



PHILIPPINES
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Introduction of Special Delivery service and Early usage *Forerunner issues*

U.S. E5 overprinted PHILIPPINES



Special Delivery, 1901, 10¢ Dark Blue. Top plate number imprint block of six, interesting plate mark in margin of bottom right stamp.

By March 1903. Special Delivery service was made available outside Manila in key-town centers and large town-presidios. The **1901 E1 special delivery stamps** were used. Postal authorities declared the “overprinted” provisional issues as **obsolete** in September 1906 and the remaining post office stocks destroyed.

However, mails and parcels utilizing the “overprinted” stamps were still allowed and accepted for pre-payment of postage in circulation for another one and a half year and demonetized completely in March 1908.