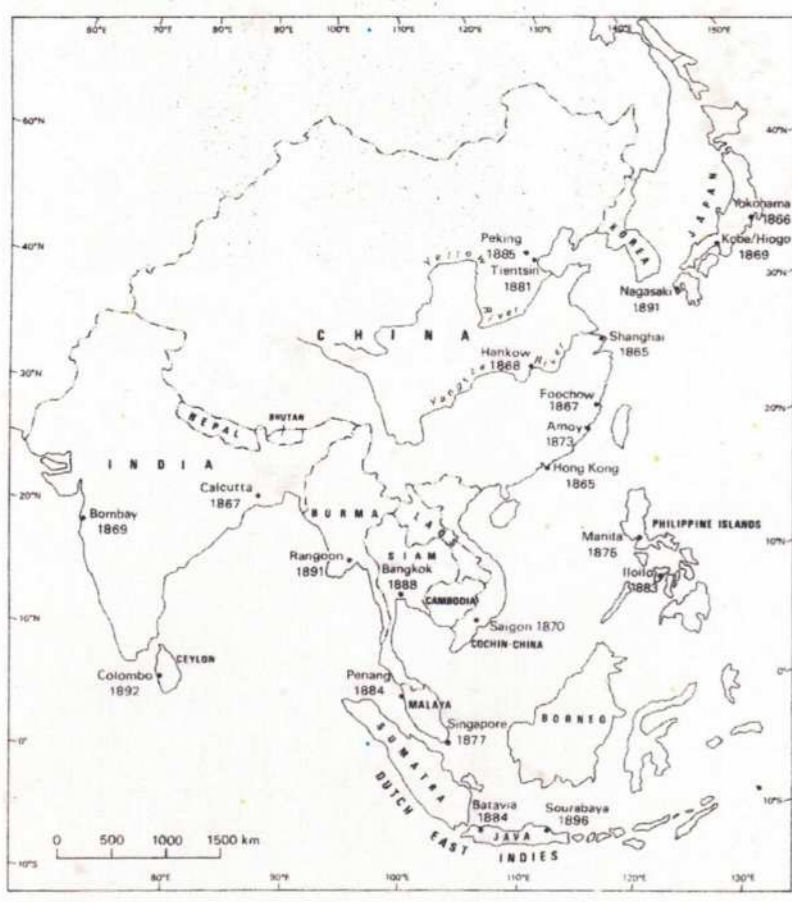


HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

This is a 16-page exhibit covering Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings of a banking institution established in Hong Kong in 1865. The mission of the bank was to finance foreign trade with a network of branches in Asia, Hamburg and London. This is a collection relating to The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC).



HSBC - Network of Branches

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Reference: The Perfin Society, Hong Kong Revenue Monograph 2013

HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) established as a Bank in Hong Kong - 1865

Perfins - Used in Hong Kong

H S B (31 pinholes).

Pin holes: 9 + 10 + 12 = 31
Letter height: 4.5 mm
Source: Hong Kong



Queen Victoria 10 cents 1890 with H S B Perfin and B&E Cancellation

N S B (29 pinholes).

H was designed to read as N.
Pin holes: 7 + 10 + 12 = 29
Letter height: 4.5 mm
Source: Hong Kong
Note: Damage of 2 pins of the letter H so appears as N.



Queen Victoria 10 cents 1890 with N S B Perfin.

H S B / B C (60 pinholes, stop after "B").

Pin holes: 11 + 13 + 12 / + 13 + 1 + 10 = 60
Letter height: 5 mm
Source: Hong Kong



Queen Victoria 10 cents 1891 with H S B / B C Perfin (Mint).

H S B / B C (59 pinholes, no stop after "B").

Pin holes: 11 + 13 + 12 / + 13 + 1 + 10 = 59
Letter height: 5 mm
Source: Hong Kong



Queen Victoria 10 cents 1892 with H S B / B C Perfin.

HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

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Perfins and B of E Overprint - Used in Hong Kong

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Queen Victoria 1902 Three Dollars Stamp Duty with watermark and double H S B Perfins.

H S B / B C (60 pinholes, stop after "B").

Pin holes: 11 + 13 + 12 / + 13 + 1 + 10 = 60
Letter height: 4.5 mm
Source: Hong Kong



Queen Victoria 1890 Two Dollar Stamp Duty with H S B / B C Perfin.

H S B / B C (44 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 12 / + 13 + 8 = 44
Letter height: 5.5 mm
Source: Hong Kong



King George IV 8 cents 1932 twin with H S B / B C Perfin.

H S B / B C (44 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 12 / + 13 + 8 = 44
Letter height: 5.5 mm
Source: Hong Kong



King George IV 50 Cents Stamp Duty with B of E Overprint and H S B / B C Perfin.

Note: B of E denotes Bills of Exchange and stamps with such overprints were withdrawn from usage as of 31 March 1978.

HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) established its London office - 1865

Perfins & H & S B C Overprints - Used in Great Britain

H S B (31 pinholes).
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Letter height: 4 mm
Source: London



Queen Victoria - One shilling 1867 twin with H S B Perfin.

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Pin holes: 15 + 1 + 11 + 1 + 15 + 1 = 42
Letter height: 7 mm
Source: London



Queen Victoria - 10 pence 1890 twin Deep Carmine Rose and Lilac with H.S.B. Perfin.

H in Single Alphabet (17 pinholes).

Pin holes: 17
Letter height: 11 mm
Source: London
Note: "H" Perfin is not recorded in any catalogues of The Perfin Society.



King George IV 2 1/2 pence with H Perfin.

H & S B C Overprint - FOREIGN BILL High Value Revenue Stamps



King Edward VII, King George IV, King George V, Queen Elizabeth II

HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

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Source: Shanghai



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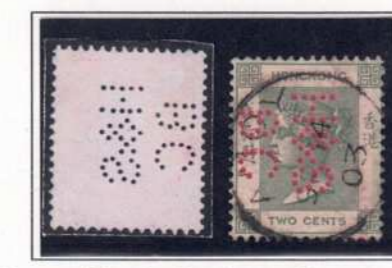
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ROC 15 cents Reaping Rice 1923 with H S B / B C Perfin and Shanghai Cancellation.

H S B (59 pinholes).

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Letter height: 5 mm
Source: Amoy



Queen Victoria Hongkong 10 cents 1891 with H S B / B C Perfin and Amoy Cancellation.

