

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki

1931-1941 and 1947-1959

The «Exchange Control» for the incoming and outgoing mail to Greece can be considered as a routine business for the post office. It was implemented for the first time during the 1st World War as a «financial control». An indication of exchange control application by the «Bank Syndicate» is also known between 1921 and 1922, but was not used in Thessaloniki.

Thessaloniki is the second most important city of Greece. It is built in the inlet of Thermaikos Gulf, in the North-Western part of the Aegean Sea.

On October 8th, 1931, with a law published in the 354/A sheet of the Government Gazette, the "Foreign Exchange Control" began in Thessaloniki, with the control of the content of the registered letters to abroad as to whether it contained banknotes. On August 20, 1936, selective control of simple and registered letters going abroad began, and gradually until January 6, 1937 it became mandatory for all outgoing and incoming correspondence. At the same time, the control did not only concern their content in foreign currency but also took the form of censorship of their text. On October 28th, 1940, due to the declaration of the Greek-Italian war, the control of foreign exchange was formally stopped, but in fact it continued through the censorship due to the war. The "Foreign Exchange Control" stopped on April 9th with the occupation of Thessaloniki by the German occupying forces. On May 20th, 1947, the control over foreign exchange content started again only in the registered mail abroad. On July 13th, 1948 it was extended to plain mail. The lifting of foreign exchange control took place on October 25th, 1951. However, a few days later, in early November, 1951, it resumed, but only for letters registered abroad. This virtually faded in the late 1950s.



Airmail cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 6.8.1940**, via **ATHINAI 7.8.1940** to South Bend Indiana, USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ** (Committee of the National Currency Protection - Thessaloniki)

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The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 1st period 1931-1936

On September 28th, 1931, the compulsory law "On the Protection of the National Currency" was published in the 335/A issue of the Government Gazette, which stated that during its validity, the sale and purchase of gold, foreign currency and foreign banknotes, is monopolized by the Bank of Greece.

On October 8th, 1931, a supplement to the previous law was published in the 354/A issue of the Government Gazette. In the first article it was stated: "It is forbidden to export banknotes (Greek or foreign currencies) or bank checks without the permission of the Bank of Greece. Also, any registered letters or parcels sent abroad are delivered open to the post office and will be sealed before the postman who receives them after verifying that they do not contain any value". Thus began the control of foreign exchange in Greece.

After checking and closing them, the envelopes were stamped as «ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ» (Checked) and then forwarded to their recipient abroad. There was no control over what was written in the letters.
This law remained in force until August 19, 1936.

During this period, two different types of cancel were used.

ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ	ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ
1.1 : 11.11.1931-2.11.1935	1.2 : 7.12.1933-19.8.1936

ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ (Checked)



Registered cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΕΤΗΜΕΝΑ 11.11.1931** to HAMBURG 14.11.1931 Germany. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki controlled, closed and was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ** (type 1.1) and signature of the Committee President.
Postal Rates 8 Drs: 4 Drs for single weight letter and 4 Drs for registered to Germany.



Registered cover posted from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDE 14.4.1932** to HAINICHEN 17.4.1932 Germany. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki controlled, closed and was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ** (type 1.1) and signature of the Committee President. **Postal Rates 8 Drs:** 4 Drs for single weight letter and 4 Drs for registered to Germany.

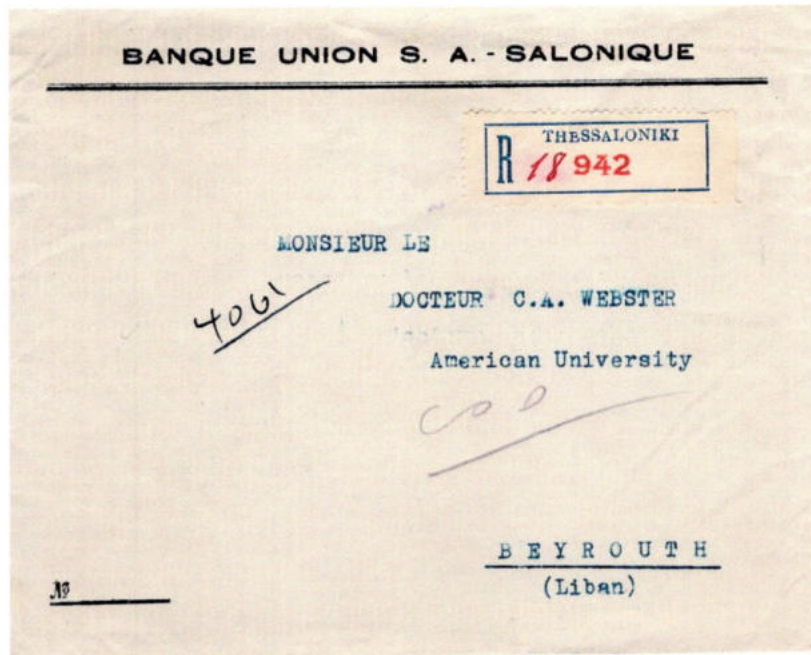


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The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 1st period 1931-1936



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Registered cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 2.11.1935** via Athens to BEYROUTH 7.11.1935 Lebanon. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki controlled, closed and was cancelled with cachet **ΕΣΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ** (type 1.1) and signature of the Committee President.
Postal Rates 16 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 8 Drs for registered to Lebanon.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 1st period 1931-1936



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Registered cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΕΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 19.7.1936** to NEW YORK 22.7.1936 USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki controlled, closed and was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ** (type 1.2) and signature of the Committee President.
Postal Rates 16 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 8 Drs for registered to USA.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

On August 4th, 1936, the "Proclamation of Martial Law in Greece" by King George II was published in the 324/A issue of the Government Gazette, following a proposal by Prime Minister I. Metaxas. A few days later the secrecy of the letters was lifted.

On August 20th, 1936, the circular order 335307 of the Hellenic Post was issued towards ten post offices of the country, including the one of Thessaloniki, which concerned the selective control of foreign simple and registered letters for their content, by employees of the Bank of Greece, in the presence of a competent postal employee. The extend of the mail check was determined by the bank clerk.

On August 21, 1936, the new compulsory law no. 33.1936 "on filling up previous series of laws (1931/1935) of Protection of National Currency", was published in the 364/A issue of the Government Gazette, with the result of Foreign Exchange Control Committees creation.















On September 15, 1936, selective control was extended to incoming mail from abroad.

From September 25, 1936, all outgoing letters, as well as from January 6, 1937 all outgoing and incoming letters, whether they have checked or not, would have to bear the special foreign exchange control cancels, otherwise they could not be sealed in shipping bags.

The small post offices did not check the letters submitted (except in very rare cases) because this work belonged to the exchange control services that were initially installed in the exchange offices and later in other large couriers country offices. Throughout the 2nd period, the texts of the letters were checked at the same time

On October 28, 1940, the compulsory law 2606/1940 "on declaring the Territory under siege" was published in the 338/A issue of the Government Gazette, and the Greek-Italian war began. The foreign exchange check formally expired that day.

From the 20th of August 1936 until the 28th of October 1940, when the exchange control stopped due to the beginning of the Greek-Italian war, the following types of cancel were used in the central post office of Thessaloniki in the order of their use and for the respective periods known until today:

ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ			
2.1 : 22.10.1936-19.11.1936	2.2 : 23.8.1936-.11.1936	2.3 : 25.8.1936-21.9.1936	2.4 : 10.9.1936-14.9.1936
			ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ
2.5 : 22.9.1936-13.10.1936	2.6 : 21.10.1936-.9.1937	2.7 : .10.1936-.7.1940	2.8 : 31.10.1936-8.12.1936
			
2.9 : 4.12.1936-8.12.1936	2.10 : 14.12.1936-12.4.1937	2.10a : 13.3.1937-1.4.1937	2.11 : 8.2.1937-21.1.1939
			
2.12 : 3.3.1937-28.10.1940	2.13 : 17.3.1938- .9.1940	2.14 : .1.1940-21.10.1940	2.15 : 1936-1940

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

2.1 The use of the second type of the ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ (Checked) cancel of the previous period continued for about three months in parallel with the normal foreign exchange control cancel.

ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ (Checked)

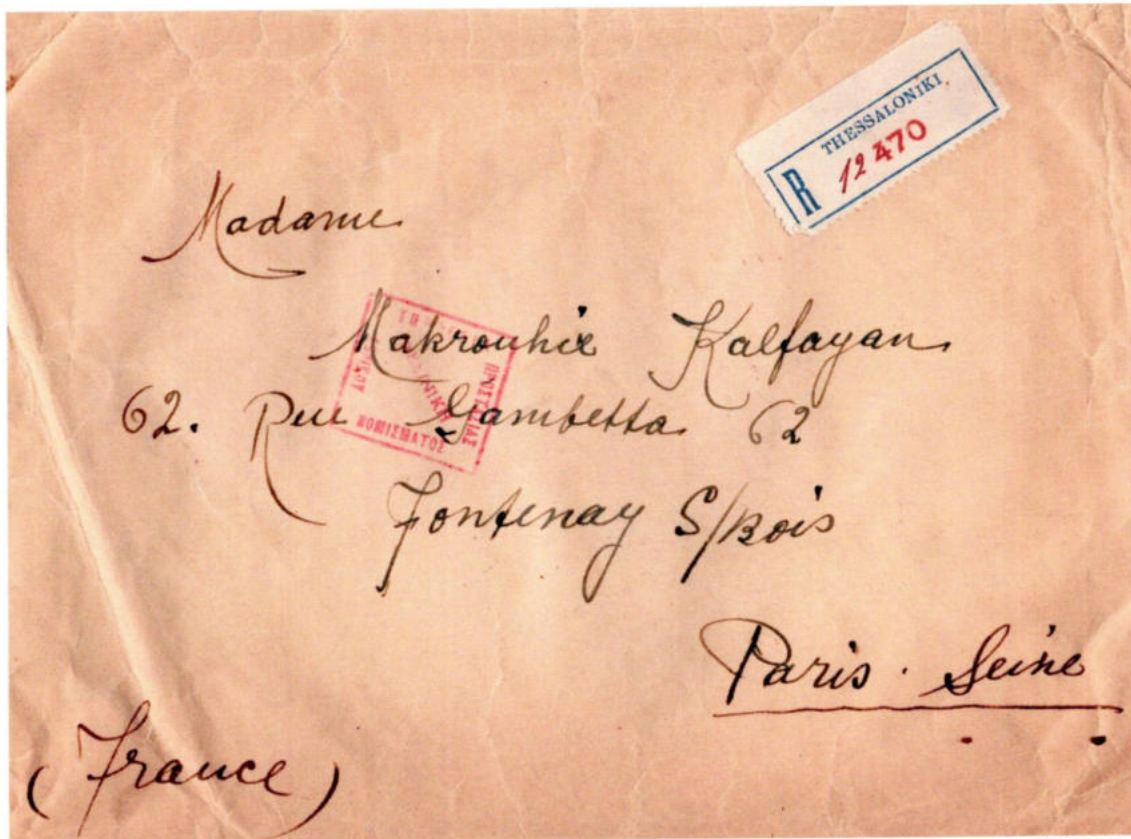


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Registered express cover from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 22.10.1936** to BERLIN 29.10.3 Germany. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki controlled and was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ** (type 2.1), signature of the Committee President & cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ** (type 2.6).

Postal Rates 41 Drs: 23 Drs for forth weight letter (60-80 gr), 8 Drs for registered and 15 Drs for express to Germany.



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Registered cover from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 19.11.1936** to FONTENAY SOUS BOIS SEINE 23.11.1936 France. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki controlled and was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ** and signature of the Committee President & cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**.
Postal Rates 41 Drs: 33 Drs for sixth weight letter (120-140 gr) and 8 Drs for registered to France.



