

1877 SURCHARGED ISSUE

The Treaty of Berne dated October 9, 1874, resulted in the founding of the General Postal Union (GPU). Being a colony of Spain, the Philippines automatically became a member, and, to follow the GPU regulations, stamps for Postal Union usage were surcharged "HABILITADO 12 cs. pta." in black, in octagonal double-lined frame. The value was expressed in centimos de peseta - the national unit in Spanish monetary value, since it was for international use.

August 1877



12 c. on 2c.
In Black

1877 - 1878 KING ALFONSO XII ISSUES

In 1877, additional values of the 1875-1876 King Alfonso XII issues were released.

August 1877



6 c. - Orange



10 c. - Blue

December 1877



2 c. - Blue

In 1878, a new series of stamps were made available. These stamps were of the same design as the previous issues, except that the word "FILIPINAS" is in BLOCK letters, and the ornament found before and after it were deleted. The values were expressed in milisimas de peso: 1000 mil = 100 centimos, which in turn is equivalent to 8 reales, 2 escudos, and 5 pesetas. Typographed by Fabrica Nacional de Timbre of Madrid, in sheets of 100 (10 x 10), perforated 14. The die used was engraved by Jose Garcia Moreno.

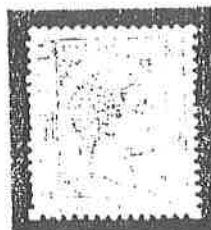
January 1878



50 mil.
Dull Purple



50 mil.
Deep Purple



0.0625 c.
Gray



125 mil.
Blue