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Myanmar – Illegal postage stamp issues

Dear Sir/Madam

The postal administration of **MYANMAR** asks me to inform you of the following:

"Our administration would like to draw your attention to the presence on the philatelic market of illegal stamps bearing the inscription 'Union of Myanmar'.

"These stamps, with a face value indicated in Myanmar kyats, have not been issued by the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, the sole body entitled to issue stamps in the name of the Union of Myanmar. They must therefore be regarded as illegal stamps."

The list of illegal postage stamps appears in the annex.

Yours faithfully,

K J S McKEOWN
Director of Markets

*Annex 1***Illegal postage stamp issues produced in the name of the "Union of Myanmar"**

- Two souvenir sheets entitled "FORMULA 1" each containing two se-tenant stamps with a face value of 100K and 200K. The stamps are marked 2001 and show sports stars and their names;
- Six souvenir sheets entitled "GOLF ICONS" each containing two se-tenant stamps with a face value of 100K and 200K. The stamps are marked 2001 and show sports stars and their names;
- Eight souvenir sheets entitled "CLASSIC CARS" each containing two se-tenant stamps with a face value of 100K and 200K. The stamps are marked 2001 and show classic cars and their names;
- Twelve souvenir sheets entitled "KINGS OF CHESS" each containing a stamp with a face value of 300K. Each stamp is marked 2001 and shows a well-known chess player and his name;
- Six souvenir sheets (worth 300K) each showing a different Impressionist painting;
- A sheet of nine postage stamps entitled "PERSONALITIES OF THE 20TH CENTURY" showing different personalities, including Bruce Lee, Tiger Woods, Mao and Sun Yat Sen. The values shown are 2 x 10K, 2 x 20K, 50K, 2 x 100K and 2 x 200K respectively;
- Three souvenir sheets each showing a different aspect of Bruce Lee; the values shown are 2 x 10K and 20K respectively;
- One vertical format sheet entitled "BRUCE LEE" incorporating six se-tenant postage stamps showing different shots from the films of the actor Bruce Lee. The values shown are 100K for each postage stamp;
- Three souvenir sheets each showing a different aspect of Tiger Woods; the values shown are 20K, 50K and 100K respectively;
- One sheet of nine 2001 postage stamps showing orchids and the Rotary logo. The values shown are 2 x 10K, 2 x 20K, 50K, 2 x 100K and 2 x 200K respectively;
- One sheet of nine 2001 postage stamps showing mushrooms and the Rotary logo. The values shown are 2 x 10K, 2 x 20K, 50K, 2 x 100K and 2 x 200K respectively;
- One sheet of nine 2001 postage stamps showing different breeds of cat and dog and the Scouts logo. The values shown are 2 x 10K, 2 x 20K, 50K, 2 x 100K and 2 x 200K respectively;
- One sheet of nine 2001 postage stamps showing different aspects of chess games. The values shown are 2 x 10K, 2 x 20K, 50K, 2 x 100K and 2 x 200K respectively;

- One sheet of nine 2001 postage stamps showing different breeds of fish. The values shown are 2 x 10K, 2 x 20K, 50K, 2 x 100K and 2 x 200K respectively;
- One sheet of nine 2001 postage stamps showing different breeds of owl. The values shown are 2 x 10K, 2 x 20K, 50K, 2 x 100K and 2 x 200K respectively;
- One vertical format sheet of nine 2001 postage stamps showing different types of train. The values shown are 2 x 10K, 2 x 20K, 50K, 2 x 100K and 2 x 200K respectively;
- One horizontal format sheet of nine 2001 postage stamps showing different types of train. The values shown are 2 x 10K, 2 x 20K, 50K, 2 x 100K and 2 x 200K respectively;
- One horizontal format sheet of six 2001 postage stamps showing different shots of the actress Marilyn Monroe. The values shown are 10K, 20K, 2 x 50K, 100K and 200K respectively;
- One vertical format sheet entitled "MARILYN MONROE" incorporating six se-tenant postage stamps showing different shots from the films of the actress Marilyn Monroe. The values shown are 100K for each postage stamp;
- One souvenir sheet entitled "DUTCH ROYAL WEDDING". The value shown is 500K;
- Six souvenir sheets entitled "Elvis" each incorporating a postage stamp with a face value of 500K showing different shots of the actor Elvis Presley;
- Two vertical format sheets entitled "THE ILLUSTRATED PORTRAITS" at the top and "MUSIC STARS" below. There are nine postage stamps with a face value of 100K each showing different personalities and caricatures;
- One vertical format sheet entitled "HORRORS" incorporating six se-tenant postage stamps showing different shots taken from horror films. The values shown are 100K for each postage stamp.