

**Foreign Letter Rate  
down from 16c to 12c  
Mail via Singapore**

Weight	Up to 5g	6-10g	11-15g	16-20g	21-25g	26-30g
Airmail	30	60	90	1.20	1.50	1.80
Letter	12	12	12	12	18	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>1.98</b>

The upper cover is the earliest I have seen with this rate. It is a **month earlier** than the date given by Rodriguez, the only author who gives a date (26 Oct 1936) for the decrease in foreign letter rate from 16c to 12c. His date was based on examining rates on covers available to him. He could not find any official notice of the change. The above cover indicates that the new rate was in effect on 26 September 1936.

Rate  
1P 2c,  
triple rate.

Backstamp  
Zaandam cds  
9 Oct 1936.

Manila  
26 Sept 1936  
to Netherlands



Airmail rates were expensive and charged in 5 gram units. This encouraged the use of light-weight envelopes and writing paper.

Rate  
42c,  
single rate,  
up to 5 grams.

Manila  
10 Oct 1936  
to Germany