

Registered from Zagreb

Sending a letter by registered mail (French Recommandé, English Registered, German Einschreiben, in Austria Rekommandiert, Hungarian Ajánlott) is a special form of mail. An important feature is the evidence when and where the shipment is presented to the shipment.

Early mention about certified mail was 335 years ago. In Austria Leopold I. gave an directive 16.04.1695 and initially labeling was manually mainly with the notice »Nb«.

From 1824 in Austria gradually introduces additional special registration with marks, in a very different form and content. In Agram/Zagreb such marks was in use after 1834.

After Paris Agreement UPU established for all member countries use the great Latin letter »R« as a label for registered mail (23.01.1883).

The Austro-Hungarian Monarchy experimentally introduced on 15.03.1885 labels for registered mail but only at 34 Vienna post offices. Labels were on yellow paper, perforated, and besides mark »R« and name of the post office had printed ordinal number of the recommendations.

After 1871 all Croatian post offices as Agram/Zagreb came under Hungarian administration, and first in 1890 introduced Hungarian type of labels for registered letters.

The One Frame (16 sheets) exhibit is my initial personal research of the very interesting philatelic areas of Zagreb postal history from manually markings for registered mail up of standardization of »R« labels.

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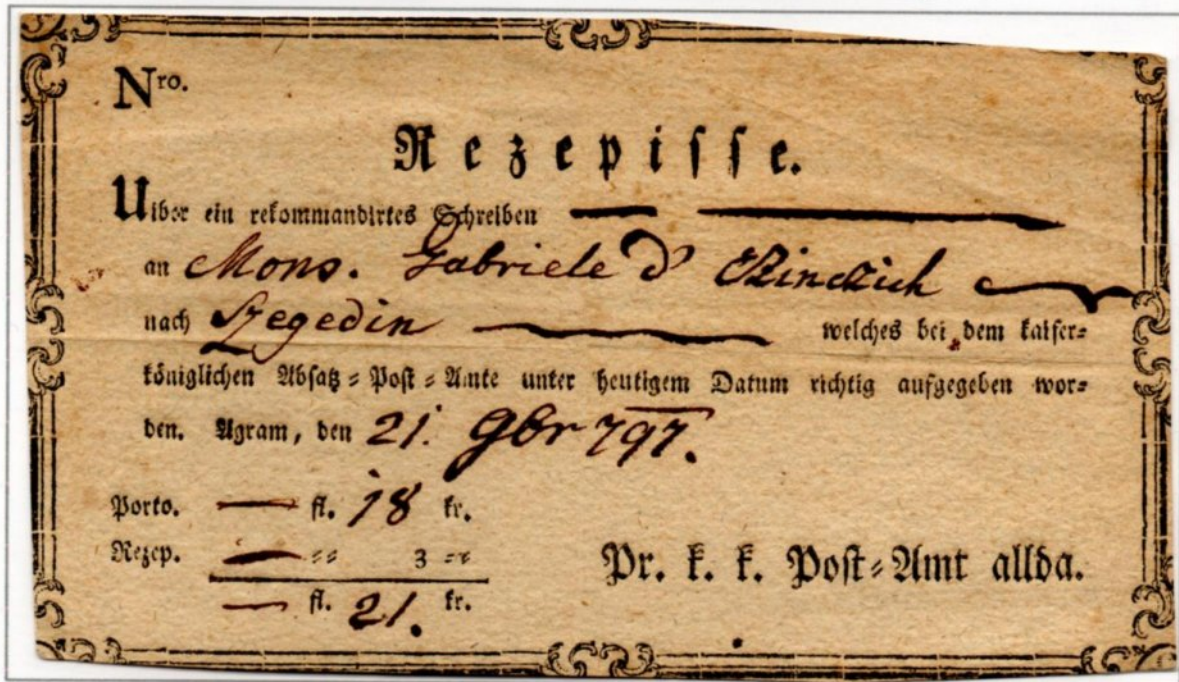
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1. Forerunner of Registry markings and Labels for registered letters

1.1. Additional markings -
Pre-philatelic Period until 31.05.1850.

For the first time registered mail in Austria was mentioned in 16.04.1695 in directive of Emperor Leopold I. This obligation was valid for shipping registered mail from Zagreb.

