

Dear Sir/Madam,

The designated operator of **RWANDA**, the National Post Office, asks me to inform the designated operators of UPU member countries of the following:

"The National Post Office has recently been informed of the issuance and sale of a number of illegal postage stamp issues, under the theme of 'Heroes of the Soviet Union' (Annex 1).

The National Post Office denounces and condemns such illegal issues, which are harmful to the reputation of Rwanda in general, and the Rwandan Post in particular.

Furthermore, the issuance of these stamps is a flagrant violation of national legislation on postage stamp production and of the provisions of article 8 of the Universal Postal Convention, according to which only the National Post Office, Rwanda's designated operator, is authorized to issue postage stamps on behalf of Rwanda. We are therefore counting on the assistance of the Universal Postal Union and its bodies to eradicate this phenomenon.

We are also counting on the solidarity of our fellow administrations in assisting us in identifying the perpetrators and bringing them to justice. Lastly, we are counting on our philatelic partners, who have always complied with the regulations governing the circulation of philatelic products and who do not hesitate to notify designated operators of irregularities in respect of certain issues.

The National Post Office informs its partners that its most recent postage stamps were issued on 15 November 2010 ('Mountain Gorillas' and 'Art and Culture of Rwanda' series). All issues bearing a later date are illegal and should be treated as such."

Yours faithfully,

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Illegal issues denounced by the National Post Office of Rwanda

