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Mali – Illegal issues of postage stamps

Dear Sir/Madam

The postal administration of **MALI** asks me to inform you that a company based in the United States of America, along with certain other individuals, has introduced onto the philatelic market illegal postage stamps purportedly issued by the Republic of Mali.

Amongst the illegal postage stamps discovered (this list of stamps is not exhaustive), the postal administration of MALI cites the following issues:

- International Red Cross: 9 values (Jane Dalano, Henri Dunant, etc)
100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500 F
- Great composers: 9 values (Haydn, Chopin, Beethoven, etc)
100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500 F
- Wild animals: 9 values (tiger, lion, eagle, etc)
100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500 F
- Horses: 9 values
100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500 F

All these postage stamps have been issued in contravention of the Universal Postal Convention, its Letter Post Regulations and the legislation of the Republic of Mali.

As the postal administration of Mali has never issued such postage stamps, they cannot be accepted as a means of postal prepayment.

Yours faithfully,

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Markets