H & S B C Overprints and Security Markings used in China



ROC Junk 4 cents with H & S B C Overprint and Shanghai Cancellation. King Edward VII 6 cents with H & S B C Overprint and Shanghai Cancellation. ROC Junk 5 cents with H & S B C Overprint and Foochow III Cancellation. King Edward VII One cent with H & S B C Overprint and Foochow Cancellation.

Notes: HSBC Shanghai and Foochow Agencies were most active in China before World War II. ROC denotes Republic of China.

上海福州 Cancellations - denotes local mailings. Shanghai Foochow Cancellations - overseas mailings.

HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) established as a bank in Hong Kong - 1865

HSBC Perfins - Used in Japan and China

H S B / B C (60 pinholes, stop after "B").

Pin holes: 11 + 13 + 12 / + 13 + 1 + 10 = 60
Letter height: 5 mm
Source: Yokohama, Japan



Queen Victoria 10 cents 1900 with 20 cents Overprint for Surcharge used in Japan - Yokohama Cancellation.

H S B / B C (60 pinholes, stop after "B").

Pin holes: 11 + 13 + 12 / + 13 + 1 + 10 = 60
Letter height: 5 mm
Source: China



Queen Victoria 96 cents 1890 with 1 Dollar Overprint for Surcharge used in China with H S B / B C Perfin.

H S B / B C (43 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 11 / + 13 + 8 = 43
Letter height: 6 mm
Source: German Post Office in China



10 cents China Overprint on German Stamp with H S B / B C Perfin.

H S B / B C (48 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 1 + 11 / + 13 + 10 = 48
Letter height: 5.5 mm
Source: Canton, China



King George IV 10 cents overprint with China and H S B / B C Perfin and Canton Cancellation.

HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation established its Japan Agency in Yokohama 1866, Kobe / Higo 1869 and Siam agency in Bangkok 1888

Perfins - Used in Japan

H S B / B C (54 pinholes).

Pin holes: 12 + 11 + 10 / + 13 + 8 = 54
Letter height: 5 mm
Source: Yokohama



Japan 3 and 25 sen 1918 with H S B / B C Perfins and Yokohama Cancellation.

H S B / B C (56 pinholes).

Pin holes: 12 + 13 + 10 / + 13 + 8 = 56
Letter height: 4 mm
Source: Japan



Japan 1929 30 sen with H S B / B C Perfin.

Perfins - Siam (now Thailand)

H S B / B C (42 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 10 / + 13 + 8 = 42
Letter height: 5.5 mm
Source: Bangkok



Siam 1910 15 satang overprint 28 satang with H S B / B C Perfin.

HSBC (42 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 10 / + 13 + 8 = 42
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HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

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HSBC Perfin used in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka)

H S B (35 pinholes).

Pin holes: 10 + 12 + 13 = 35
Letter height: 5.5 mm
Source: Colombo, Ceylon



King Edward VII 2 Rupees Stamp Duty with H S B Perfin (Mint).

HSBC Perfin used in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City)

H S B / B C (43 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 12 / + 13 + 8 = 43
Letter height: 5.5 mm
Source: Saigon

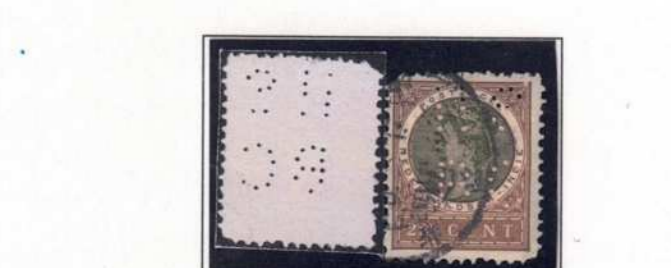


6 cents overprint 1931 Indochine stamp with double H S B / B C Perfins.

HSBC Perfin used in Batavia (now Jakarta)

H S B / B C (43 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 11 / + 13 + 8 = 43
Letter height: 5 mm
Source: Batavia



1903 Netherlands Indies 22 1/2 cents with H S B / B C Perfin.

HSBC Perfin used in Singapore

H S B (31 pinholes).

Pin holes: 9 + 10 + 12 = 31
Letter height: 4.5 mm
Source: Singapore



King Edward VII 8 cents Straits Settlements cents with H S B Perfin and Singapore Cancellation.

HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSB) established its London office in 1865

Perfins on covers and H & S B C used in Great Britain



Shown on the left: H S B (31 pinholes).
Pin holes: 9 + 10 + 12 = 31
Letter height: 4 mm
Source: London



Shown on the left: H (17 pinholes).
Pin holes: 17
Letter height: 11 mm
Source: London

HSBC Acknowledgment Postcard postage stamp with 'H' Perfin and postmarked 9 June 1922.

HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation established its Ceylon Agency in Colombo in 1922

Perfins and H & S B C Overprint - Used in Ceylon



Registered cover bearing Registration Label R Colombo C No. 704 from HSBC Colombo Agency to England postage stamp with H S B Perfin.

H S B (35 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 11 + 13 = 35
Letter height: 6 mm
Source: Colombo, Ceylon



