

By Air from either Singapore or Hong Kong (1936-39)

In March 1936 Imperial Airways began a feeder service to connect Hong Kong with the main service at Penang. This meant that there were now two routes for Philippine airmail to Europe: via Hong Kong or via Singapore. Because the rates were higher via Hong Kong than via Singapore, each letter was marked with its intended route.

Feeder service between Hong Kong and Penang

Rates to Europe
via Hong Kong

Weight	Up to 5g	6-10g	11-15g	16-20g	21-25g	26-30g
Airmail	36	72	1.08	1.44	1.80	2.16
Letter	16	16	16	16	24	24
Total	52	88	1.24	1.60	2.04	2.40



Manila 1 June 1936, to Barcelona

Route

By ship from Manila to Hong Kong.

By Imperial feeder service from Hong Kong 5 June to Penang 6 June.

From Penang 7 June to Brindisi 13 June.

By rail to Barcelona.

Backstamps

PAR AVION / (HONG KONG) / VIA AIR MAIL : Manila mark to indicate surface to HK then by air.

Victoria / Hong Kong 3 June.

Barcelona 16 June.

Llego por via/ Terrestre framed mark. (Arrived by land).

Rate

88c, double.