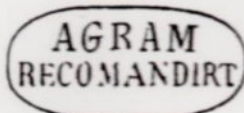


Receipt of the registered letter of 21.02.1797. sent from Zagreb to Szeged.
Postage tax for a letter was 21 fr. of which the porto is 18 fr. and registration 3 fr.

In prephilatelic period of Austria marking of the recommended letters from 1824 gradually being introduced with special marking postmark.



1834.



1835.

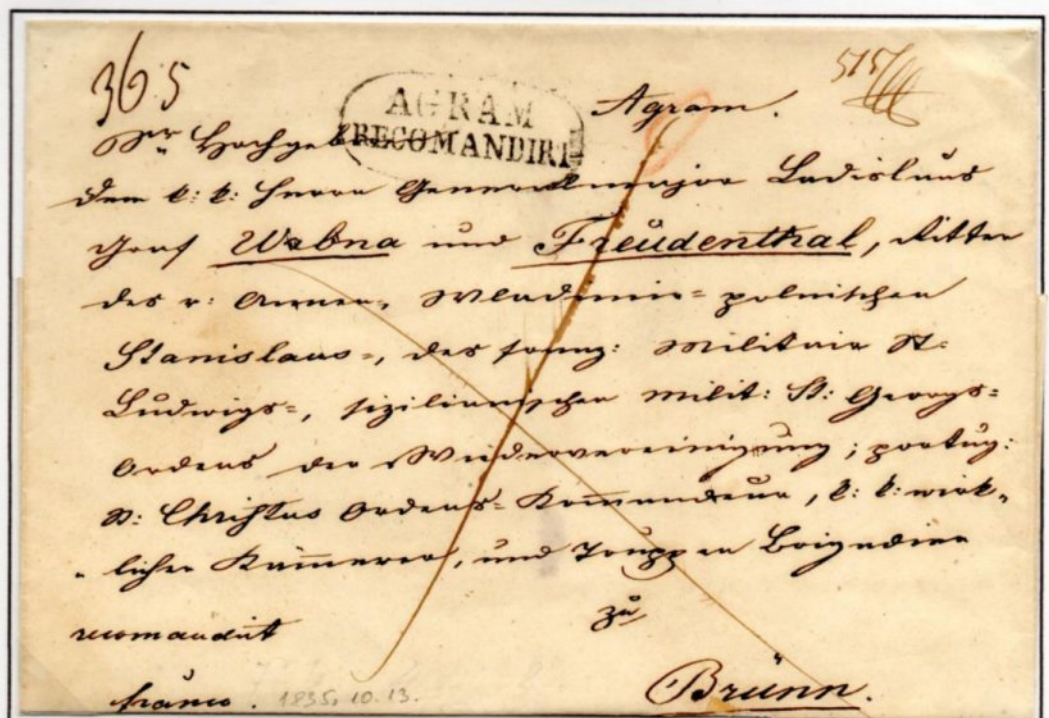


1837.

Registration of registered letters with special markings starting in Zagreb from 1834. Registry markings are in different forms, but always with a German name AGRAM and word RECOMANDIRT.

Registered letter sent on 13.10.1835 from Zagreb to Brno.

This registry marking in Croatian literature by Cividini and Petric was listed with the WRONG years 1841 or 1836 as beginning of use.



1.2. Markings for registered letters after 1.6.1850. – Austrian Postal Administration

1.2.1. Additional markings for registered letters after 1.6.1850

After the introduction of postage stamps new tariff for registered letters from 1.6.1850. to 31.10.1858. was for:

- Local letters 3 Kr.
- Other destinations 6 Kr.



Payment for the registered postage was in stamps, and usually was placed at the back of the letter and canceled with date postmark.



Registered letter sent on 4.4.1855. from Zagreb to Samobor (arrival cancel 5.4.1855.)