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The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

2.2 The first new type of cancel used immediately after the imposition of an audit on 20 August, bore only the word "Bank of Greece" in Greek and had no reference to an audit. This type remained in use until November 1936.

ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ (Bank of Greece - Thessaloniki)



Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI** **23.8.1936**, via Cherbourg France and with "S.S. Queen Mary" to New York USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ**.

Postal Rates 13 Drs: for double weight letter (20-40 gr) to USA.

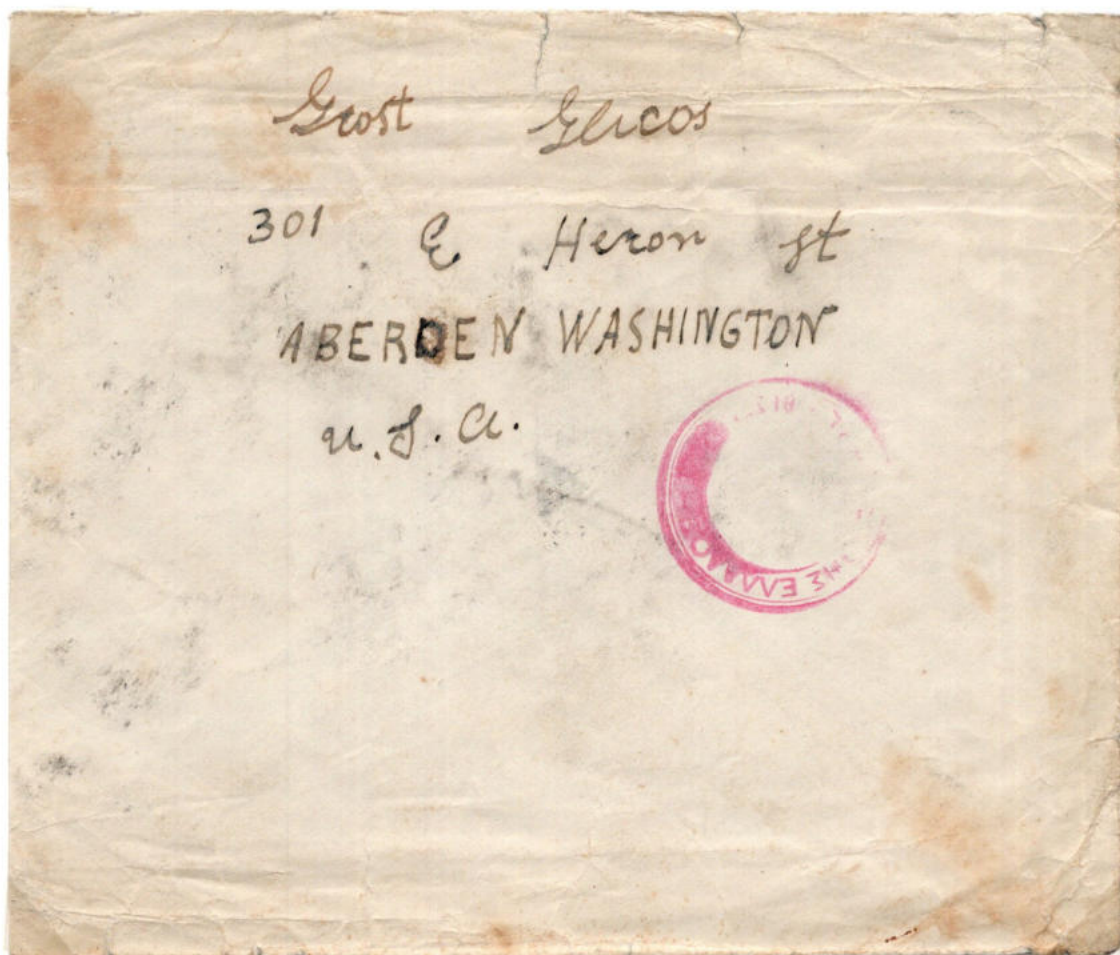


Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 9.9.1936** to Hamburg Germany. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ**

Postal Rates 8 Drs: for single weight letter to Germany.



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Cover posted from ΜΩΛΟΣ (Molos, Lamia) **16.9.1936** via **Thessaloniki** to Washington USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ**
Postal Rates 8 Drs: for single weight letter to USA.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

2.3 Simultaneously with the previous type of cancel, a similar one was used which was marked "Bank of Greece" in French. This type remained in use for only one month.

BANQUE DE GRÈCE - SALONIQUE



Postcard from BRAHCKA VRANUSKA BANJA 26.8.1936 Yugoslavia to **Thessaloniki**. On arrival in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **BANQUE DE GRÈCE - SALONIQUE**.

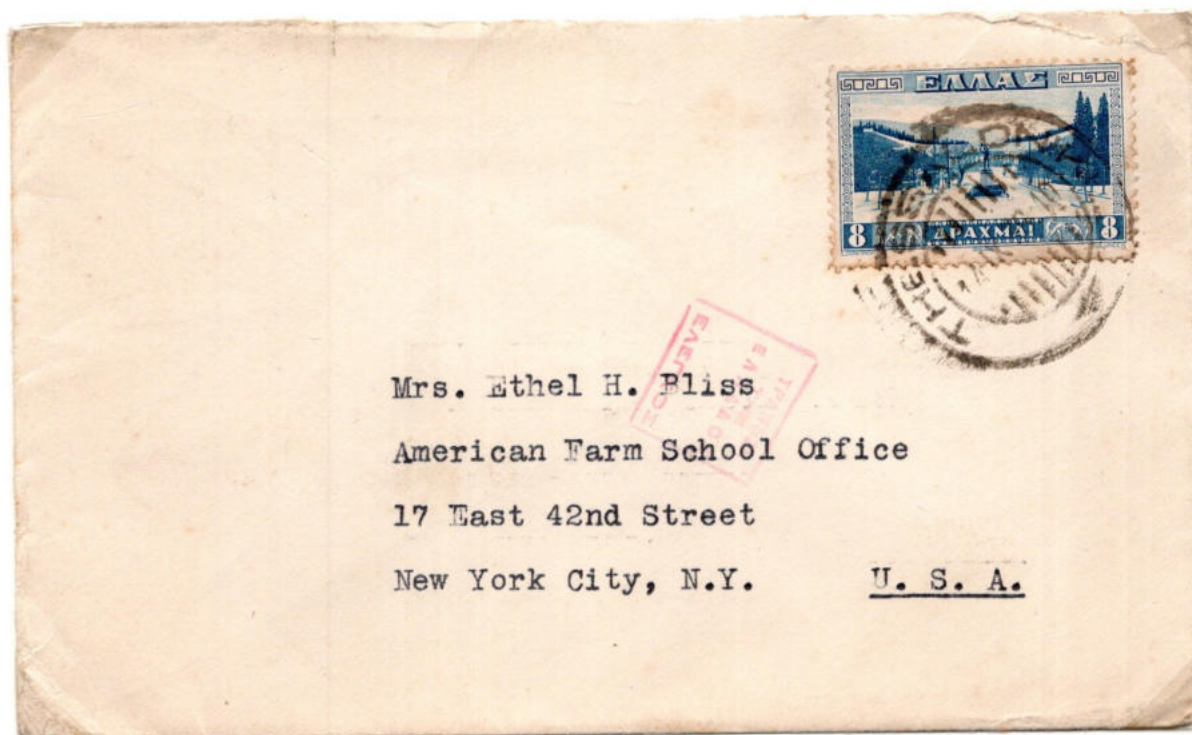


Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 2.9.1936** to New York USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **BANQUE DE GRÈCE - SALONIQUE**
Postal Rates 9 Drs: (correct Rates 8 Drs) for single weight letter to USA.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

2.4 A new type of "Bank of Greece" cancel bearing for the first time the indication "Control" was used for only about five days in the second ten days of September 1936.

ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ (Bank of Greece - Control)



Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 14.9.1936** to New York USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ**
Postal Rates 8 Drs: for single weight letter to USA.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

2.6 In mid-October 1936, the word "Bank of Greece" was deleted from the previous cancel. This formula has been used for about a year.

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ
(Committee of the National Currency Protection - Thessaloniki)



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Airmail cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 14.11.1936** to SOFIA 18.11.1936 Bulgaria. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled and closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ Υπηρεσία Προστασίας Εθνικού Συναλλάγματος - CONTROLE DU CHANGE Service pour la Protection de Devises Nationaux** and was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**.
Postal Rates 11 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 3 Drs for airmail to Bulgaria.



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Registered cover posted from PARIS 3.2.37 France, to **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 7.2.1937**. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled and closed with censor tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΕΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** and was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΤΑΞΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΕΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ** and signature of the Committee President.



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Airmail cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 18.2.1937** to Manchester England. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled and closed with censor tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGI** and was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ** and signature of the Committee President.

Postal Rates 23 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter, 14 Drs for airmail and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to England.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

2.7 In October 1936 a new diamond-shaped cancel was used bearing only the National Currency Protection Service. This type remained in use until July 1940.

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ (Committee of the National Currency Protection - Thessaloniki)

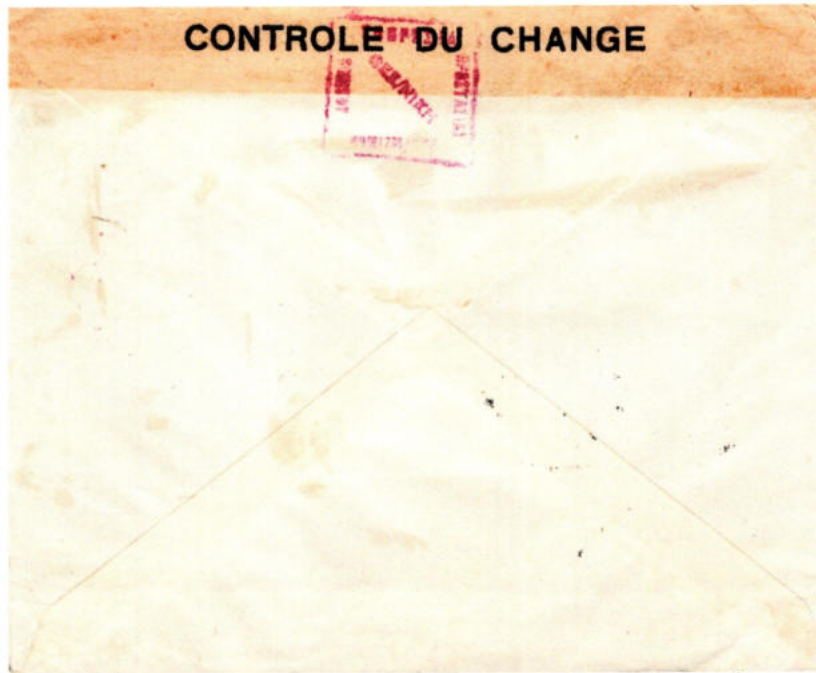


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Airmail cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 29.1.1937** to Manchester England. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled and closed with censor tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** and was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**

Postal Rates 16 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter, 7 Drs for airmail and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to England.



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Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 28.5.1937** to Surrey England. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΕΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** & was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΪΚΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**.

Postal Rates 15 Drs: (correct Rates 14 Drs) 13 Drs for double weight letter (20-40 gr) and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to England.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940



Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 22.6.1937** to Rothrist Switzerland. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΤΑΞΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**.

Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Switzerland.



