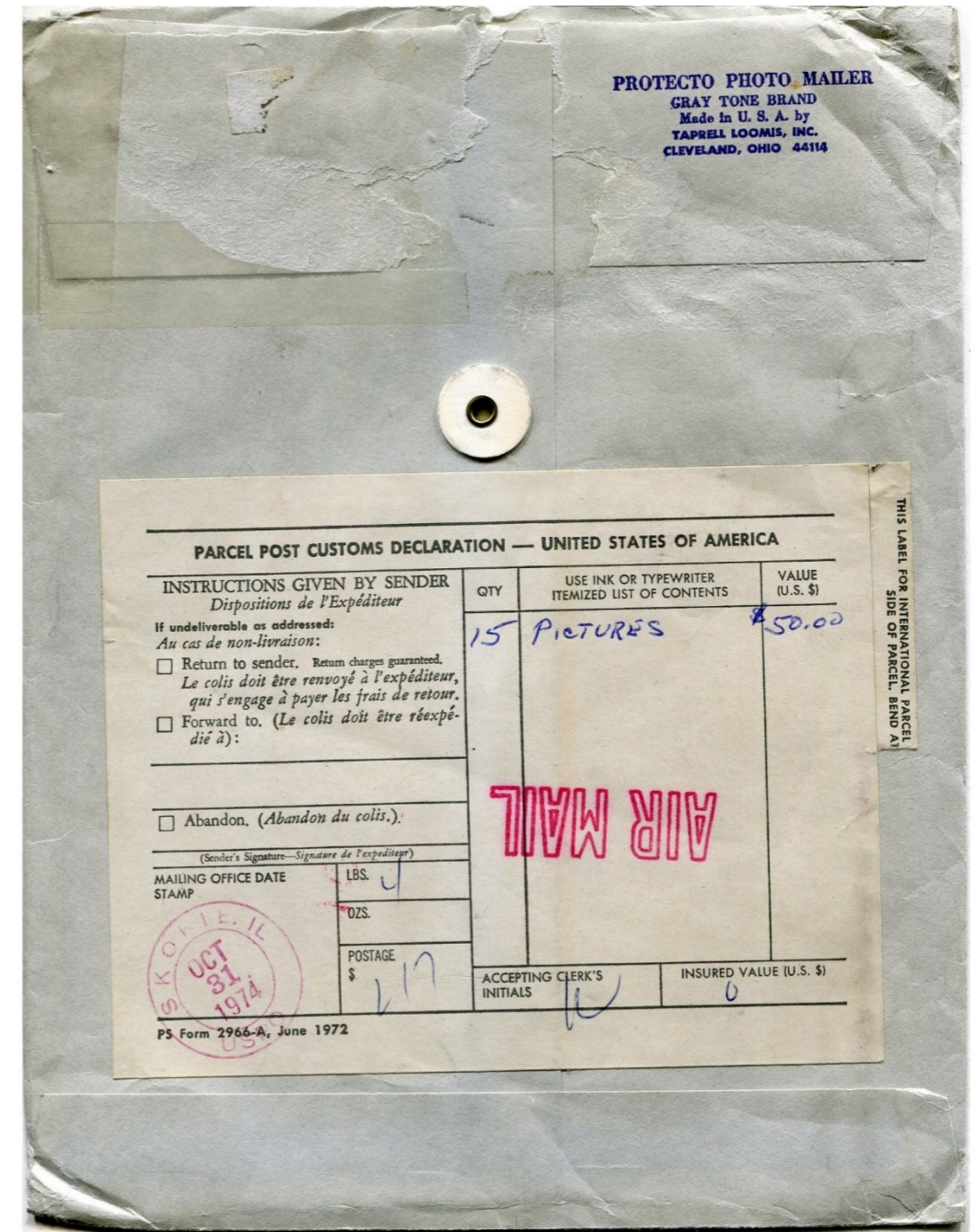
Country name Sweden under the red V label

Only known US Postal Stationery cover used as foreign parcel mail before 1981

4b. Insured Air Parcel Post 2 Mar 1974-2 Jun 1976



Air mail parcel rate 0-4 oz: 172c  
 Insurance fee \$25-\$50(26 mar 1966-17 Apr 1976): 45c  
 Total Fee(2 Mar 1974-17 Apr 1976): 217c



Back side, 80%

4b. Insured Air Parcel Post  
 2 Mar 1974-2 Jun 1976

Mr. & Mrs. D.O.W. Malmstrom  
 2078 Canal Drive Apt. K-33  
 Bradenton, Fla. 33507

**AIR MAIL**

BRADENTON, FLA. MAR 28 1974  
 U.S. POSTAGE 3.81

Mrs. Edin Malmstrom  
 Raggatan 10. K.B.  
 Stockholm, Sö 11659  
 Sweden.

4 AIR  
 Surplus

PARCEL POST CUSTOMS DECLARATION — UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

QTY	USE INK OR TYPEWRITER ITEMIZED LIST OF CONTENTS	VALUE (U.S. \$)
	Pen & Culer	7.00

INSURANCE VALUE (U.S. \$) 7.00

ACCEPTING CLERK'S INITIALS WZ

INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY SENDER  
 Dispositions de l'Expéditeur  
 If undeliverable or addressed:  
 Au cas de non-livraison:

Return to sender. Return charges guaranteed.  
 Le colis doit être renvoyé à l'expéditeur, qui s'engage à payer les frais de retour.

Forward to. (Le colis doit être réexpédié à):

William Malmstrom  
 Abandon. (Abandon du colis.)

(Sender's Signature—Signature de l'expéditeur)

MAILING OFFICE DATE STAMP  
 BRADENTON, FLA.  
 MAR 28 1974  
 SHORE & JOHNSON

LBS. 13  
 OZS. 3  
 POSTAGE \$ 3.81 + 35

PS Form 2966-A, June 1972

Air mail parcel: 12-16 oz, 172+3x58=346c  
 Insurance fee \$0-\$15  
 (26 Mar 1966-17 Apr 1976): 35c  
 Total Fee  
 (2 Mar 1974-17 Apr 1976): 381c

5b. Insured Air Parcel Post 3 Jun 1976-31 Dec 1980



Air mail parcel 0-4 oz: 214c

Insurance fee \$300-\$400(29 May 1978-31 Dec 1980): 330c

Total Fee (29 May 1978-31 Dec 1980): 544c

Two 40c stamps have been removed