

Together with the corresponding stamp issue, postcards were issued on January 1, 1898. Like these stamps they were produced in Madrid, Spain.

Postcards were issued in the denominations 5 Milesimas de Peso and 1, 2 and 3 Centavos de Peso. In addition to normal postcards, paid double reply cards were issued for each of the four denominations. These cards, unlike the normal postcards, have a two-line footer.

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On January 1, 1898, along with the issue of the postcards, a new Royal Decree, dated October 8, 1897, came into effect. By means of this decree, various postage rates were revised.

Firstly, a distinction was newly made in domestic postcard postage as to whether a card was sent within the same city or between cities. 5 Milesimas de Peso was the postcard postage within the same town, while 1 Centavo de Peso was the general interior postcard postage.

Postage for postcards to Spain or other Spanish colonies was reduced to 2 Centavos de Peso. Only postage to UPU nations remained stable at 3 Centavos de Peso.

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Postcard at 1 Centavo de Peso sent from Manila to Iloilo. It was cancelled by the worn "CORREOS / MANILA" cancel on February 5, 1898.

A private business handstamp "Agencia Editorial / Manila" was applied on both sides of the card.

Proper usage of the card as the 1 Centavo de Peso interior rate was effective from January 1, 1898. **Only recorded interior usage of this card.**

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