H S B C Overprint on King Edward VII Six cents (Mint). Source: Colombo, Ceylon

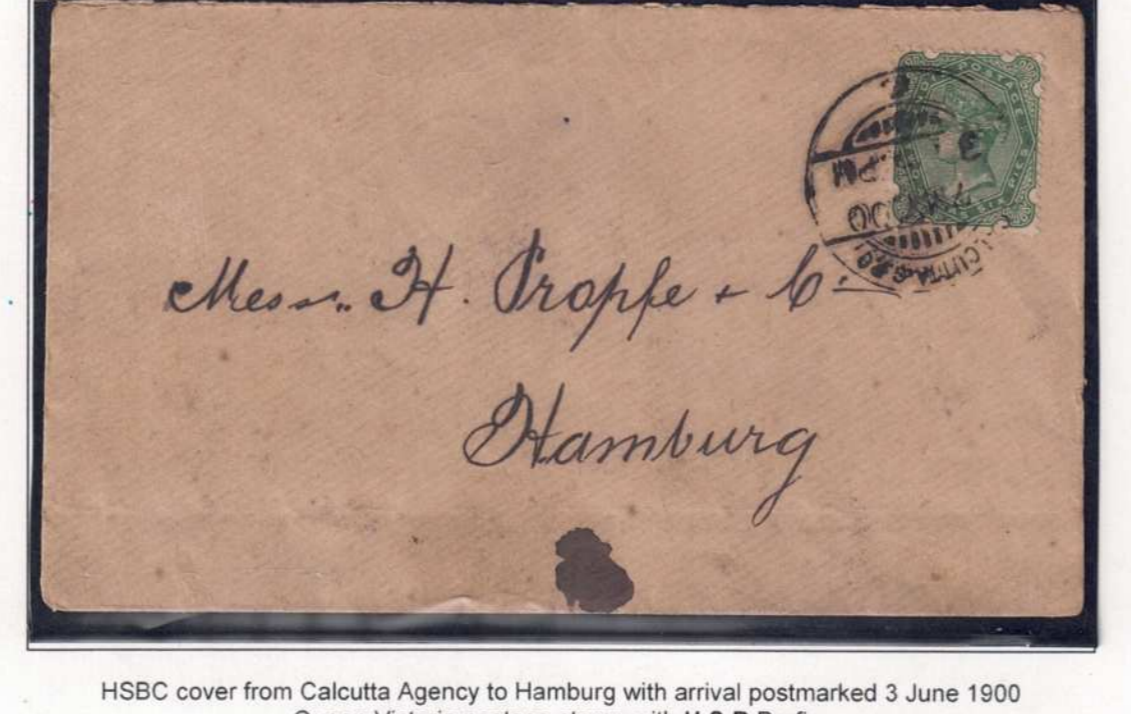


Local cover bearing postal slogan 'Buy Ceylon Tea' 12 June 1960 postage stamp with H S B Perfin.

HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation established its India Agencies in Calcutta 1867 and Bombay 1869

Perfins on covers and Security Marking - Used in India



HSBC cover from Calcutta Agency to Hamburg with arrival postmarked 3 June 1900 Queen Victoria postage stamp with H S B Perfin.

H S B (31 pinholes).

Pin holes: 9 + 10 + 12 = 31
Letter height: 4.5 mm
Source: Calcutta and Bombay, India



H S B C hand-stamped security marking on East India 2 annas stamp circa 1870.

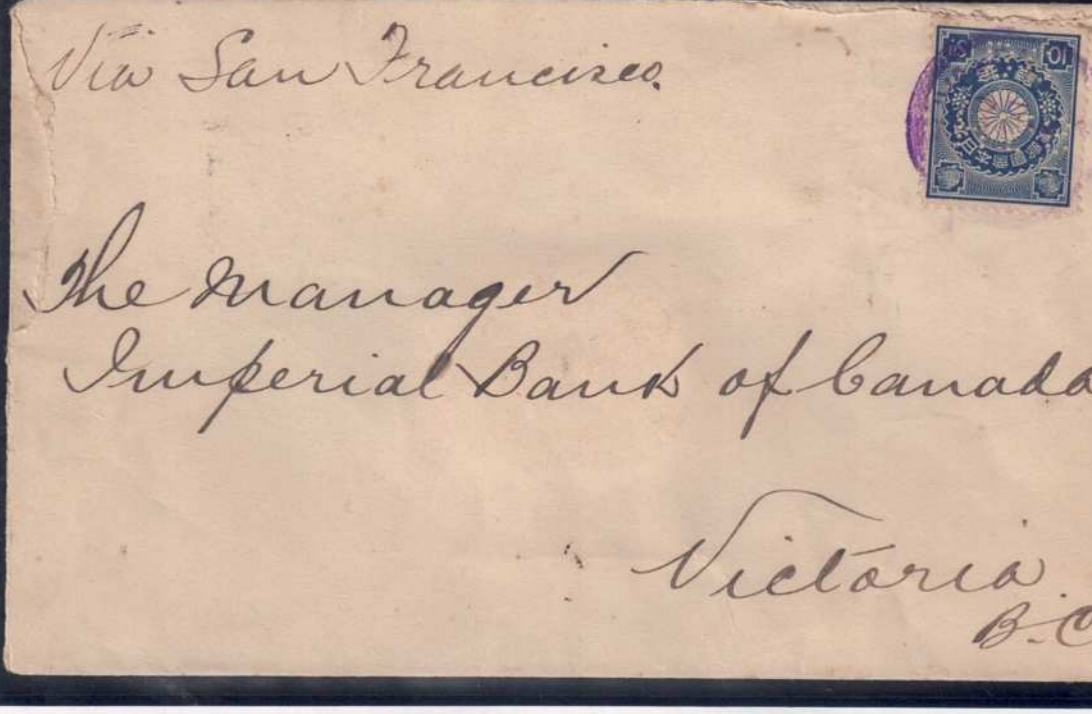


HSBC cover from Bombay Agency to Bayern Germany with arrival postmarked 20 January 1900 Queen Victoria postage stamps with H S B Perfin.

HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

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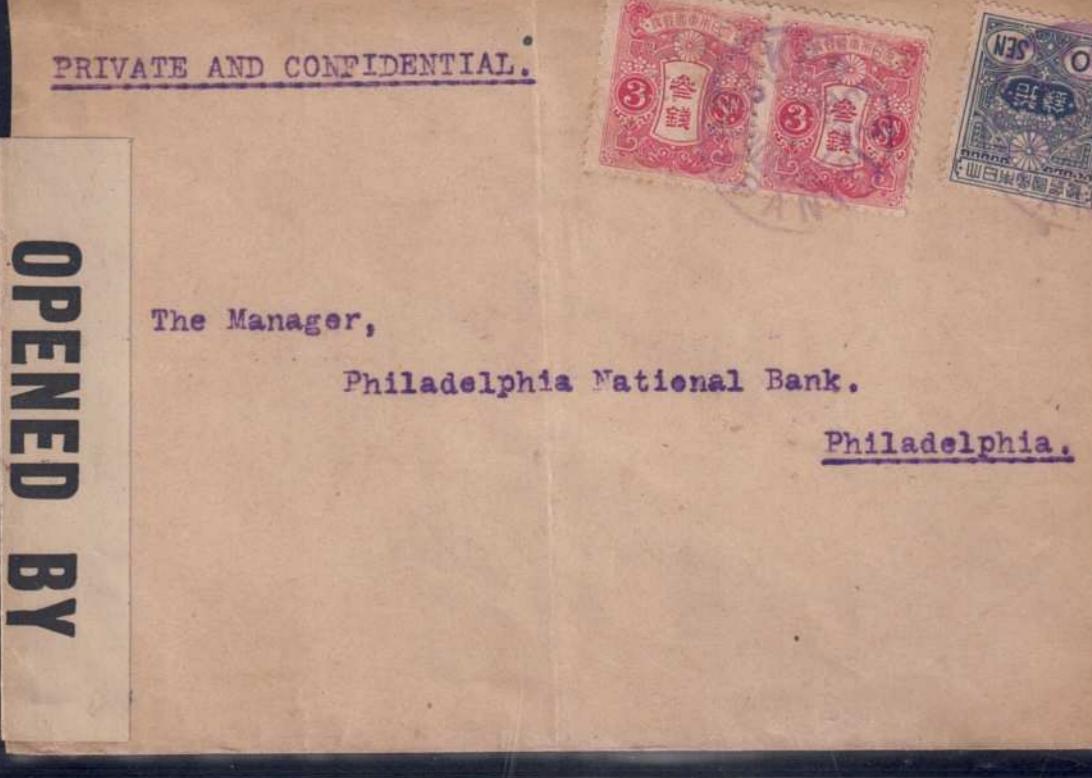
Perfins on covers - Used in Japan



