

1879 SURCHARGED ISSUES

By 1879, the 1877 surcharged issue for Postal Union use (foreign mail) was nearly exhausted. Therefore, another issue with similar surcharge to the 1877 issue - "Habilitado 12 cs. pta." - was released.

January 1879



12 c. on 25 mil.  
In Black.

The General Postal Union officially changed its name to Universal Postal Union (UPU). To commemorate the beginning of the UPU, the stamps of the 1875 and 1878 issues were overprinted in 1879, to read: "CONVENIO UNIVERSAL DE CORREOS" in two types: With LARGE LETTERS, and, with SMALL LETTERS. Overprinting was done in Manila from type set plates in very soluble black ink.

Large Type Overprint:



2 c. on 25 c.  
On 1875 Issue.



8 c. on 100 mil.  
On 1878 Issue.

Small Type Overprint:



2 c. on 25 c.  
On 1875 Issue.



8 c. on 100 mil.  
On 1878 Issue.

E R R O R

COREROS

"COREROS" instead of "CORREOS"  
on the 8c. on 100 mil. Large  
Type.