On the front of the letter is 3Kr stamp for postage of 1 Loth and distant to 10 Austrian miles.

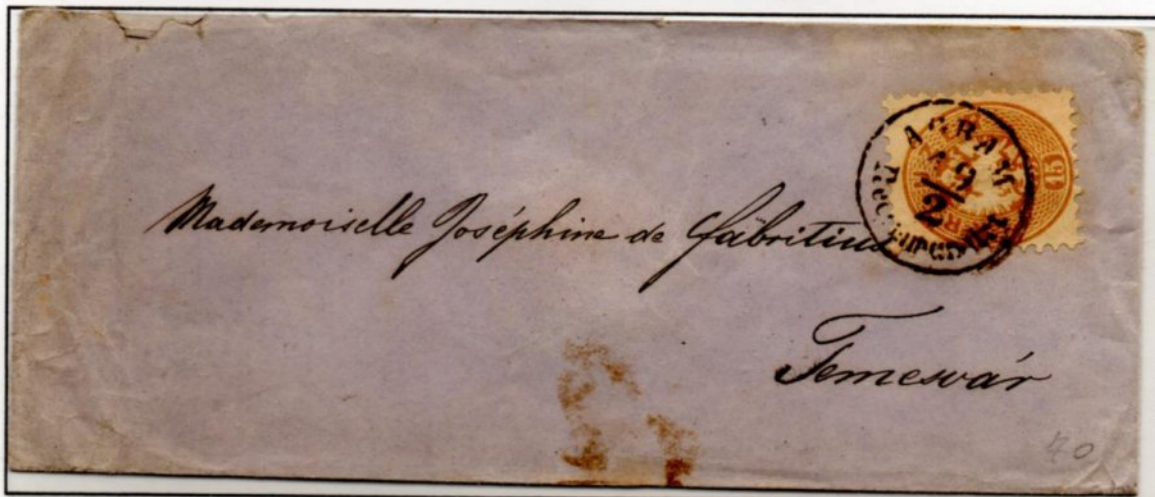
On the back is the stamp of 6 Kr. to the tariff for a domestic registered letter.

On the front side of letter beside date-postmark is additional pre-philatelic marking, which is still used although officially is no longer required.

1.2. Markings for registered letters after 1.6.1850. – Austrian Postal Administration

1.2.2. Date postmark for registered letters

Shape : single circular
Size : \varnothing 23 mm
Text : AGRAM Reccommandirt
Date : Day / Month
In use after 1.6.1850.



Registered letter from Zagreb posted on 19.2.1865 to Temisvar (arrival 21.2.1865)
With stamp of 15Kr was payed postage of 5 Kr. and registered tariff of 10 Kr.

New tariff for registered letters from 1.11.1858 until 30.4.1867. was :

- Local letters 5 Kr.
- Other destinations 10 Kr.

After 1.1.1866 there was no more obligation putting fee in stamps for registered letters on back side of letters.



Registered Postal Stationery posted from Zagreb on 15.1.1865. to Jastrebarsko (arrival on 16.1.1865.). Stationery of 5Kr is for postage of 1 loth to 10 Austrian Miles. On the back side is stamp of 10 Kr as tariff for registered letter in domestic traffic.