Postal cover from HSBC Higo Agency to Victoria B.C. Canada 1904 postage stamp with H S B / B C Perfin.

H & S B C (59 pinholes). Perfins shown above and below

Pin holes: 11 + 13 + 12 / + 13 + 10 = 59
Letter height: 4.5 mm



Censored Cover with Censor No. 1555 from HSBC Kobe to USA 1918 postage stamp with H S B / B C Perfin.

HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Banking Corporation established its Straits Settlement Agencies in Singapore 1877, Penang 1884, and Malacca 1906

Perfins - Used in Singapore, Penang, and Malacca

H S B (31 pinholes).

Pin holes: 9 + 10 + 12 = 31
Letter height: 4 mm
Source: Singapore



Straits Settlements King Edward VII 30 cents with H S B Perfin and Singapore Cancellation.

H S B / B C (63 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 11 + 10 / + 13 + 8 = 63
Letter height: 4 mm
Source: Penang



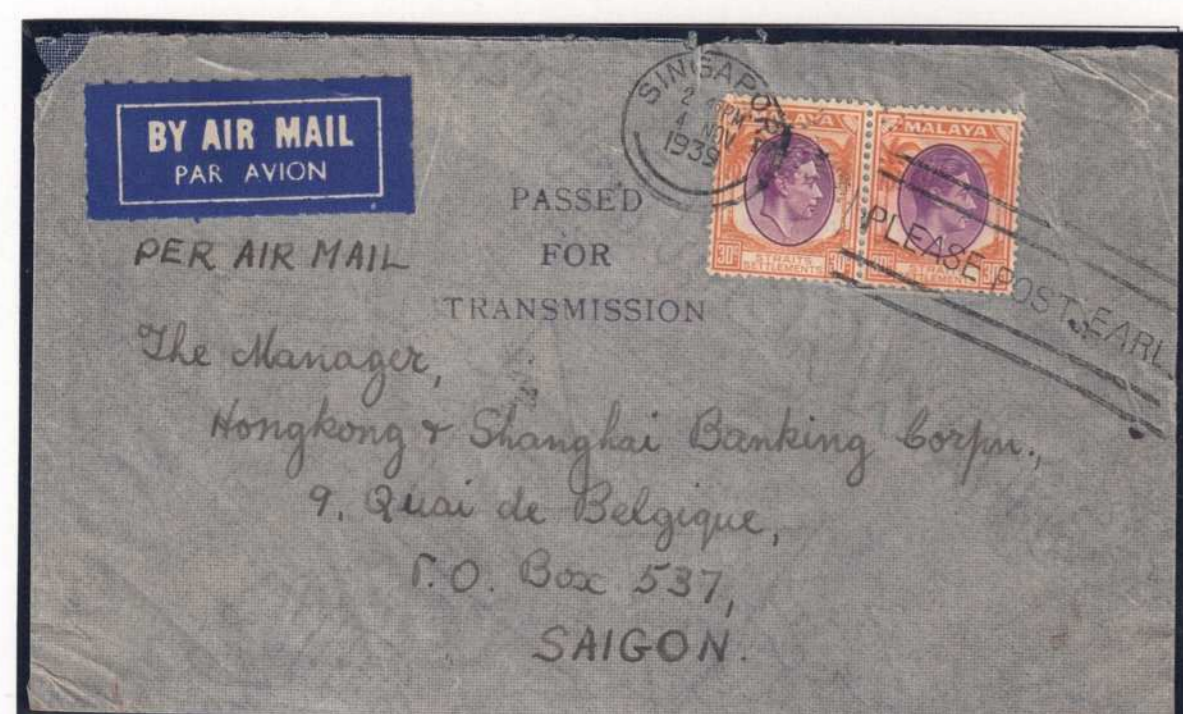
Straits Settlements King Edward VII 4 and 5 cents with H S B / B C Perfins and Penang Cancellation.

H S B / B C (43 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 11 / + 13 = 43
Letter height: 5.5 mm
Source: Malacca



Straits Settlements King George IV 6 cents twin with H S B / B C Perfin and Malacca Cancellation.



HSBC Singapore Airmail to HSBC Saigon 1939 (censored mail) with H S B C Perfin.

HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) established its Hamburg Agency in 1869 and Saigon Agency in 1870

Perfins on covers - Used in Hamburg, Germany and Saigon, Indochina



HSBC Acknowledgment postcard dated 25 November 1907 postage stamp with H.S.B. Perfin.

H S B (42 pinholes, stop after "H", stop after "S" and stop after "B").

Pin holes: 15 + 1 + 11 + 1 + 15 + 1 = 42
Letter height: 7 mm
Source: Hamburg, Germany

Note: Not recorded in any German Perfin catalogue



HSBC airmail cover from Saigon Agency to HSBC Milan Agency postage stamps with H S B / B C Perfins.

