

King Alfonso XIII, 1898

1898, Manila to Herford, German Empire
 1898, Manila to Neschwitz, German Empire

New postage stamps and postcards were issued on January 1, 1898. The issue of 1898 was produced in Madrid, Spain. These stamps and postcards, like the previous stamp issue, show the young Alfonso XIII.

The use of these stamps was only possible until the Spanish-American War. The Manila post office, for example, was handed over to American soldiers on August 13, 1898. However, the stamps were also used after this date, for example by the insurgents or on the Mariana Islands.



Registered cover posted in Manila in January 1898. The cover was franked with four stamps issued 1898. It is the **only recorded four color franking of the 1898 issues**. The stamps were tied in Manila by cancels, "CERTIFICADO". An additional registry mark, "R", was applied on the front. The cover arrived in Herford, German Empire on March 1, 1898.

UPU rate, second weight cover, up to 30 grams, at 16 Centavos de Peso plus registration fee 8 Centavos de Peso.



Parcel front sent early in January 1898 from Manila to Neschwitz, German Empire. The item is franked with two stamps each at 2 and 5 Centavos de Peso, issued in 1898. The stamps were cancelled with registration marks "CERTIFICADO".

The shipment, weighting up to 150 grams, was sent as samples, "Muestras". Each 50 grams weight was 2 Centavos de Peso at this UPU rate. It was registered, the fee was 8 Centavos de Peso.

Three samples franked with the issue of 1898 are recorded.

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