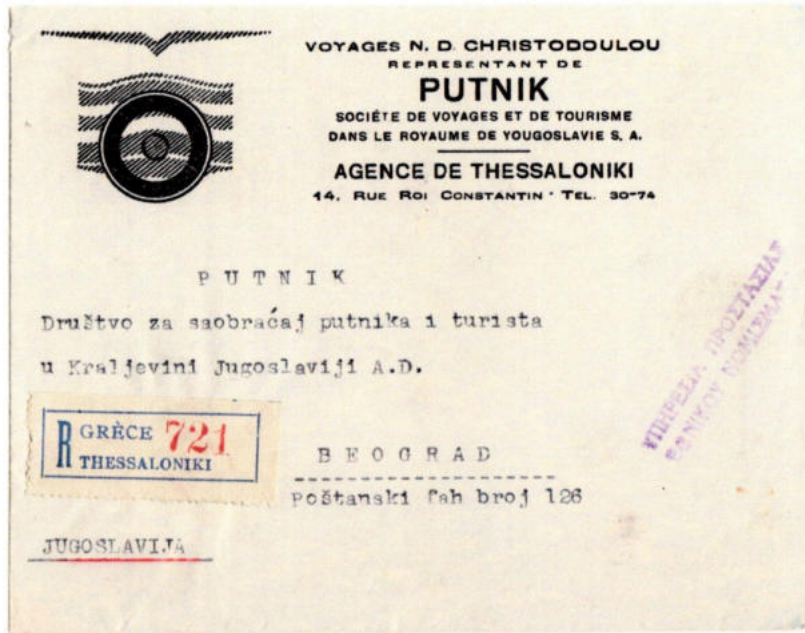
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Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to England.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

2.8 From the end of October 1936 and for about forty days a two-line cancel was used bearing only the indication "National Currency Protection Service".

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ (Committee of the National Currency Protection)



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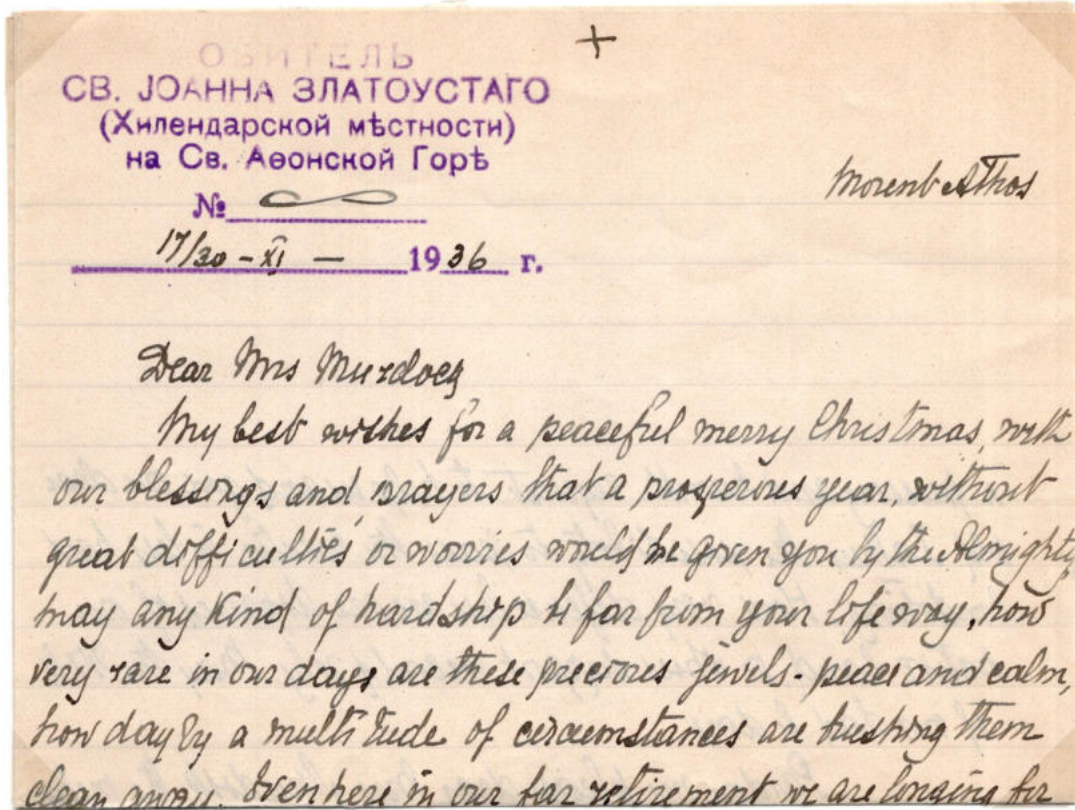


Registered cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 21.1.1938** to BEOGRAD 23.1.1938 Yugoslavia. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with line cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ** and **“ΕΠΙΤΡΕΠΕΤΑΙ Η ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΗΣΙΣ - Εν Θεσ/νίκη τη 21/1/1938 - ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - Ο ΠΡΟΪΣΤΑΜΕΝΟΣ”** (Posting allowed - Thessaloniki 21/1/1938 - The Assistance Manager).
Postal Rates 13 Drs: 6 Drs for single weight letter, 6 Drs for registered and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Yugoslavia.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

2.9 At the beginning of December 1936 and for only about five days, a new cancel was used with the indication "Bank of Greece" and where for the first time the "Foreign Exchange Control" was written.

ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΕΥΝ/ΤΟΣ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ
(Bank of Greece - Change Control Thessaloniki)



Cover from Обителат Св. Йоанна Златоустаго Хилендарски Местност (Monastery of St. John Chrysostom, Hilendarski Locality, Mont Athos), posted from ΚΑΡΥΑΙ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΟΡΟΥΣ 2.12.36, via **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 4.12.1936** to Washington USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki cancelled with cachet **ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΕΥΝ/ΤΟΣ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ**. In Karyai (Mont Athos) didn't exist Committee of the National Currency Protection.

Postal Rates 8 Drs: for single weight letter to USA.



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Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 8.12.36**, to Dresden Germany. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki cancelled with cachet **ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΕΥΝ/ΤΟΣ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ**.

Postal Rates 8,20 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 20 Lepta for Thessaloniki International Fair Fund to Germany.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

2.10 In the middle of December 1936 a new type of cancel began to be used. It bore the word "National Currency Protection Service" with inscription ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ and had a jewel on the bottom = * =. It remained in use until middle April 1937.

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ
(Committee of the National Currency Protection - Thessaloniki)



Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 26.3.1937** to PARIS 30.3.1937 France. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled and closed with censor tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΕΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** and was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ**
Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to France

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Airmail postcard with printed stamps posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 8.4.1937** to Germany. The postcard in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ**
Postal Rates 12,10 Drs: 5 Drs for postal stationery, 7 Drs for airmail and 10 Lepta for Social Welfare Fund to Germany



Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 2.4.1937** to Barmen Germany. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ**
Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Germany

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2.10a In the middle of March 1937 the inscription ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ detached from previous cancel. On March 26 it was pasted again. The next day he was detached. In April 2 it was pasted again.

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ -
(Committee of the National Currency Protection -



Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 20.3.1937** to USA. The cover in the central Post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ -**
Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to USA.



Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 23.3.1937** to Wien Austria. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ -**
Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter & 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Austria



Postal Stationery posted from **THESSALONIKI 1.4.1937** to Genève Switzerland. The postal stationery in the central Post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ -**
Postal Rates 5.10 Drs: 5 Drs for postal stationery and 10L for Social Welfare Fund to Switzerland.



Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 13.3.1937** to Paris France. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ -**
Postal Rates 10.20 Drs (normal rate it's 9 Drs): 8 Drs for single weight letter & 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to France. (20 Lepta "Thessaloniki International Fair Fund" it's only for inland correspondence).

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2.11 In early February 1937 a new type of cancel began to be used. It bore the word "National Currency Protection Service" and had a jewel on the bottom - * -. It remained in use until January 1939.

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ (Committee of the National Currency Protection - Thessaloniki)



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Registered cover posted from ΕΑΝΘΗ 12.9.1937, via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 15.9.1937 to London England. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled and closed with censor tape with bilingual indication ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE and was cancelled with cachet ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ and signature of the Committee President. In Xanthi didn't exist Committee of the National Currency Protection.

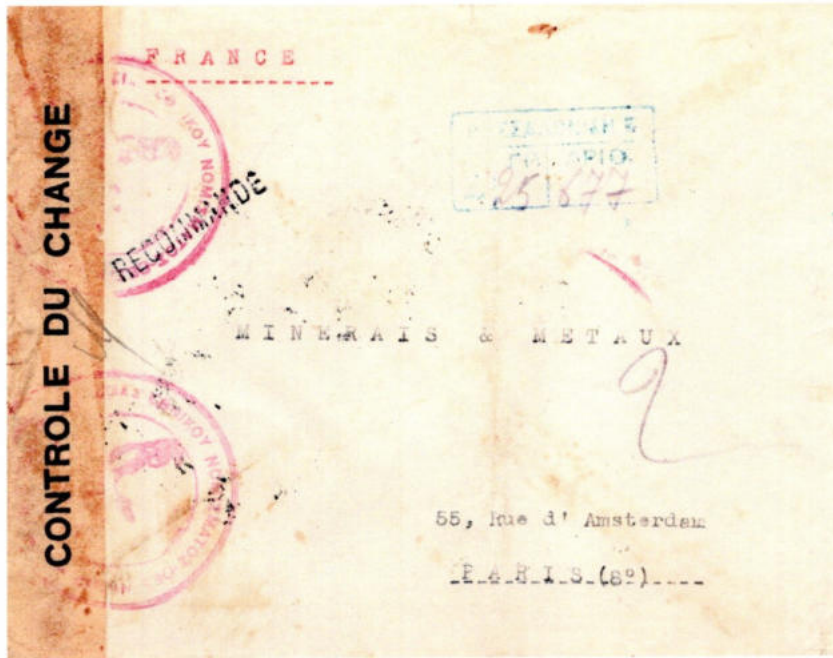
Postal Rates 17 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter, 8 Drs for registered and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Germany.



Cover posted from KATEPINH 8.5.1937 via **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 8.5.1937** to Cleveland USA. Transit via the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΤΕΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ**. In Katerini didn't exist Committee of the National Currency Protection.
Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to USA.



Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 8.2.1937** to Speyer Germany. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΤΕΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ**
Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Germany.



photocopy



Registered cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΤΟΣ 16.10.1937**, via **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΕΥΘΗΜΕΝΑ 18.10.1937** to Paris France. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled and closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** and was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΕΤΑΞΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ** and signature of the Committee President.

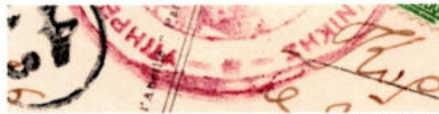
Postal Rates 22 Drs: 13 Drs for double weight letter (20-40 gr), 8 Drs for registered and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to France.



Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 14.1.1938** to Sofia Bulgaria. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with two different cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΤΑΞΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**.

Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Bulgaria.

The stamp was made of rubber. In very rare cases, due to its misuse, the printing of the jewelry appeared as = * = instead of - * -



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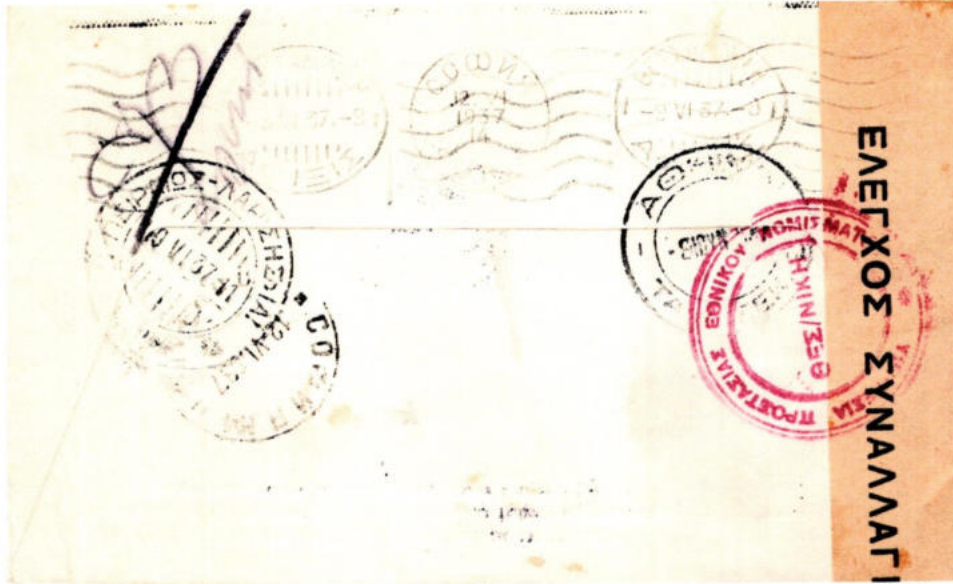


Postcard from **PARIS 26.8.37** France to **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 30.8.1937**. On arrival in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΤΑΞΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**

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2.12 At the beginning of March 1937 a new type of cancel was used with the indication "National Currency Protection Service". It remained in use until October 28, 1940 (day of the declaration of the Greek-Italian war).