Registered Date-postmark HAS NOT LINE under Day and over Month. RR

1.3. Markings for registered letters after 1.5.1867 – Hungarian Postal Administration

1.3.1. Austrian additional marking for registered letters



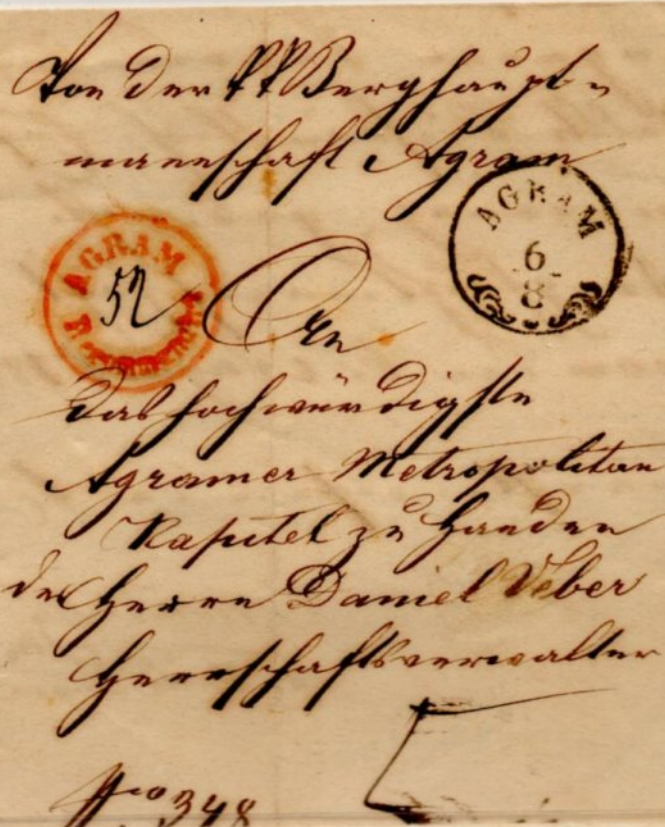
Shape: single circular

Size: \varnothing 23 mm

Text: AGRAM *Recommandirt*

Colour: Red

In use after 1867



On the basis of the Austro-Hungarian Compromise 5.1.1867 Hungary got independent postal administration. However post in the Croatia, Slavonia and Military Border connected are just on 1.4.1868.

So on this area still exceptionally are used combined Austrian date-postmarks and additional markings for registered letters.

One of such few post office was a post office Zagreb (Agram).

Registered letter posted from Zagreb on 6.8.1868 to Töplice (arrival postmark 7.8.1868)

Sr. 116. g. 1869. Upravljajući karalistni odbor u Zagrebu.

Slavnomu poglavarstvu
Slob. i kralj. grada
Varaždina.



Registered letter posted from Zagreb on 12.4.1869 to Varaždin.

On the front side is stamp of 15Kr for domestic postage weight of 1 loth, for distance to 10 Austrian Miles and 10 Kr as tariff for domestic registered letter.

1.3. Markings for registered letters after 1.5.1867 – Hungarian Postal Administration



1.3.2. Austrian additional marking for registered letters

Shape: double circular
 Size: ø. 29 mm
 Text: PREPORUČENO Recommandirt
 Colour: RED
 In use: after 1869



Zagreb continued use the Austrian postmarks in German and Croatian language no matter what the post office Zagreb was under the management of Hungarian Post.

Date-postmark Text: ZAGREB-AGRAM Shape: single circular Size: ø 28 mm
 Date: Day / Month / Time / Year In use after 1869.

1.3. Markings for registered letters after 1.5.1868 – Hungarian Postal Administration



1.3.3. Austrian additional marking for registered letters

Shape: double circular
 Size: ø 29 mm
 Text: PREPORUČENO Recommandirt
 Colour: BLACK
 In use: after 1871



Date-postmark
 ZAGREB-AGRAM
 MISSING
 Mark of the
 MONTH
 RR

Zagreb continued use the bilingual Austrian date-postmarks in Croatian and German language.

Date-postmark Text: ZAGREB-AGRAM Shape: single circular Size: ø 23 mm
 Date: Day / Month / Time / Year In use after 1870

2. Handstamped „R“ Markings - Hungarian Postal Administration

The UPU Congress in Paris concluded on 06/01/1878. General Postal Contract, which establishes the measures to simplify and speed up the international postal service. In the area of recommendations was established standardization striking marking for recommendations with label or markings. So for all Member States regulates the obligation of the great Latin letter »R« for registered mail.

From 23 January 1883 in most of Hungarian post offices introduced the appropriate manual markings for the registration of registered mail by manually entering the registry number.

