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Russian Federation – Illegal issues of  
postage stamps

Dear Sir/Madam

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

"I would like to draw your attention to our postal administration's grave concern about the illegal production and distribution of postage stamps ostensibly issued by various regions of the Russian Federation. Attached is a list of the regions in whose name illegal stamps have been issued. We were grateful to see participants attending the pilot course for Central and Eastern European countries on the promotion and development of philately, recently held in Riga (Latvia), made aware of this ever-growing proliferation of illegal stamps. We have also learned that such stamps have been openly offered for sale on the Internet for some time now.

"Not only does such a proliferation of illicit stamps do harm to philately and the Russian Federation's reputation, it also contributes to the decline of the entire philatelic market. We are therefore counting on the Universal Postal Union and the World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP) to help us find a solution to this problem immediately."

Yours faithfully,

M S RAMAN  
Assistant Director-General



**List of regions of the Russian Federation in whose name illegal stamps are being issued**

Altai Region  
Amurskaya Province  
Jewish Autonomous Region  
Franz Josef Land  
Autonomous Region of Evenkia  
Republic of Kabard-Balkaria  
Kamchatka Region  
Karachay-Cherkessia  
Autonomous Region of Koriakia  
Kuril islands  
Novosibirsk islands  
Kolguev Island  
Kunashir Island  
New Land Island  
Spitsbergen Island  
Republic of Adygea  
Republic of Bashkortostan  
Republic of Buriatia  
Republic of Daghestan  
Republic of Ingushetia  
Republic of Ichkeria  
Republic of Kalmykia  
Republic of Karelia  
Komi Republic  
Mari-El Republic  
Republic of Mordovia  
Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)  
Republic of North Ossetia  
Republic of Tatarstan  
Republic of Tuva  
Republic of Khakasia  
Russian Antarctica  
Sakhalin Region  
Republic of Udmurtia  
Republic of Chuvashia