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ (Committee of the National Currency Protection - Thessaloniki)



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Cover posted from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑ ΣΥΝΤΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ 8.6.1937 cancelled with cachet ΠΕΝ (National Currency Protection), via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΕΚ 8.6.1937, ΠΕΙΡΑΙΩΣ-ΛΑΡΙΣΗΣ 1^η 9.6.1937, ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 9.6.1937 to SOFIA 12.6.1937 Bulgaria. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE & was cancelled with cachet ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ

Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Bulgaria.



Airmail cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 5.9.1937** to BERLIN 7.9.37 Germany & via Havre France and with "S.S. Normandie" transferred to New York USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**
Postal Rates 21 Drs: 13 Drs for double weight letter (20-40 gr), 7 Drs for airmail (from Thessaloniki to Berlin Germany) and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to USA.



photocopy

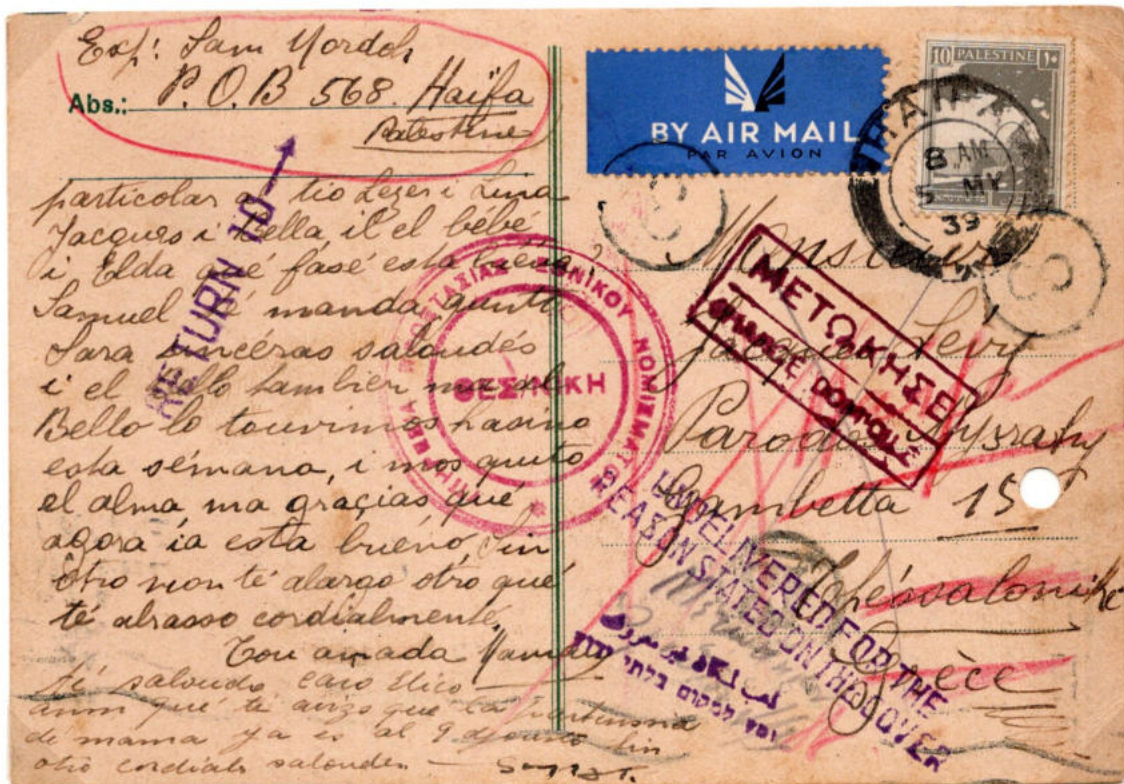


Airmail cover from the village Kato Klives Florina, posted from **ΦΛΩΡΙΝΑ 10.6.1938** via **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 10.6.1938** to Saint-Valerien Yonne France. The cover in Florina post office controlled and cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΦΛΩΡΙΝΗΣ** and in the central post office of Thessaloniki controlled again and cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**.
Postal Rates 15 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter, 6 Drs for airmail and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to France.

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Airmail cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 1.8.1937** via BERLIN 2.7.37 Germany to Toledo Ohio USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**
Postal Rates 29 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter, 20 Drs for airmail and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to USA.



Airmail postcard posted from HAIFA 5.5.1939 Palestine via ATHINAI 8.5.39 to **THESSALONIKI 8.5.1939** with cancel UNDELIVERED FOR THE REASON STATED ON THE COVER and RETURN to Haifa Palestine. The postcard in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**

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2.13 At the middle of March 1938 a new type of cancel was used with the indication "National Currency Protection Service". It remained in use until September 1940.

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ
(Committee of the National Currency Protection - Thessaloniki)



Postal Stationery posted from FLUSHING N.Y. 9.6.1939 USA to **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 14.6.1939**. The stationery in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**



Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 19.3.1939** to Hamburg Germany. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**.

Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Germany



Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 17.9.1938** to BUCUREST 20.9.1938 Romania. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**

Postal Rates 7 Drs: 6 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Germany



Airmail cover posted from **ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ - ΣΙΑ. ΣΤΑΘΜΟΣ ΕΠΙΤΑΓΑΙ 15.1.1940** to Germany. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**

Postal Rates 17 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter, 8 Drs for airmail and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Germany

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2.14 The last type of cancel of this period began to be used at the beginning of January 1940 and remained in use until October 28, 1940 (day of the declaration of the Greek-Italian war). It was marked "National Currency Protection Service".

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ

(Committee of the National Currency Protection - Thessaloniki)



Postal Stationery with printed stamps posted from **THESSALONIKI 21.10.1940** to Haifa Palestine. The postcard in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ**
Postal Rates 5 Drs: for postal stationery to Palestine



Airmail cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 23.9.1940** to Hohenlimburg Germany. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ**
Postal Rates 14 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 6 Drs for airmail to Germany

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2.15 The incoming envelopes of the printed matter that passed through the central post office of Thessaloniki received a special stamp which had in the middle in a circle a letter that was characteristic of the employee who checked.

ΘΕΣΣΑ Η ΛΟΝΙΚΗ (THESSA H LONIKI)



*Printed matter posted from 40 CHICAGO ILL. USA to **THESSALONIKI**. On arrived cancelled with cachet ΘΕΣΣΑ Η ΛΟΝΙΚΗ and circular postman cancel 42 back.*

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The official consular correspondence also passed through the foreign exchange control, but it was not opened for control by the committees, but only received the stamp of the foreign exchange control.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE A SALONIQUE



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Cover from **CONSULAT DE FRANCE A SALONIQUE** posted from **THESSALONIKI 6.3.1938** to PARIS 9.3.1938 France. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ**

Postal Rates 9 Drs: for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to France

BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL SALONICA



Cover from **BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL SALONICA** posted from **THESSALONIKI 22.1.1940** to **Sassex England**. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**

Postal Rates 8 Drs: for single weight letter to England



Cover from **BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL SALONICA** posted from **THESSALONIKI 22.5.1940** to **Sassex England**. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**

Postal Rates 8 Drs: for single weight letter to England

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During the period end of August 1937 to end of August 1938 we find in correspondence that passed through the post office of Thessaloniki a circular cancel with the initials "K.A.", which belongs to an employee of the Committee of the National Currency Protection.



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Registered cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 25.9.1937**, via ATHINA 26.8.1927 to BOMBAY WINDOW 13.9.1937 India. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled and closed with censor tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** and was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΤΕΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**, with cancel "K.A." of postal clerk and signature of the Committee President.

Postal Rates 8 Drs: for single weight letter to India.

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Cover posted **THESSALONIKI 31.8.1937** to London (Great Britain). The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΤΑΞΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ** and with cancel "K.A." of postal clerk.
Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to England

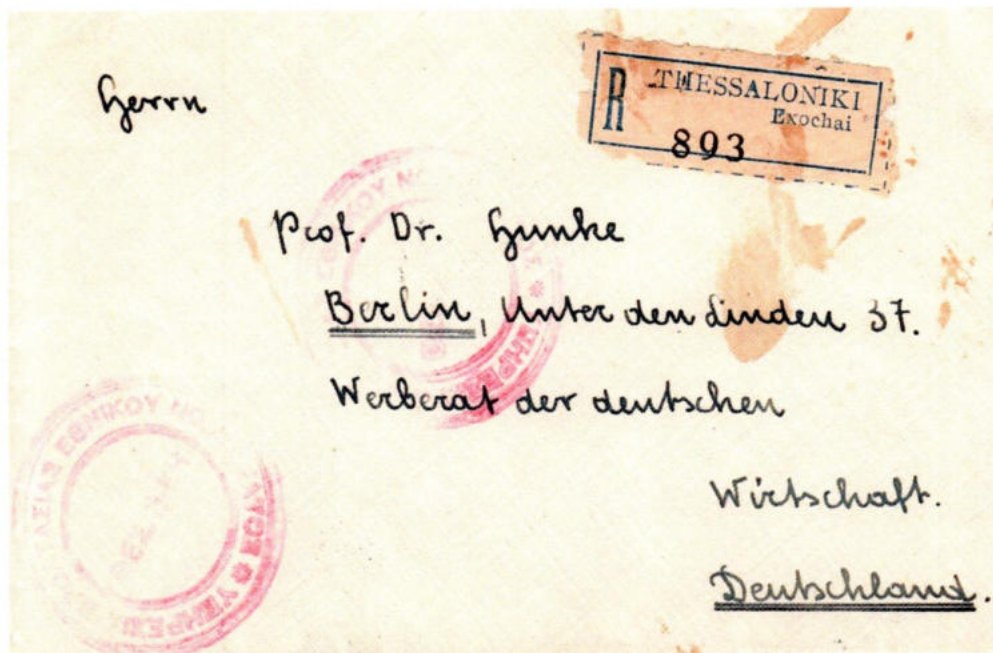


Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 17.11.1937** to London England. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΤΑΞΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ** and with cancel "K.A." of postal clerk and signature of the Committee President. With cancel T (Taxe) and manuscript 2,00 (Drs)
Postal Rates 7 Drs: (correct Rates 9 Drs) 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to England

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If the letters were first deposited at another post office in the Thessaloniki area, and not at the central post office which had foreign exchange checkpoints, in very rare cases they were first checked at the deposit office, stamped, signed by the inspecting officer and then forwarded to central post office of Thessaloniki for the regular control by the National Currency Protection Committees.