Handstamped „R“ registry marking for registered letters

Shape: *rectangular*
Size: *35 x 14 mm*
Text: *none - only R*
Colour: *BLACK*
In use: *after 1883*



*Loco registered letter posted on 2.3.1889 franking with stamps of 3 Kr for loco postage and 5 Kr for registered letter. (PERFORATIONS!)
Circular bilingual Hungarian-Croatian date-postmark ZÁGRÁB - ZAGREB.
In postmark the date mark MAR for the month March by mistake inserted upside down!*

3. Printed registry labels after 24.2.1890 - Hungarian Postal Administration

With Official Provision 60.817 / 889 by Hungary Post was introduced from 24.2.1890 for all mail special labels for registered mail with printed a current number from 1 to 1000 in sheets of 50 pieces.

At first issues name for registered was **only** in Croatian language „Preporučeno“ but name of the post was bilingual in Hungarian and Croatian.



3.1. Introduction of printed »R« Labels



Shape : rectangular
 Size : 40x 16 mm
 Text : R & Preporučeno in RED
 Post Office & Number in BLACK
 Perforation : Imperforated



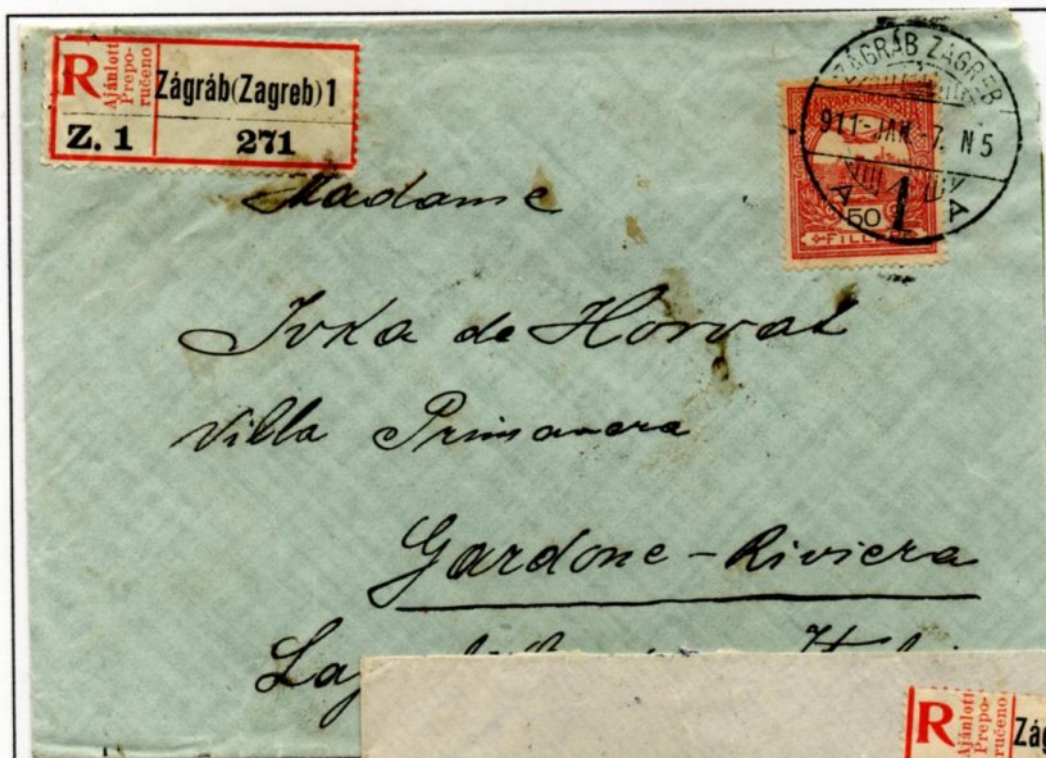
At R-Labels there are variations in marks for registry numbers

3. Printed registry labels from 24.2.1890 - Hungarian Postal Administration

Hungary Post introduces in 1911 new »R« labels with bilingual text in Hungarian **Ajánlott** and Croatian **Preporučeno, Zágráb(Zagreb) 1** and **Z.1** as abbreviation mark for post office.

