

King Alfonso XIII, 1890s

ca. 1897, Manila to Barcelona, Spain
ca. 1897, Manila to Bad Königsbrunn, German Empire (and retour)



Front of a large envelope, sent from Manila to Barcelona, Spain. It was most likely sent in 1897. The postage was paid by various stamps issued in 1896. **Scarce multiple usage** of the **20 Centavos de Peso stamp** of 1896. The stamps were tied in Manila by a boxed cancel, "CERTIFICADO".

The envelope was sent at registered triple weight, totaling 45 Centavos de Peso. It cost 30 Centavos de Peso to send the item weighing up to 45 grams. Another 15 Centavos de Peso were due for the registered fee. Both rates went into effect on April 22, 1891 and were applicable until December 31, 1897.

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Parcel front, shipped in Manila via Hong-Kong to Bad Königsbrunn, German Empire. The parcel was returned to Manila. It can be assumed that it is dated 1897. The item is franked with a stamp at 8 Centavos de Peso and four at 2 Centavos de Peso, issued in 1896. The stamps were cancelled with registration marks "CERTIFICADO". Also, an "R" was added to the parcel front in Manila.

The shipment was sent as samples "Muestras [de Medicamentos]", according to the rules of the UPU each 50g weight was 2 Centavos de Peso at this rate. Also the parcel was registered, the fee was 8 Centavos de Peso.