ΤΜΗΜΑΤΙΚΟΝ Τ.Τ.Τ. ΕΞΟΧΩΝ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ (Branch Post Office Exochai Thessaloniki)



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Registered cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΕΞΟΧΑΙ 1 4.12.1938** with Exchange Control cachet **ΤΜΗΜΑΤΙΚΟΝ Τ.Τ.Τ. ΕΞΟΧΩΝ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ** and signature of the Postal Clerk via **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΕΥΕΘΗΜΕΝΑ 4.12.38** to BERLIN 7.12.1938 Germany. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**. **Postal Rates 17 Drs:** 8 Drs for single weight letter, 8 Drs for registered and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Germany.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

Outgoing mail could be deposited openly at the post office in Thessaloniki, where it was checked, closed and sealed with the cachet Committee of the National Currency Protection, it was signed by the inspecting officer, but it did not have any other special cancel.



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Registered cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 6.3.1939** to Romania. The cover was filed in the central post office of Thessaloniki opened, checked and closed with vignettes **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΑ - POSTES HELENIQUES** and signed from the Committee President. Subsequently was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**.

Postal Rates 13 Drs: 6 Drs for single weight letter, 6 Drs for registered and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Romania.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

Outgoing mail could be deposited open at the post office in Thessaloniki, where it was checked, closed, sealed with the cachet Committee of the National Currency Protection and had the following special stamp on the back:

ΕΠΙΤΡΕΠΕΤΑΙ Η ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΗΣΙΣ
 'Εν Θεσσαλονίκη τη
ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ
Ο ΠΡΟΪΣΤΑΜΕΝΟΣ

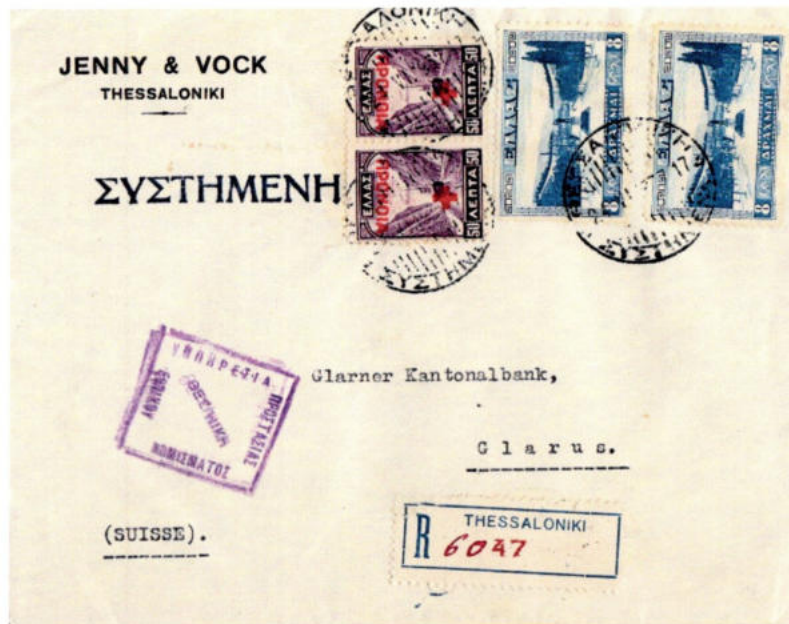


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Registered cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 5.6.1937** to GALATA ISTANBUL 7.6.1937 Turkey. The cover was filed in the central post office of Thessaloniki opened, checked and closed with vignettes **ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ** (Bank of Greece) and cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ** and with special cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΕΠΕΤΑΙ Η ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΗΣΙΣ - ΕΝ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΤΗ 5/6/1937 - ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - Ο ΠΡΟΪΣΤΑΜΕΝΟΣ Α. Ματκοβίδης** (Posting allowed - Thessaloniki 5/6/1937 - The Assistance Manager A. Matkovidis).

Postal Rates 16,50 Drs: 9,50 Drs for double weight letter (20-40 gr), 6 Drs for registered and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Turkey



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Registered cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 24.6.1937** to Glarus Switzerland. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ** and with special cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΕΠΕΤΑΙ Η ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΗΣΙΣ - Εν Θεσσαλονίκη τη 24/6/1937 - ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - Ο ΠΡΟΪΣΤΑΜΕΝΟΣ Α. Ματκοβίδης** (Posting allowed - Thessaloniki 24/6/1937 - The Assistance Manager A. Matkovides)
Postal Rates 17,25 Drs: (correct Rates 17 Drs) 8 Drs for single weight letter, 8 Drs for registered and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Germany



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Cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 22.10.1938** to Amsterdam Netherlands. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ** and with special cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΕΠΕΤΑΙ Η ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΗΣΙΣ - Εν Θεσσαλονίκη τη 22/10/1938 - ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - Ο ΠΡΟΪΣΤΑΜΕΝΟΣ Σ. Ζαφειρόπουλος** (Posting allowed - Thessaloniki 22/10/1937 - The Assistance Manager S. Zafiroopoulos)

Postal Rates 9 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Netherlands.



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Cover posted from **THESSALONIKI 27.9.1939** to Amsterdam Netherlands. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ** and with special cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΕΠΕΤΑΙ Η ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΗΣΙΣ - Εν Θεσσαλονίκη τη 27/9/1939 - ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - Ο ΠΡΟΣΙΤΑΜΕΝΟΣ** (Posting allowed - Thessaloniki 27/9/1939 - The Assistance Manager) and **ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΥΠ/ΜΑ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ - Ο ΥΠΟΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΤΗΣ** (Bank of Greece - Thessaloniki Branch - The Assistant Manager)
Postal Rates 18 Drs: for triple weight letter (40-60 gr) to Netherlands.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

In rare cases the covers in the central post office of Thessaloniki checked and closed with sealing wax with inscription **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ** (Committee of the National Currency Protection - Thessaloniki)



photocopy



Registered cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 5.6.1939** to Wien Austria. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki checked and closed with sealing wax with inscription **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**, cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ** and with special cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΕΠΕΤΑΙ Η ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΗΣΙΣ - Εν Θεσσαλονίκη τη 5/6/1939 - ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - Ο ΠΡΟΪΣΤΑΜΕΝΟΣ Μ. Μυράτ** (Posting allowed - Thessaloniki 5.6.1939 - The Assistance Manager M. Mirat).

Postal Rates 27 Drs: 18 Drs for triple weight letter (40-60 gr) 8 Drs for registered and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Austria.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

Mail entering from abroad could, when opened, checked and closed at the post office in Thessaloniki, be sealed except with the cachet Committee of the National Currency Protection and by the following special stamp stating that no value was found inside.

Ἐντὸς τῆς παρούσης ἐπιστολῆς
οὐδεμία ἀξία εὐρέθη περιεχομένη

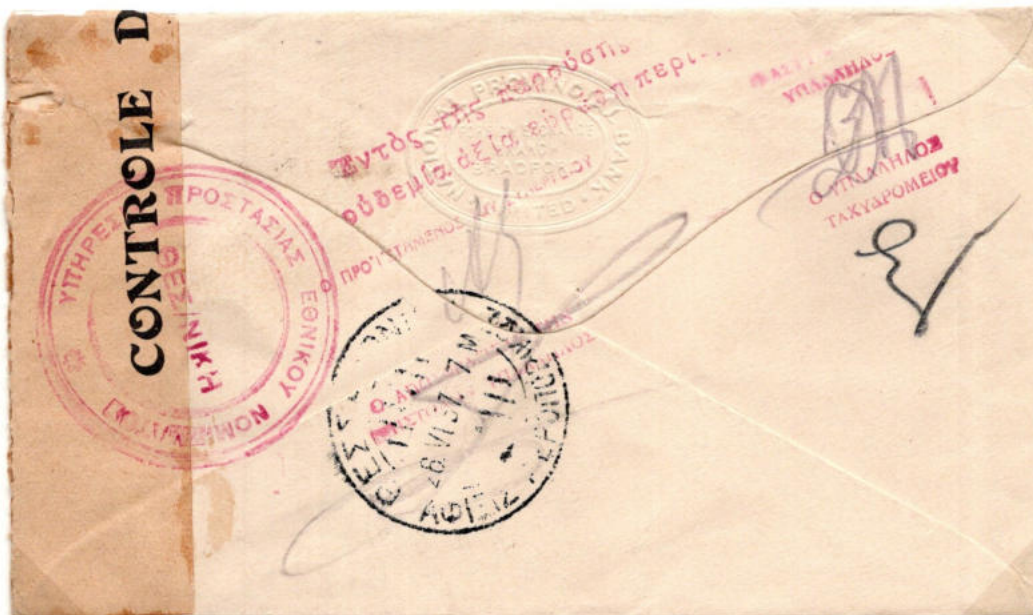
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ΥΠΑΛΛΗΛΟΣ ΥΠΑΛΛΗΛΟΣ

Ο ΑΠΟΣΦΡΑΓΙΣΤΗΣ ΤΗΣ
ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗΣ ΥΠΑΛΛΗΛΟΣ

Ο ΥΠΑΛΛΗΛΟΣ
ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΥ



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Airmail cover posted from BRANFORD YORKS 24.6.37 Great Britain to **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΚΩΣ 26.3.1937**. The cover on arrival at the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled and closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE**. Cancelled with special cancel **Ἐντὸς τῆς παρούσης ἐπιστολῆς οὐδεμία ἀξία εὐρέθη περιεχομένη. Ο προϊστάμενος του συνεργείου - Ο αστυνομικός υπάλληλος - Ο αποσφραγιστής την ἐπιστολή υπάλληλος - Ο υπάλληλος ταχυδρομείου** (Inside the present letter there was not found money. The Chief Examiner - The Police Employee - The Clerk who unsealed the letter - The Postal Clerk) bearing signatures of the clerks involved, and was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ**



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Airmail cover by K.L.M. posted from TEL AVIV 7.4.1937 Palestine to **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ POSTE AERRIENNE 11.4.1937**. The cover on arrival at the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled and closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE**. Cancelled with special cancel **Εντός της παρούσης επιστολής ουδεμία αξία ευρέθη περιεχόμενη. Ο προϊστάμενος του συνεργείου - Ο αστυνομικός υπάλληλος - Ο αποσφραγιστής την επιστολή υπάλληλος - Ο υπάλληλος ταχυδρομείου** (Inside the present letter there was not found money. The Chief Examiner - The Police Employee - The Clerk who unsealed the letter - The Postal Clerk) bearing signatures of the clerks involved, and was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗΣ**

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

The incoming mail from abroad could, when opened, checked and closed at the post office in Thessaloniki, be sealed except with the cachet Committee of the National Currency Protection and by the following special stamp stating that contents were found within the letter.