3.2. Bilingual »R« labels for registered letters

Shape: rectangular
 Size: 40x 16 mm
 Text: R, Ajánlott & Prepo/ručeno in RED
 Post Office, Abbreviation & Number in BLACK
 Perforation: 13



There are known "R" labels for existing post offices in Zagreb : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.

3. Printed registry labels from 24.2.1890 - Hungarian Postal Administration

Hungary Post in 1914 issued new »R« labels with Croatian name for post office **Zagreb**, but remain bilingual text in Hungarian **Ajánlott** and Croatian **Preporučeno**.

3.3. Croatian »R« labels for registered letters



Shape: rectangular
 Size: 40x 16 mm
 Text: R, Ajánlott & Prepo/ručeno in RED
 Post Office, Abbreviation & Number in BLACK
 Perforation: 13



There are known "R" labels in post offices Zagreb: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 i 9.

Registered abroad Postcard Stationery 10 f. with the addition of charity stamp 35+2f.
 Posted on 8.5.1915 in post office Zagreb 1, censored in Budapest, arrived on New York 28.5.1915, inspected and on same day sent to delivery.

4. Registry Markings and Labels „R“ after 1.12. 1918

Hungarian »R« labels was used onwards until 1920, when re-introduced hand markings with a tick capital letter R without name of post office and without or with abbreviation № i БР. This type can be find until 1929.