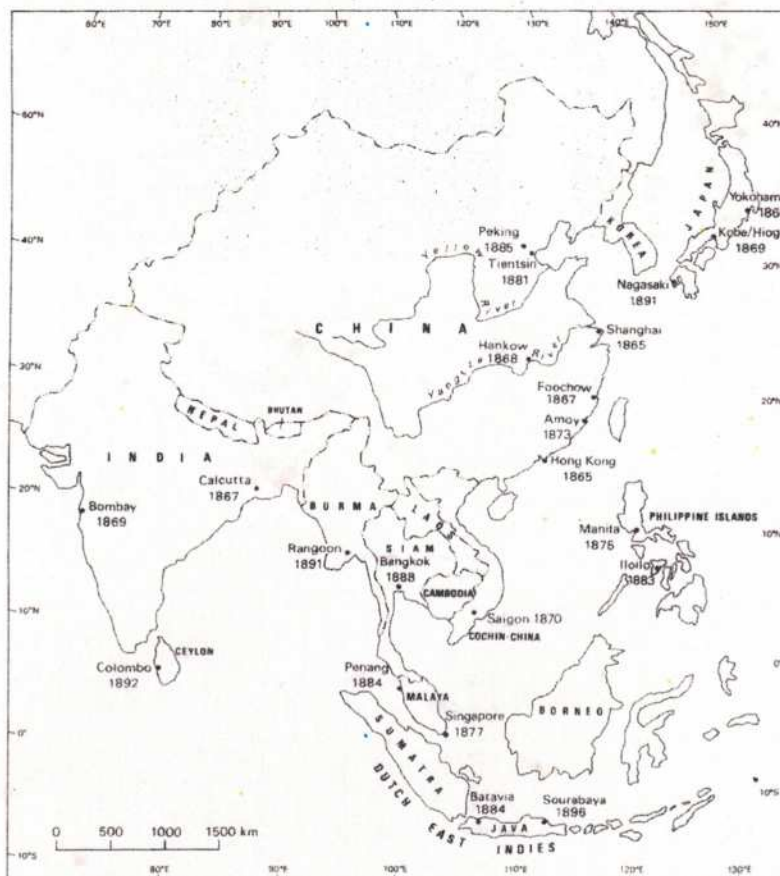
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HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

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HSBC – Network of Branches

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Letter height: 4.5 mm

Source: Hong Kong



Queen Victoria 10 cents 1890 with H S B Perfin and B62 Cancellation.

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Pin holes:  $7 + 10 + 12 = 29$

Letter height: 4.5 mm

Source: Hong Kong

Note: Damage of 2 pins of the letter H to appears as N



Queen Victoria 10 cents 1890 with N S B Perfin.

#### H & S / B. C (60 pinholes, stop after "B").

Pin holes:  $11 + 13 + 12 / + 13 + 1 + 10 = 60$

Letter height: 5 mm

Source: Hong Kong



Queen Victoria 10 cents 1891 with H & S / B. C Perfin (Mint).

#### H & S / B C (59 pinholes, no stop after "B").

Pin holes:  $11 + 13 + 12 / + 13 + 10 = 59$

Letter height: 5 mm

Source: Hong Kong



Queen Victoria 10 cents 1882 with H & S / B C Perfin.

## HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) established as a Bank in Hong Kong - 1865

Perfins and B of E Overprint – Used in Hong Kong

### H S B (31 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $9 + 10 + 12 = 31$

Letter height: 4.5 mm

Source: Hong Kong



Queen Victoria 1902 Three Dollars Stamp Duty with watermark and double H S B Perfins.

### H & S / B. C (60 pinholes, stop after "B").

Pin holes:  $11 + 13 + 12 / + 13 + 1 + 10 = 60$

Letter height: 4.5 mm

Source: Hong Kong



Queen Victoria 1890 Two Dollar Stamp Duty with H & S / B. C Perfin.

### H S / B C (44 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $11 + 12 / + 13 + 8 = 44$

Letter height: 5.5 mm

Source: Hong Kong



King George IV 8 cents 1932 twin with H S / B C Perfin.

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Pin holes:  $11 + 12 / + 13 + 8 = 44$

Letter height: 5.5 mm

Source: Hong Kong

Note: **B of E** denotes Bills of Exchange and stamps with such overprints were withdrawn from usage as of 31 March 1978.



King George IV 50 Cents Stamp Duty with B of E Overprint and H S / B C Perfin.

## HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) established its London office - 1865

Perfins & H & S B C Overprints – Used in Great Britain

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Pin holes:  $9 + 10 + 12 = 31$

Letter height: 4 mm

Source: London



Queen Victoria – One shilling 1887 twin with H S B Perfin.

### H. S. B. (42 pinholes, stop after "H", stop after "S" and stop after "B").

Pin holes:  $15 + 1 + 11 + 1 + 18 + 1 = 42$

Letter height: 7 mm

Source: London



Queen Victoria - 10 pence 1890 twin Deep Carmine Rose and Lilac with H.S.B. Perfin.

### H in Single Alphabet (17 pinholes).

Pin holes: 17

Letter height: 11 mm

Source: London

Note: "H" Perfin is not recorded in any catalogues of The Perfin Society.



King George IV 2 1/2 pence with H Perfin.

### H & S B C Overprint - FOREIGN BILL High Value Revenue Stamps



King Edward VII



King George IV



King George V



Queen Elizabeth II

## HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

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### Perfins – Used in China

#### H S / B C (46 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 11 /  
+ 12 + 13 = 46

Letter height 5 mm

Source: Shanghai



ROC Sun Yet Sen 25 cents 1933 with H S / B C Perfin and Shanghai Cancellation.

#### H S / B C (46 pinholes).

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Letter height: 5 mm

Source: Shanghai



ROC 15 cents Reaping Rice 1923 with H S / B C Perfin and Shanghai Cancellation.

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Pin holes: 11 + 13 + 12 /  
+ 13 + 10 = 59

Letter height: 5 mm

Source: Amoy



Queen Victoria Hongkong 10 cents 1891 with H & S / B C Perfin and Amoy Cancellation.

### H & S B C Overprints and Security Markings used in China



ROC Junk 4 cents with H & S B C Overprint and 上海 Cancellation.



King Edward VII 6 cents With H & S B C Overprint and Shanghai Cancellation.



ROC Juck 5 cents With H & S B C Overprint and Foochow 福州 Cancellation.



King Edward VII One cent With H & S B C Overprint and Foochow Cancellation.

#### Notes:

HSBC Shanghai and Foochow Agencies were most active in China before World War II.

ROC denotes Republic of China.

上海 福州 Cancellations – denotes local mailings  
Shanghai Foochow Cancellations – overseas mailings.

## HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) established as a bank in Hong Kong - 1865

HSBC Perfins – Used in Japan and China

### H & S / B. C (60 pinholes, stop after “B”).

Pin holes:  $11 + 13 + 12 /$   
 $+ 13 + 1 + 10 = 60$

Letter height: 5 mm

Source: Yokohama, Japan



Queen Victoria 10 cents 1890 with 20 cents Overprint for Surcharge with H & S / B. C Perfin used in Japan - Yokohama Cancellation.

### H & S / B. C (60 pinholes, stop after “B”).

Pin holes:  $11 + 13 + 12 /$   
 $+ 13 + 1 + 10 = 60$

Letter height: 5 mm

Source: China



Queen Victoria 96 cents 1890 with 1 Dollar Overprint for Surcharge used in China with H & S / B. C Perfin.

### H S / B C (43 pinholes)

Pin holes:  $11 + 11 /$   
 $+ 13 + 8 = 43$

Letter height: 6 mm

Source: German Post Office  
In China



10 cents China Overprint on German Stamp with H S B C Perfin.

### H. S / B. C (48 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $11 + 1 + 11 /$   
 $+ 13 + 1 + 10 = 48$

Letter height: 5.5 mm

Source: Canton, China

Note: Hong Kong Stamps with China Overprint was used in China from 1917 to 30 September 1930.



King George IV 10 cents overprint with China and H. S / B. C Perfin and Canton Cancellation.

## HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation established its Japan Agency in Yokohama 1866, Kobe / Hiogo 1869 and Siam agency in Bangkok in 1888

### Perfins – Used in Japan

#### H & S / B C (54 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $12 + 11 + 10 /$   
 $+ 13 + 8 = 54$

Letter height: 5 mm

Source: Yokohama



Japan 3 and 25 sen 1918 with H & S / B C Perfins and Yokohama Cancellation.

#### H & S / B C (56 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $12 + 13 + 10 /$   
 $+ 13 + 8 = 56$

Letter height: 4 mm

Source: Japan

Note: 2 additional pin holes on "&"



Japan 1929 30 sen with H & S / B C Perfin.

### Perfins – Siam (now Thailand)

#### H S / B C (42 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $11 + 10 /$   
 $+ 13 + 8 = 42$

Letter height: 5.5 mm

Source: Bangkok



Siam 1910 15 satang overprint 28 satang with H S / B C Perfin.

#### HS/BC (42 pinholes)

Pin holes:  $11 + 10 /$   
 $+ 13 + 8 = 42$

Letter height: 5.5 mm

Source: Bangkok



1920 – 1926 King Vajiravudh 5 satang twin with H S / B C Perfin.

## HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) established as its Agency in Ceylon in 1892, Saigon in 1870, Batavia 1994 and Singapore 1877

HSBC Perfin used in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka)

### H S B (35 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $10 + 12 + 13 = 35$

Letter height: 5.5 mm

Source: Colombo, Ceylon



King Edward VII 2 Rupees Stamp Duty with H S B Perfin (Mint).

HSBC Perfin used in Saigon (now Ho Chi Min City)

### H S / B C (43 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $11 + 12 /$   
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Letter height: 5.5 mm

Source: Saigon



6 cents overprint 1931 Indochine stamp with double H S / B C Perfins.

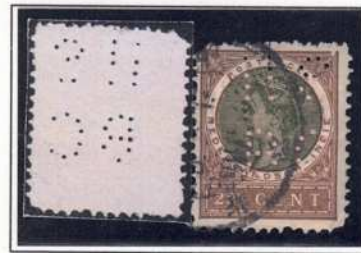
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Pin holes:  $11 + 11 /$   
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Letter height: 5 mm

Source: Batavia



1903 Netherlands Indies 22 1/2 cents with H S / B C Perfin.

HSBC Perfin used in Singapore

### H S B (31 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $9 + 10 + 12 = 31$

Letter height: 4.5 mm

Source: Singapore

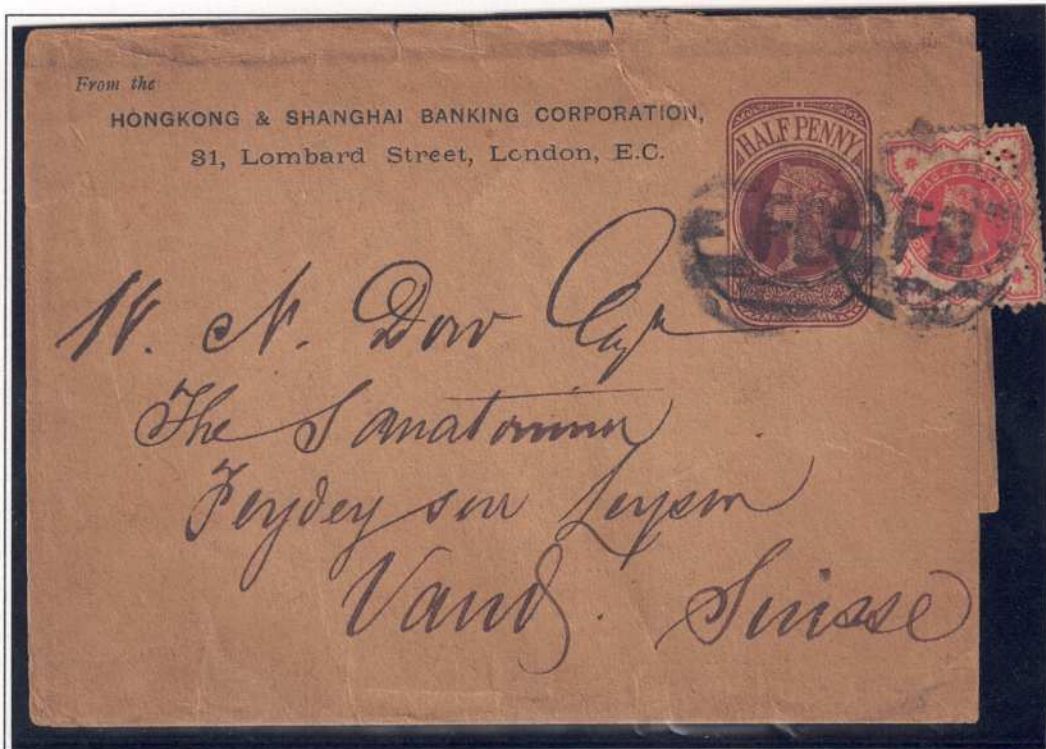


King Edward VII 8 cents Straits Settlements Singapore Cancellation with H S B Perfin and Singapore Cancellation.

## HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSB) established its London office in 1865

Perfins on covers and H & S B C used in Great Britain



Shown on the left:

**H S B** (31 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $9 + 10 + 12$   
= 31

Letter height: 4 mm

Source: London

HSBC Newspaper wrapper uprated Queen Victoria with one half pence to Switzerland with arrival postmarked 12 January 1899 with **H S B** Perfin.



**H & S B C** Overprint on King George IV 2 pence (Mint).



Shown on the left:

**H** (17 pinholes).

Pin holes: 17

Letter height: 11 mm

Source: London

HSBC Acknowledgment Postcard postage stamp with "**H**" Perfin and postmarked 8 June 1922.

# HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation established its Ceylon Agency in Colombo in 1892

Perfins and H & S B C Overprint – Used in Ceylon



Registered cover bearing Registration Label R Colombo C No. 704 from HSBC Colombo Agency to England postage stamps with H S B Perfin.

## H S B (35 pinholes).

Pin holes: 11 + 11 + 13 = 35

Letter height: 6 mm

Source: Colombo, Ceylon

Note: Only one set of Perfin used.



## H & S B C

Overprint on King Edward VII  
Six cents (Mint).

Source: Colombo, Ceylon



Local cover bearing postal slogan "Buy Ceylon Tea" 12 June 1960 postage stamp with H S B Perfin.

## HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation established its India Agencies in Calcutta 1867 and Bombay 1869

Perfins on covers and Security Marking – Used in India



HSBC cover from Calcutta Agency to Hamburg with arrival postmarked 3 June 1900  
Queen Victoria postage stamp with H S B Perfin.

### H S B (31 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $9 + 10 + 12 = 31$

Letter height: 4.5 mm

Source: Calcutta and  
Bombay, India



Shown on the left:

H & S B C hand-stamped  
security marking on  
East India 2 annas stamp  
circa 1870.

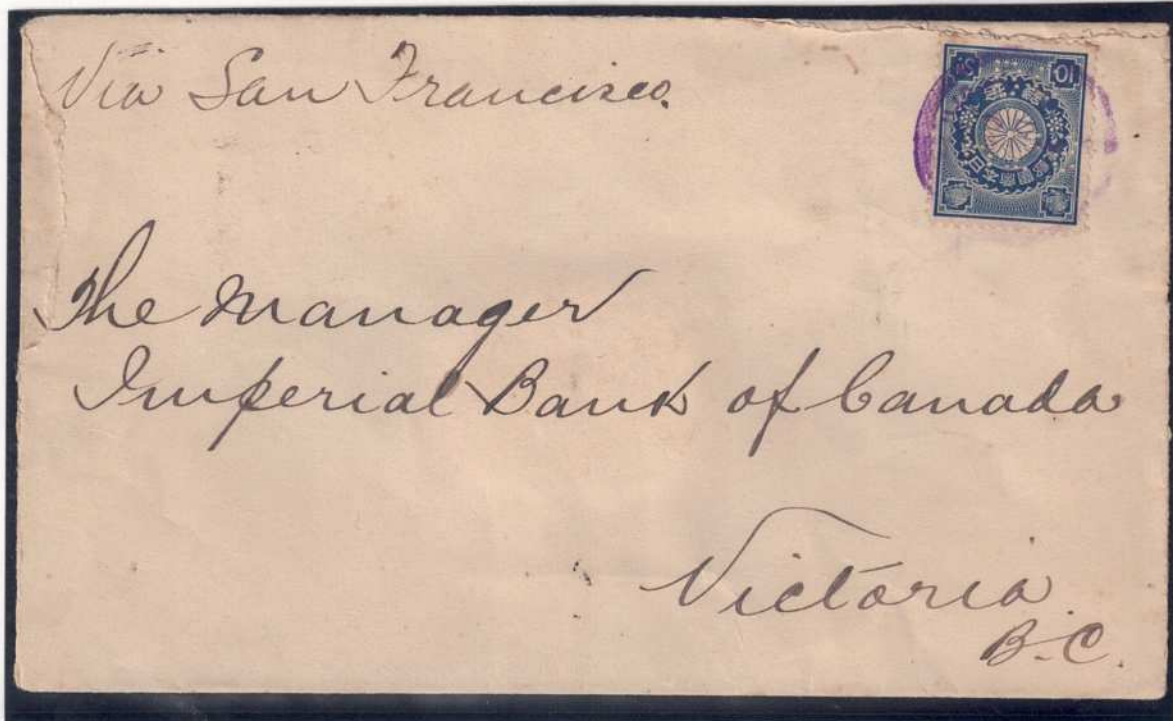


HSBC cover from Bombay Agency to Bayern Germany with arrival postmarked  
20 January 1900 Queen Victoria postage stamps with H S B Perfin.

# HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation established its Japan Agencies in Yokohama 1866,  
Kobe / Hiogo 1869 and Nagasaki 1869