Ἐντὸς τῆς παρούσης ἐπιστολῆς
εὐρέθησαν περιεχόμενα

Ο ΠΡΟΪΣΤΑΜΕΝΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΣΥΝΕΡΓΕΙΟΥ

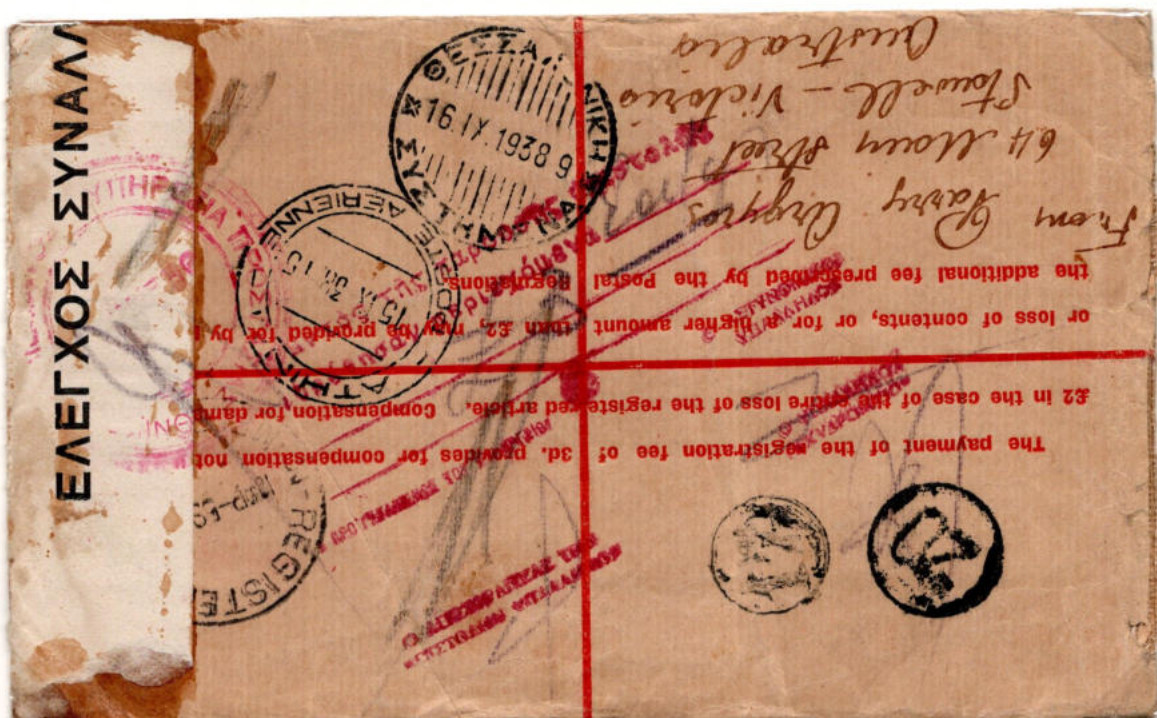
Ο ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΚΟΣ
ΥΠΑΛΛΗΛΟΣ

Ο ΑΠΟΣΦΡΑΓΙΣΑΣ ΤΗΝ
ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗΝ ΥΠΑΛΛΗΛΟΣ

Ο ΥΠΑΛΛΗΛΟΣ
ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΥ



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Registered airmail envelopes posted from MELBOURNE 5.9.38 Australia via ATHINAI 15.9.38 to **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 16.9.1938**. The cover on arrival at the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled and closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE**. Cancelled with special cancel **Ἐντὸς τῆς παρούσης ἐπιστολῆς εὐρέθησαν περιεχόμενα 3 λίρες. Ο προϊστάμενος του συνεργείου - Ο αστυνομικός υπάλληλος - Ο αποσφραγίσας την ἐπιστολή υπάλληλος - Ο υπάλληλος ταχυδρομείου** (= Inside the present letter there was found 3 £. The Chief Examiner - The Police Employee - The Clerk who unsealed the letter - The Postal Clerk) bearing signatures of the clerks involved, and was cancelled with cachet **ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ** and signature of the Committee President.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 2nd period 1936-1940

At the Telegraph Office of Thessaloniki, all passing telegrams were checked and stamped with the following stamp:

ΕΠΙΤΡΕΠΕΤΑΙ Η ΜΕΤΑΒΙΒΑΣΙΣ
Ἐν Θεσ/νίκῃ τῇ _____
ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ
Ο ΠΡΟΣΤΑΤΑΜΕΝΟΣ

ΕΠΙΤΡΕΠΕΤΑΙ Η ΜΕΤΑΒΙΒΑΣΙΣ - ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ
 (Transfer is allowed - Thessaloniki - Committee of the National Currency Protection - The Assistance Manager)

ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΗΜΑ

Ἀριθμὸς Ἀφίξεως	Ἀριθμὸς	Λέξεις	Ἡμερομηνία	Ὥρα
Ελήφθη ἐκ _____	Ἐκ _____			
66 DE PARIS 10 6 30 0949 VRB = TSINGOIAS SCHOLEION 3 THESSALONIKI				
Τῆς _____ ὥρα _____ ὁ λαβῶν _____				
= KALIN ANTAMOSIN -				
ΕΠΙΤΡΕΠΕΤΑΙ Η ΜΕΤΑΒΙΒΑΣΙΣ Ἐν Θεσ/νίκῃ τῇ 30. ΜΑΡ 1939 ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ Ο ΠΡΟΣΤΑΤΑΜΕΝΟΣ				
[Handwritten signature in blue ink]				

[Handwritten signature in blue ink] →
 [Handwritten signature in pink ink]

Telegraph from Paris via Belgrade to **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΕΙΟΝ 30.3.1939**. The telegraph on arrival controlled and was cancelled with cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΕΠΕΤΑΙ Η ΜΕΤΑΒΙΒΑΣΙΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ - ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - Ο ΠΡΟΣΤΑΤΑΜΕΝΟΣ** and signed by the Assistance Manager.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 3rd period 1940-1941

Immediately after the start of the Greek-Italian war on October 28, 1940, foreign exchange control formally ceased. However, the censorship of the correspondence began that lasted until April 9, 1941, when Thessaloniki was occupied by the German forces.

On November 18, 1940, Circular 256418 of the Hellenic Post Office was issued "on the censorship of mail and parcels" which, despite its title, referred to the actions of the Postal Service in case of finding a sum of money in letters. So immediately the exchange rate control continued.

During this period the registered items were controlled by censorship and all outgoing letters were opened in order to be censored. If the censor found foreign currency in the file, then after the check a relevant note or special stamp was entered in which the contents of the file were recorded and signed by the competent officials. The envelope was then sealed with tape and forwarded to the recipient.



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Registered postal envelope posted from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES 15.2.1941**, with special cachet **Κατά την λογοκρισία ευρέθησαν εν τη επιστολή Φράγκα Ελβετικά 30 - Ο Λογοκριτής, Ο Προϊστάμενος του Συνεργείου, Ο Ταχυδ. Υπάλληλος** (During the censorship inside the letter were found 30 CHF). The letter was closed with special tape with indication **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΟΓΟΚΡΙΣΙΑ** and was sent to BERN 20.2.1941 Switzerland.

Postal Rates 17 Drs: 8 Drs for single weight letter, 8 Drs for registered and 1 Dr for Social Welfare Fund to Switzerland

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 4th period 1947-1948

On May 20, 1947, the order 71733)2)SYN was issued, based on which the sender of mail was obliged to deliver to the post office personally the registered mail and parcels open that was headed abroad. After the postman examined them that they did not contain banknotes (Greek or foreign currencies) or checks, etc., the items were closed by the sender himself and at the closing point were marked by hand or with a stamp marked «ΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ» (checked) and monograph of post employee. If there was something inside that was not allowed, then the post officer was requesting the assistance of the branch of the Bank of Greece. The text of the letters was not checked. This obligation ceased when foreign exchange control began in July 1948.

ΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ

4.1 28.5.1947-28.7.1947

ΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ (Checked)



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Registered airmail cover posted from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES 28.5.1947** to NEW YORK 3.6.1947 USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki checked, closed and cancelled with cachet **ΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ** and signature.

Postal Rates 5.000 Drs: 600 Drs for single weight letter, 600 Drs for registered and 3.800 Drs for airmail to USA



Registered cover posted from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES 15.7.1947** via NEW YORK 18.8.1947 to ISPLIP 19.8.1947 USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki controlled, closed and cancelled with cachet **ΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ** and signature.

Postal Rates 1.300 Drs: 600 Drs for single weight letter, 600 Drs for registered and 100 Drs for postal staff welfare fund to USA






Airmail registered cover posted from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES 20.7.1947** to WIEN 5.8.1947 Austria 19.8.1947. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki controlled, closed and cancelled with cachet **ΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ** and signature.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 5th period 1948-1951

On July 13, 1948, the legislative decree "On the establishment of committees for the Protection of the National Currency" was published in the 182th issue of the Government Gazette, which aimed at controlling the correspondence that going only abroad and preventing currency escape. All letters were submitted to the post office closed. No foreign exchange control was done on correspondence arriving from abroad. Mail control at this time did not play a censorship role. In simple letters, the audit was carried out at the discretion of the Commission, in whole or in a fixed percentage. On the contrary, registered letters, as well as parcels and small parcels, were checked by the Commission without exception. With the decree "On the repeal of the legislative decree of 1948 on foreign exchange control" published on October 25, 1951 in the 284th issue of the Government Gazette, the control of foreign exchange in all outgoing simple and registered letters was stopped.

All postal items sent abroad had to have a foreign exchange control cancel. Those that were not opened to check their contents were given one of the following four cancels.

<p>ΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ</p>			
<p>5.1 : 14.7-24.9.1948</p>	<p>5.2 : 20.8.1948-27.5.1951</p>	<p>5.3 : 2.9.1948-26.10.1951</p>	<p>5.4 : 9.9.1948-27.5.1951</p>

ΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ (Checked)



Registered airmail cover from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES 14.7.1948** via NEW YORK 19.7.1948 to BOSTON 20.7.1948 USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki checked, closed and cancelled with cachet **ΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ** (type 5.1) and signature of the responsible official.

Postal Rates 5.700 Drs: 1.600 Drs for double weight letter (20-40 gr), 1.500 Drs for registered and 2.600 Drs for airmail to USA.

ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ ΕΝ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ
(Committee of the National Currency Protection - Thessaloniki)

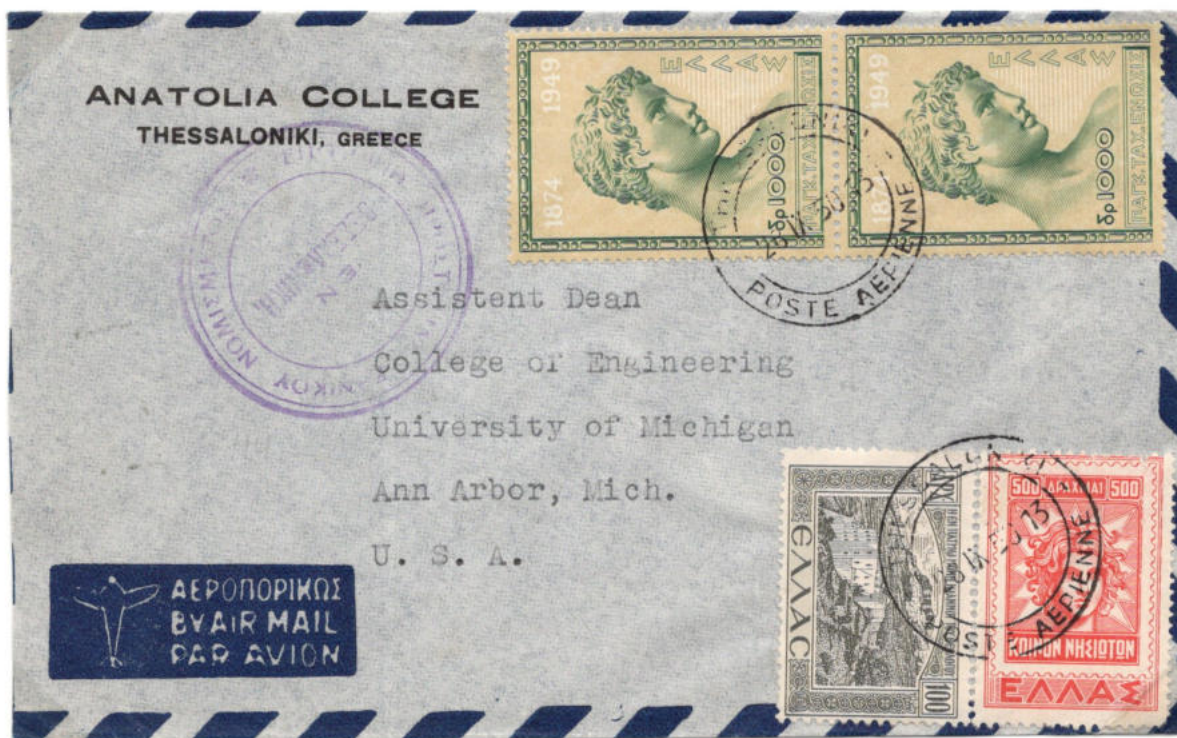


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Airmail cover posted from **THESSALONIKI POSTE AERIENNE 29.3.1950** to WIEN 5.4.50 Austria. Passed through the Committee, was not checked and it was cancelled with cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ ΕΝ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.2). Sent to its destination through Athens. The postal clerk in *Athens* opened the letter, examined it and sealed it with the use of the special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ**. Furthermore it was stamped with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΑΘΗΝΑΙ** and with a single ring inspector's cachet with nr 7 (back). On arrival it was opened and re-examined by the Austrian Censorship, resealed again with special tape and censorship cachet applied.

