

The stamps of the Philippines issued during the period 1890 to 1897 depict the portrait of the infant King, Alfonso XIII, and are commonly referred to as the "Baby Head" issues. The new stamps were issued in the Philippines at the beginning of 1890.

These stamps are fascinating because of their variety, there are many different denominations which also were printed in different colors over the years. These individual values were printed in different print runs. This results in differences in colors, gumming and sheet formats of these stamp issues.



Registered cover sent from Manila to Sevilla, Spain. The cover was sent February 1890. It was franked with stamps at 5 Centavos de Peso, 12^{4/8} Centavos de Peso and 20 Centavos de Peso of the King Alfonso XIII series. The stamps were issued 1890 for general postage (the sheets are inscribed "CORREOS").

The stamps were tied by Parilla cancels. Furthermore, registry numbers were added. It arrived in Sevilla on March 8, 1890.

The 12^{4/8} Centavos de Peso franking was paying single letter rate to Spain up to 15 grams, applicable from November 19, 1884 to April 22, 1891. The registration fee of 25 Centavos de Peso to Spain was also applied until April 22, 1891.