Perfins on covers – Used in Japan

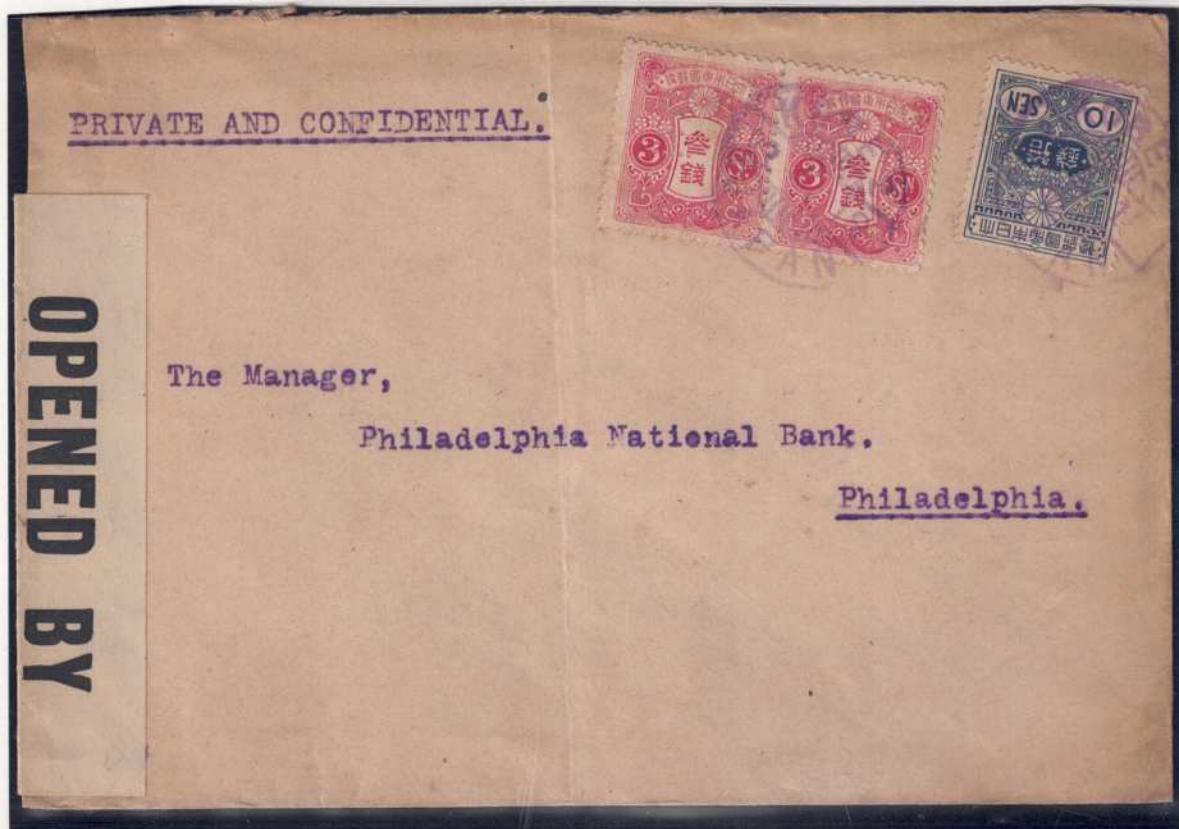


Postal cover from HSBC Hiogo Agency to Victoria B C, Canada 1904 postage stamp with  
H S / B C Perfin.

H & S / B C (59 pinholes). Perfins shown above and below

Pin holes: 11 + 13 + 12 /  
+ 13 + 10 = 59

Letter height: 4.5 mm



Censored Cover with Censor No. 1555 from HSBC Kobe to USA 1918 postage stamp with H & S / B C Perfin.

# HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Banking Corporation established its Straits Settlement Agencies in Singapore 1877, Penang 1884, and Malacca 1906

Perfins – Used in Singapore, Penang, and Malacca

## H S B (31 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $9 + 10 + 12 = 31$

Letter height: 4 mm

Source: Singapore



Straits Settlements King Edward VII 30 cents with H S B Perfin and Singapore Cancellation.

## H & S / B C (53 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $11 + 11 + 10 / + 13 + 8 = 53$

Letter height: 4 mm

Source: Penang



Straits Settlements King Edward VII 4 and 5 cents with H & S B C Perfins and Penang Cancellation.

## H S / B C (43 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $11 + 11 / + 13 + 8 = 43$

Letter height: 5.5 mm

Source: Malacca



Straits Settlements King George IV 6 cents twin with H S / B C Perfin and Malacca Cancellation.



## H S / B C (43 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $11 + 11 / + 13 + 8 = 43$

Letter height: 5.5 mm

Source: Singapore

HSBC Singapore Airmail to HSBC Saigon 1939 (censored mail) with H S / B C Perfin.

## HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) established its Hamburg Agency in 1889 and Saigon Agency in 1870

Perfins on covers – Used in Hamburg, Germany and Saigon, Indochina



H. S. B. (42 pinholes, stop after "H", stop after "S" and stop "B").

Pin holes:  $15 + 1 + 11 + 1 + 18 + 1 = 42$

Letter height: 7 mm

Source: Hamburg, Germany

Note: Not recorded in any German Perfin catalogue.

HSBC Acknowledgement postcard dated 25 November 1907 postage stamp with H.S.B. Perfin.



Indochina 1931 1 cent with H S / B C Perfin and Paquebot Cancellation.

H S / B C (43 pinholes).

Pin holes:  $11 + 11 + 13 + 8 = 43$

Letter height: 5.5 mm

Source: Saigon

HSBC airmail cover from Saigon Agency to HSBC Milan Agency postage stamps with H S / B C Perfins

**HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings**  
 The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation established as a Bank in 1865

HSBC Perfins on Blocks – Used in China and Hong Kong



Foochow I - Postmark

Block of 6 Hong Kong 10 cents 1920 with China Overprint and H. S / B. C Perfins and Foochow I Cancellation.

**Shown above:**

**H. S / B. C (45 pinholes, stop after "H" and stop after "B").**

Pin holes: 11 + 1 + 11 /  
 + 13 + 1 + 8 = 45

Letter height: 6 mm

Source: Foochow, China

**Shown below:**

**H S / B C (37 pinholes).**

Pin holes: 9 + 7 /  
 + 12 + 9 = 37

Letter height: 4.5 mm

Source: Hong Kong



HSBC Cover to England 10 ten cents (block of 8 plus pair of ten cents)  
 King George V Stamps with H S / B C Perfins – 18 March 1947.

# HSBC - Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation established as a Bank in Hong Kong - 1865

Perfins – Used in Hong Kong



HSBC Hong Kong Registered Airmail to Durban 1941 bearing registration No. 39034Z with H S / B C Perfins on \$1 and 15 cents postage stamps.

Shown above:

H S / B C (37 pinholes).

Pin holes: 9 + 7 /  
+ 12 + 9 = 37

Letter height: 4.5 mm

Source: Hong Kong

Hong Kong 1841 - 1941



Hong Kong 1941 25 cents  
"SPECIMEN" Perfin.

In 1941, Hong Kong celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary under British rule with the issuance of a set of commemorative stamps. The 25 cents stamp carries the image of HSBC Bank Building.

On the left, a specimen stamp bearing a horseshoe Perfin "SPECIMEN" is shown.

## Conclusion:

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has been deeply rooted in Hong Kong since 1865 and is now a global banking group widely recognised as HSBC. **Perfins, Overprints and Security Markings** had helped to build up the image of the banking group over the years using the symbols H, HSB, H&SBC and HSBC.