Postal Rates 1.600 Drs: 1.000 Drs for single weight letter and 600 Drs for airmail to Austria.



Airmail cover from **THESSALONIKI POSTE AERIENNE 28.9.1950** to Ann Arbor USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΠΡΟΤΕΛΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΕΝ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.3)
Postal Rates 2.600 Drs: 1.300 Drs for single weight letter and 1.300 Drs for airmail to USA



Airmail cover from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΕΞΟΧΑΙ 1 6.9.1951** to U.S.A. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΠΡΟΤΕΛΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΕΝ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.3)
Postal Rates 3.900 Drs: 2.100 Drs for double weight letter (20-40 gr) and 1.800 Drs for airmail to USA



Airmail cover from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΛΕΥΚΟΣ ΠΥΡΓΟΣ 27.12.1948** to England. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΕΝ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.4)
Postal Rates 1.600 Drs: 1.000 Drs for single weight letter and 600 Drs for airmail to England



Printed matter from **THESSALONIKI EXPEDITION 2.12.1948** to St. Gallen Switzerland. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΕΝ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.4)
Postal Rates 400 Drs: 400 Drs for printed matter to Switzerland

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 5th period 1948-1951

The postal items that were opened and their contents were checked at the central post office of Thessaloniki, were closed with a special tape and sealed with one of the following two types of three-line cancel.

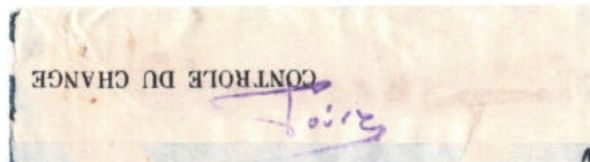
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5.5 : 19.8.1948-18.4.1950	5.6 : 29.8.1948-21.9.1951

Special markings were used from the different Committees. In Thessaloniki the controllers used circular markings with numerals. Noteworthy is the difference in the type between the one digits and the two digits numerals.

7	15
5.7 : known numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	5.8 : known numbers 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

ΕΞΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ

(Controlled by the Committee of the National Currency Protection - Thessaloniki)

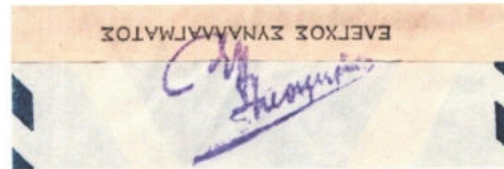


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Airmail cover posted from **THESSALONIKI POSTE AERIENNE .1.1951** to Grinnell Iowa USA. The cover unsealing, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** & was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.5) and stamp-signature of the Chief Examiner.

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 5th period 1948-1951



Airmail cover posted from **THESSALONIKI AVION 12.9.1948** to Stockholm Sweden. The cover unsealing, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** & was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.6) and stamp-signature of the Chief Examiner.

Postal Rates 1.300 Drs: 1.000 Drs for single weight letter and 300 Drs for airmail to Sweden



Airmail cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ (ΤΟΥΜΠΙΑ) 2 28.5.1949**, via **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 29.5.1949** to New York U.S.A. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki unsealing, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** & was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.6) and signature of the Chief Examiner.

Postal Rates 2.600 Drs: 1.600 Drs for single weight letter and 1.000 Drs for airmail to USA



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Airmail cover posted from **THESSALONIKI POSTE AERIENNE 29.4.1950** to Wien Austria. The cover unsealing, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΕΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** & was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.6) with controller's marking "10" and signature of the Chief Examiner. On arrival it was opened and re-examined by the Austrian Censorship, resealed again with special tape and censorship cachet applied.

Postal Rates 1.900 Drs: 1.600 Drs for double weight letter (20-40 gr) and 300 Drs for airmail to Austria



Airmail cover from **THESSALONIKI AERIEUNE 10.10.1949** to Moorestown N.J. USA. The cover unsealing, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** & was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.6) controller's marking "11" and signature of the Chief Examiner.

Postal Rates 1.800 Drs: 1.000 Drs for single weight letter and 800 Drs for airmail to USA



Airmail cover from **THESSALONIKI AERIEUNE 13.12.1949** to Elgin USA. The cover unsealing, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** & was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.6) controller's marking "12" and signature of the Chief Examiner.

Postal Rates 3.600 Drs: 2.200 Drs for double weight letter (20-40 gr) and 1.400 Drs for airmail to USA



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Airmail cover from **THESSALONIKI POSTE AERIENNE 10.6.1949** to Germany. The cover unsealing, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** & was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΤΕΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.6) controller's marking "7" and signature of the Chief Examiner.

Postal Rates 1.300 Drs: 1.000 Drs for single weight letter and 300 Drs for airmail to Germany



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Airmail cover from **THESSALONIKI AERIENNE 18.4.1950** to Paris France. The cover unsealing, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** & was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΥΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.5) controller's marking "15" and signature of the Chief Examiner
Postal Rates 2.000 Drs: 1.600 Drs for double weight letter (20-40 gr) and 400 Drs for airmail to France

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 5th period 1948-1951

When registered letters were first submitted to another regional post office in Thessaloniki, and not to the central post office which had foreign exchange checkpoints, in very rare cases it was first checked at the deposit office, stamped, handwritten «Ηλέχθη» (Checked), signed by the clerk the control and then forwarded to the central post office of Thessaloniki for the regular control by the National Currency Protection Committees.



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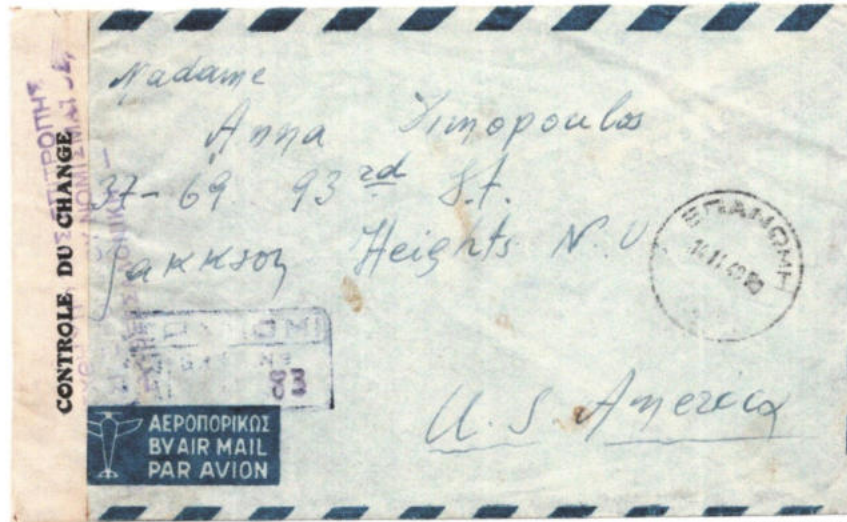
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Airmail registered cover posted from **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 6 (ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ) 3.3.1950** with manuscript «Ηλέχθη» (checked) and signature of postman via **THESSALONIKI**, NEW YORK 10.3.1950 to PEABODY 10.3.1950 USA. The cover unsealing in the central post office of Thessaloniki, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLLE DU CHANGE** & was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΤΑΞΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.6) and controller's marking "8"
Postal Rates 3.800 Drs: 1.00 Drs for single weight letter, 1.500 for registered and 1.300 Drs for airmail to USA



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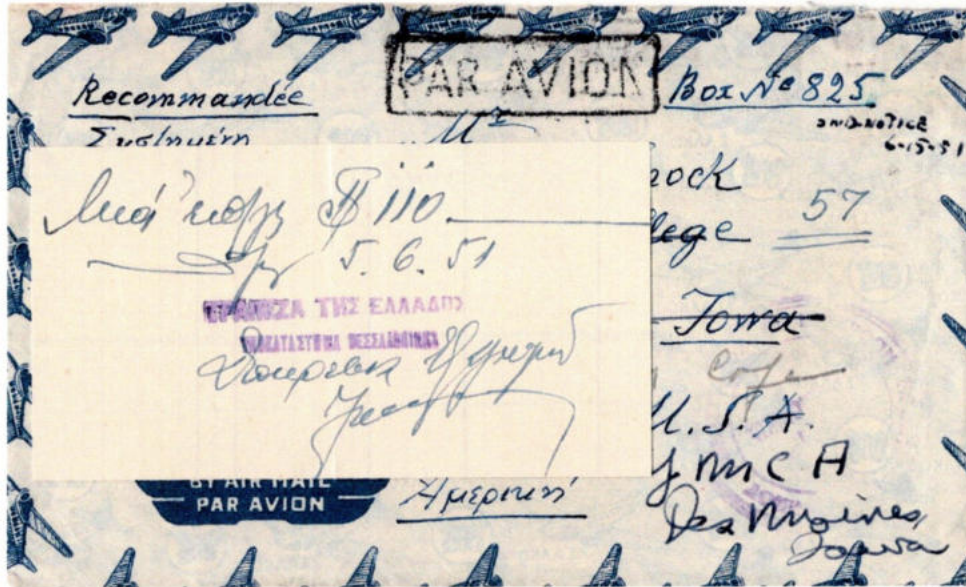
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Airmail registered cover posted from Rural Post "936" Epanomi, Thessaloniki 14.2.1949 with manuscript "ηλέχθη, ο ταχ. υπάλληλος Ιωάννης Μελάς, Τηλεγραφετής Γ" (checked, the postman Ioannis Melas, Telegraph operator C) and signature, **ΕΠΑΝΩΜΗ 14.2.1949**, via **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** to NEW YORK 20.2.1949 USA. The cover unsealing in the central post office of Thessaloniki, controlled & closed with special tape with bilingual indication **ΕΛΕΓΧΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ - CONTROLE DU CHANGE** & was cancelled with cachet **ΕΞΗΛΕΧΘΗ ΥΠΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΠΡΟΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** (type 5.6) and controller's marking "10".
Postal Rates 3.400 Drs: 1.000 Drs for single weight letter, 1.500 Drs for registered and 900 Drs for airmail to USA

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 5th period 1948-1951

Outgoing registered letters that contained foreign currency, in the form of checks, before being mailed must have had the approval of the Bank of Greece. They were checked, closed, and a special stamp was placed on the back of the file stating their contents. They also got one of the first three currency control cancel.



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Airmail registered cover from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES AVION 5.6.1951**, via NEW YORK 9.6.1951 to GRINNELL IOWA 10.6.1951 USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΠΡΟΤΑΞΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ - ΕΝ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** and **Επιτρέπεται η Ταχυδρόμησης - Εν Θεσσαλονίκη τη 5/6/1951 - ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΥΠΟΚΑΤΑΣΤΗΜΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ - Ο ΥΠΟΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΤΗΣ** (Posting allowed - Thessaloniki 5/6/1951 - Bank of Greece - Thessaloniki Branch - The Assistance Manager). Note in the cover with inscription "1 Επιταγή \$110 - **ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΥΠΟΚΑΤΑΣΤΗΜΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ** (1 check \$110 - Bank of Greece - Thessaloniki Branch) and signature of Assistance Manager.