4.1. Handstamped »R« registry markings

Shape: *rectangular*

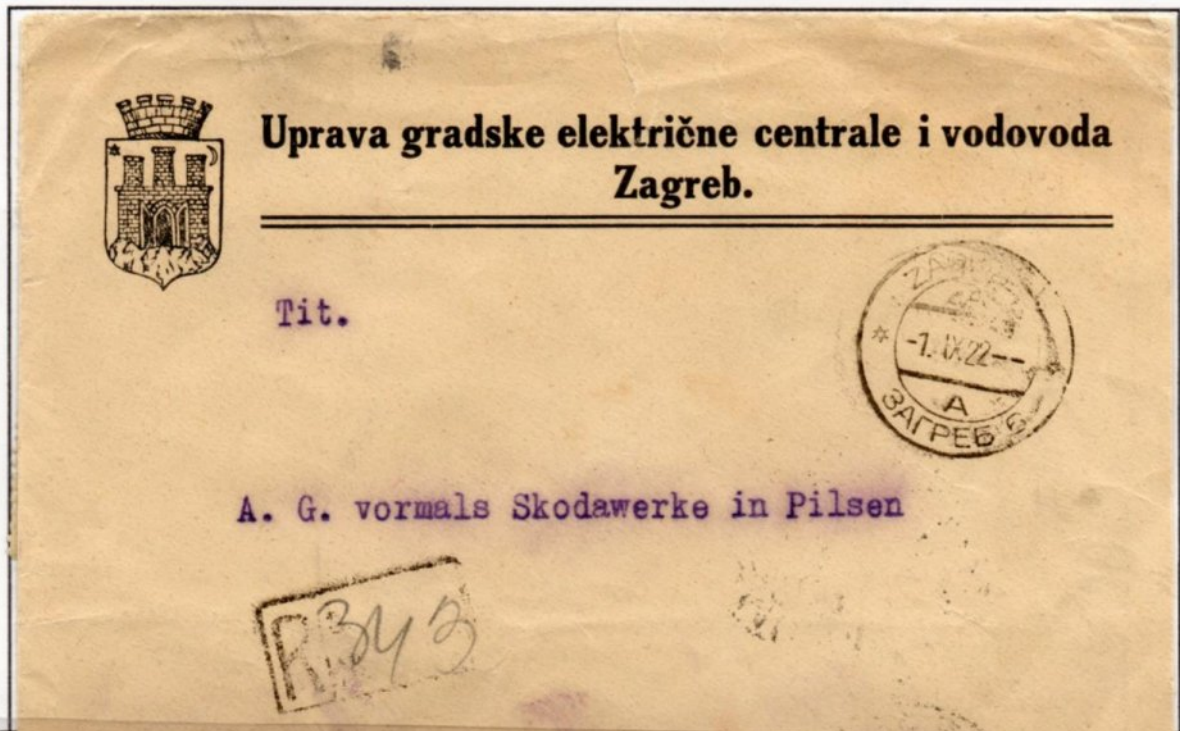
Size: *23x 15 mm*

Text: *thick R & with or without №*

Colour: *BLACK*

In use: *after 1920*

Entering the registration number with handwritten or numbering machine



4. Registry Markings and „R“ Labels Kingdom Serbs, Croats & Slovenes

Although was introduced standardized labels for registered mail at the post office ZAGREB still remain in use markings for registered letters in very different form and content.

4. 2. Handstamped Registry Markings for registered letters

Shape : rectangular
 Size : 40x 17 mm
 Text : thick R in Latin
 Handwritten numbering
 Colour : VIOLET to BLUE



СРПСКА БАНКА
 ДЕОНИЧАРСКО ДРУШТВО
 ЗАГРЕБ

SRPSKA BANKA
 DEONICARSKO DRUSTVO
 ZAGREB

*Gosp. Josip Jaklic,
 špecijaliter*

R Zagreb 1.
 303 K

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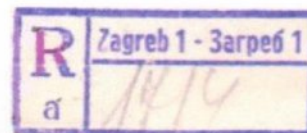
Nossener Decken & Sealskin-Fabrik,

N o s s e n i S a .

R Zagreb 1
 904/c

4. Registry Markings and „R“ Labels of Kingdom Serbs, Croats & Slovenes

Shape: rectangular
 Size: 40x 17 mm
 Text: thick R & with No
 Post: in Latin & Cyrillic
 Handwritten numbering
 Colour: VIOLET



Handwritten:
 Manduševiče
 Ljubica Vukobajević
 Beograd
 Porodica ul. 26.

Postmark:
 Zagreb 1 - Загреб 1
 a 1414

Postmark:
 Zagreb 1 - Загреб 1
 b 3145

Postmark:
 ZAGREB 1
 24.X.27. 9
 ZAGREB 1

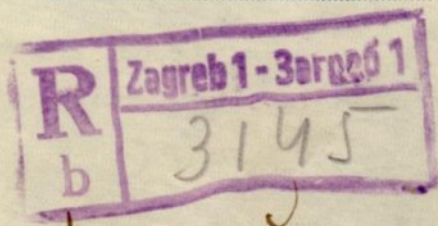


TRGOVINA KRATKE I TEKSTILNE ROBE
ZDRAVKO SCHÖN

Marovska ul. 9 ZAGREB Telefon br. 6-16
 Tvorničko skladište LIEBIGOVE vune

Handwritten:
 Gosp.

Handwritten:
 Dr. Velimir Gotšlik
 pravnik



Handwritten:
 preporučeno

Handwritten:
 Zagreb
 Nikolićeva 8 I. kat

4. Registry Markings and „R“ Labels in Kingdom of Serbs, Croats & Slovenes

Finally standardized labels for registered mail were introduced in 1923. Labels have the big capital letter **R** as the name of the post office in Latin **ZAGREB** and Cyrillic **ЗАГРЕБ** and marking **No** with the preprinted number of recommendations. As it was more printing there are differences in color, positions, type of letters and numbers.



4.3. »R« labels for registered letters

Shape: rectangular
 Size: 44x 19 mm
 Text: thick R & with No, Latin & Cyrillic
 Colour: Blue
 Perforation: 13
 In use: after 1923



4. Registry Markings and „R“ Labels of Kingdom Yugoslavia

In 1929 Post introduce new standardized »R« labels for registered mail in which is the capital letter **R**, but the name of the post office Latin **Zagreb** and Cyrillic **Заргеб** was in capital and lowercase letters. Preprinted is № and the number of recommendations.

4. 4. »R« labels for registered letters

Shape: rectangular
 Size: 44x 19 mm
 Text: thick R & Post with №
 Post: in Latin & Cyrillic
 Colour: BLUE
 Perforation: 13

