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Slovenia – Illegal stamps

Dear Sir/Madam

The postal administration of **SLOVENIA** asks me to inform postal administrations of Union member countries of the following:

"Stamps bearing the name Slovenia and on sale on an Internet website are illegal. These stamps are produced in two sheetlets of six stamps featuring the image of Marilyn Monroe and bearing the name Slovenia and the face value 45. The marginal tabs feature an image of a woman and the inscription 'Merlin Monro' in Cyrillic characters. They are advertised as 'Sexy Nude Young Marilyn Monroe New Dec. 2006 Slovenia'.

"A sheetlet of 10 stamps featuring the same actress is also on sale. The stamps, in denomination 0.45, feature the inscription Marilyn Monroe in Latin characters. The other inscription cannot be read. The marginal tabs bear the text 'Marilyn Monroe 1926–1962' in Latin characters. The stamps are advertised as 'Sexy Poses Young Marilyn Monroe New 2006 – 10 Slovenia'.

"These stamps were not issued by the Slovenian Post and as such represent a gross violation of its rights. All Slovenia's legal issues are published on the Slovenia Post website (www.posta.si – Stamp Land) and at www.wnsstamps.ch (stamps issued since 2002)."

Yours faithfully,

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