Postal Rates 4.600 Drs: 1.300 Drs for single weight letter, 2.000 for registered and 1.300 Drs for airmail to USA

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 5th period 1948-1951



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Airmail registered cover from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES AVION 11.12.1950**, via **NEW YORK 15.12.1950** to **GRINNELL IOWA 16.12.1950 USA**. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΕΠΕΤΑΙ Η ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΙΚΗ - ΕΝ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ** and **Επιτρέπεται η Ταχυδρομική - Εν Θεσσαλονίκη τη 11/12/1950 - ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΥΠΟΚΑΤΑΣΤΗΜΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ - Ο ΥΠΟΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΤΗΣ** (Posting allowed - Thessaloniki 11/12/1950 - Bank of Greece - Thessaloniki Branch - The Assistance Manager). Note in the cover with inscription "1 Επιταγή \$100" - **ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΤΜΗΜΑ ΕΛΕΓΧΟΥ ΣΥΝΑΛΛΑΓΜΑΤΟΣ** (1 check \$100 - Bank of Greece - Part of Exchange Control) and signature of Assistance Manager
Postal Rates 4.600 Drs: 1.300 Drs for single weight letter, 2.000 for registered and 1.300 Drs for airmail to USA

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 6th period 1951-1959

After the lifting of the exchange control on October 25, 1951, with the order number 83811 / .11.1951 of the post offices, the order 71733)2) SYN / 20.5.1947 came into force again according to which only the registered letters had to be deposited open and checked for foreign exchange. After their examination by the competent officials, the file was closed and a stamp with the indication CHECKED was inserted at the closing point. This virtually faded in the late 1950s.

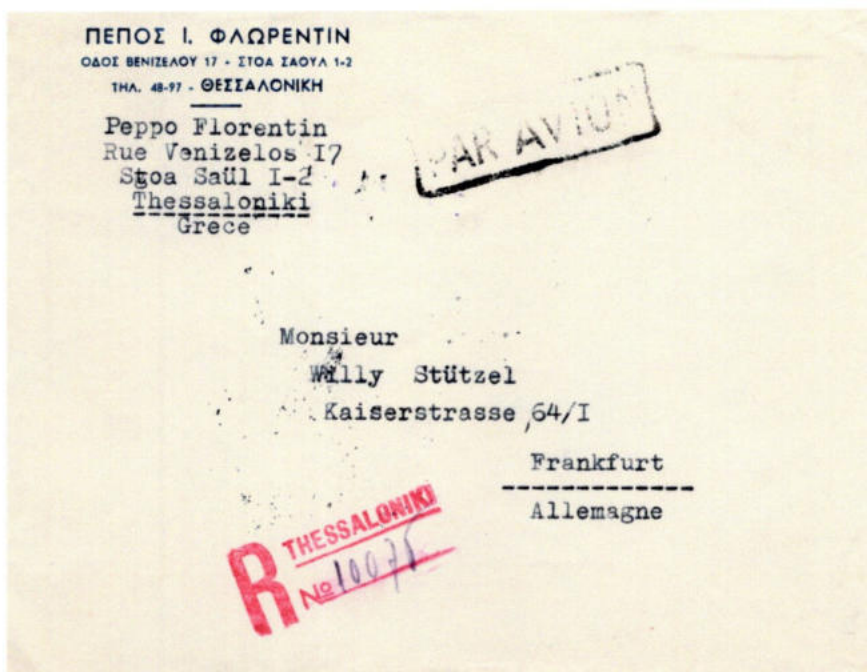
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ΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ (Checked)



Airmail registered printed matter posted from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES AVION 28.9.1953** to ZURICH 3.10.1953 Switzerland. The wrapper in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with **ΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ** and signature of the responsible official.
Postal Rates 4.000 Drs (correct Rates 3.800 Drs) 800 Drs for printed matter to 50 gr and 3.000 for registered to Switzerland

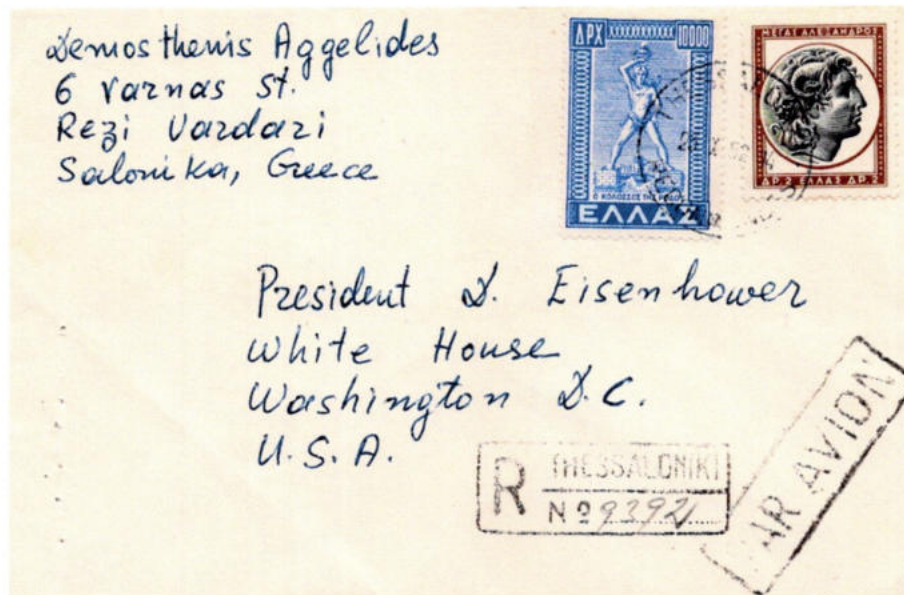


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Airmail registered cover from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES AVION 11.12.1954** to FRANKFURT 13.12.54 Germany. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with **ΗΛΕΓΧΘΗ** with signature of the responsible official.

Postal Rates 7.000 Drs: 2.000 Drs for single weight letter, 3.000 for registered and 2.000 Drs for airmail to Germany



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Airmail registered cover from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES AVION 23.10.1956** to WASHINGTON D.C. 26.10.1958 USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with **ΗΛΕΤΧΘΗ** with signature of the responsible official.

Postal Rates 12 Drs: (10.000 Drs = 10 new Drs) 3 Drs for single weight letter, 5 Drs for registered and 4 Drs for airmail to USA



Airmail registered cover from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES AVION 25.10.1952** to GRINNELL IOWA 30.10.1952 USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with **HΛEΓXΘH** with signature of the responsible official.
Postal Rates 4.700 Drs: (1.700 Drs stamps missing) 1.400 Drs for single weight letter, 2.000 Drs for registered and 1.300 Drs for airmail to USA



Airmail registered cover from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDE 20.11.1958**, via ATHINAI 21.11.1958 to Zaventem Belgium. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with **HΛEΓXΘH** with signature of the responsible official.
Postal Rates 9 Drs: 3 Drs for single weight letter, 5 Drs for registered and 1 Dr for airmail to Belgium

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 6th period 1951-1959

Outgoing registered letters, even if they came from a bank, should have their contents checked by the Bank of Greece and then forwarded to their destination.

ΕΘΕΩΡΗΘΗ - Ο ΠΑΡΑΤΗΡΗΤΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΤΡΑΠΕΖΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ (Considered - The Observer of the Bank of Greece)



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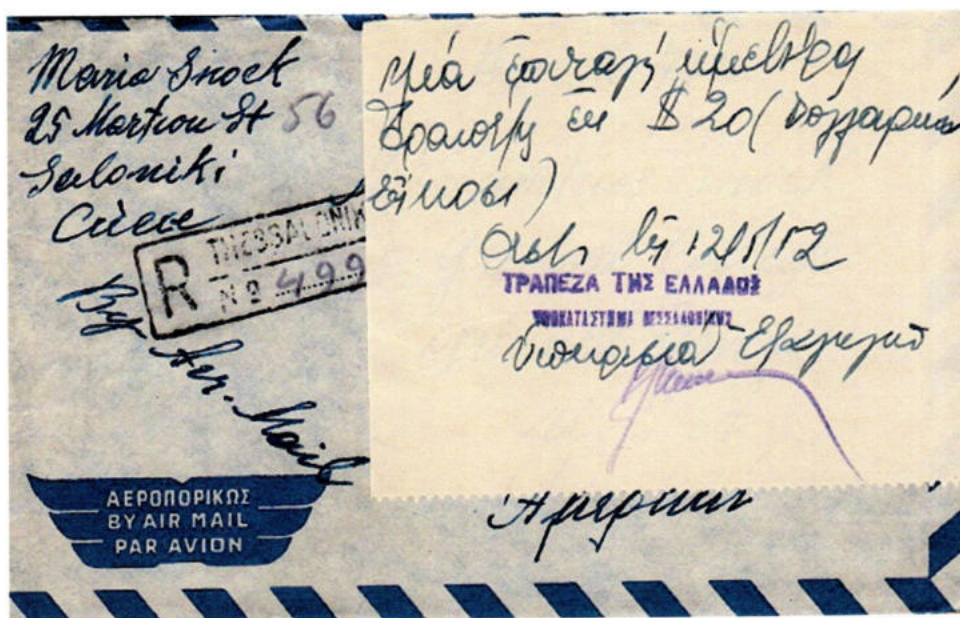
Airmail registered cover from IONIAN BANK THESSALONIKI, posted from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDE 12.8.1954**, via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΣΙΣ 14.6.1954 to Wien 16.8.1954 Austria. In Thessaloniki the cover was checked by the Bank of Greece, closed and was cancelled with **ΕΘΕΩΡΗΘΗ Ο ΠΑΡΑΤΗΡΗΤΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΤΡΑΠΕΖΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ** and signed of the responsible official. **Postal Rates 6.200 Drs:** 2.000 Drs for single weight letter, 3.000 Drs for registered and 1.200 Drs for airmail to Austria

The Exchange Control in Thessaloniki - 6th period 1951-1959

Outgoing registered letters which contained foreign exchange in the form of checks, before being mailed, must have had the approval of the Bank of Greece. They were checked, closed, and a special stamp was placed on the back of the files stating their contents.



Airmail registered cover from **THESSALONIKI 20.8.1952** to **HIGHLAND PARK 26.8.1952** USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with **Επιτρέπεται η Ταχυδρόμησης του παρόντος φακέλλου διά Αμερικανικήν περιέχοντος 1 επιταγή \$130 - Εν Θεσσαλονίκη τη - ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΥΠΟΚΑΤΑΣΤΗΜΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ - Ο ΥΠΟΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΤΗΣ** (Permitted the posting of the letter to USA including 1 check \$130 - Thessaloniki - Bank of Greece - Thessaloniki Branch - The Assistance Manager) and signature of Assistance Manager.



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Airmail registered cover from **THESSALONIKI RECOMMANDES AVION 12.5.1952** to GRINNELL IOWA 17.5.1952 USA. The cover in the central post office of Thessaloniki was cancelled with **Επιτρέπεται η Ταχυδρόμησης - Εν Θεσσαλονίκη τη 12/5/1952 - ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΥΠΟΚΑΤΑΣΤΗΜΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ - Ο ΥΠΟΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΤΗΣ** (Posting allowed - Thessaloniki 12/5/1952 - Bank of Greece - Thessaloniki Branch - The Assistance Manager). Note in the cover with inscription "1 Επιταγή \$20 - ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ - ΥΠΟΚΑΤΑΣΤΗΜΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ - Υπηρεσία εξαγωγών" (1 check \$20 - Bank of Greece - Thessaloniki Branch - Service exports) and signature of Assistance Manager.
Postal Rates 4.700 Drs: 1.400 Drs for single weight letter, 2.000 Drs for registered and 1.300 Drs for airmail to USA