

INTRODUCTION

to the use of catalogue

History of the perfins is closely combined with the existence of the decree 6040 permitting perforation of the stamps in Hungary from 24 th March 1877.

Since 1886 postal stationary, orders and as well as other dispatch notes were permitted to be perforated. As Slovakia at that time was a part of Greater Hungary, its first perfins occurred on Hungarian stamps. In the following period they occurred on the stamps of the Czechoslovak Republic I, the Slovak State, Hungary (and in the part of the country that was occupied by Hungary in 1938 - 1944), the Czechoslovak Republic II.

Application of the perfins

In the area of Slovak Republic 74 perfins have been recognized so far (Fig. 6) from 18 places. Fifty one perfins have been identified directly from identification full covers and 6 indirectly (from a telephone directory, firm catalogues, etc.) A user has not been identified on 17 perfins (column 3). The perfins were used by 65 companies ; because more than one type of the perfin was applied by 5 companies (in Bratislava 4 companies and in Kosice 1 company).

Collecting perfins

Collecting the perfins has a lot of in common with collecting stamps. Used stamps unglued from the envelopes are collected, individual full covers, cut outs, perfin's postage stamps respectively unused stamps with a perfin are collected. The stamps on the full covers with a logo of a firm, it's address, with the company activities, in additions with outlets will be preserved intact. They are considered to be a valuable source of information about the user of a perfin. Similarly larger units of perfins (tapes, blocks of four etc.) are not divided on principle. They are very important

for an identification of possible multiperfin (see perfin F 4, W 4 and others) but also for identification of docimiles, a date of application according the postmarks.

Perfins can be collected according to their position on the stamps (see p.9). There are 8 positions on the whole which are based on the basic position (1/0) and reversed (2/0). Further positions are created by turning the stamps by 90 degrees clockwise the other positions correspond with 3, 6, 9, in the numerator. The above mentioned positions differ from the positions published in Semmler's catalogue of the Hungarian perfins.

Collecting perfins with different positions is a matter of the personal decision of a stamp - collector and this matter is viewed from different aspects.

Quality of Perfin

The same criteria are required as for other philatelic materials. (intact, clear and legible postmark, full covers without scrapes, not folded etc.) The perfin itself should be on the stamp intact, very well centered and clearly rouletted.

Description of the Table :

Docimil - Domicil

vylozenie ihiel - broken needles

Uživateľ perfinu - User of the perfin

čís. v CS katalogu - cat.number in CS catalogue

Zal. - Established

polohy perfinu - position of the perfin

Multiperfin - multiperfin

výskyt - occurrence

Na celine - on the postal stationary

obdobie - period

Na kolku - On the duty stamp

hodnota - value

Identifikácia - identification

katal. čís. známky - catalogue number of the stamp

priama - direct

nepriama - indirect

TGM - stamps of Tomas Garigue Masaryk

Turul - „Turul“ and Crown of St. Stephen

Ženci - Harvesting Wheat

Catalogue numbers of the stamps in the table:

CS I and CS II - the POFIS Catalogue the Slovak State - the catalogue by Synek & Zika Austro-Hungarian Empire and Hungary - the catalogue by Michel. Corresponding numbers of the POFIS and the catalogue by Michel - can be found on pp.- 62-63 corresponding numbers in the catalogues by Synek-Zika and the catalogue by Michel can be found on p.64

Abbreviations :

T - factory

P - company

V - wholesale

Perfin values

A - occurrence higher than 200 pieces

B - occurrence ranging between 100 - 199 pieces

C - occurrence ranging between 50 - 99 pieces

D - occurrence ranging between 20 - 49 pieces

E - occurrence ranging between 5 - 19 pieces

F - occurrence less than 4 pieces

Comparison of the catalogue perfin numbers of the catalogues:

*Slovensko 1997 * CS 1987 by Maxa, Hungary 1983 by Maxa, Hungary 1989 by Sammler is on the pages 65 - 66.

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Waiting List

The perfins with unique occurrence or with unclarified domicile can be found here. In case their occurrence has been confirmed yet, they will be included into the catalogue.

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The authors of the catalogue wish to acknowledge their gratitude for any additional information concerning the content and the form of the catalogue. They would be obliged for sending them any xeroxed copies of full covers, which would help identify perfins. Any correspondence in different foreign languages should be sent to the above mentioned addresses.