

THE 1950 CURRENCY REVALUATION:

100 OLD ZŁOTYS = 1 NEW ZŁOTY

By a decree of 28 October 1950 1 old Złoty became worth 1 new Grosz, and the main regional Post Offices were empowered to handstamp existing stocks of stamps in their own and their subordinate offices,, with the word "Groszy" or "gr".

About 60 types of these handstamps are known:

Table No.1: Overprints by General or Regional Directorates.

<b>groszy</b> T. 1.	<b>groszy</b> T. 2.	<b>GROSZY</b> A	<b>GROSZY</b> B	<b>GROSZY</b> C	<b>GROSZY</b> T. 4.
<b>groszy</b> T. 5.	<b>groszy</b> T. 6.	<b>gr.</b> T. 7.	<b>Groszy</b> T. 8.	<b>groszy</b> T. 9.	<b>groszy</b> T. 10.
<b>groszy</b> T. 11.	<b>groszy</b> T. 12.	<b>groszy</b> T. 13.	<b>groszy</b> T. 14.	<b>groszy</b> T. 15.	
<b>groszy</b> A	<b>groszy</b> B	<b>groszy</b> A	<b>GROSZY</b> B	<b>groszy</b> A	<b>groszy</b> B
<b>groszy</b> T. 19.	<b>groszy</b> A	<b>groszy</b> B	<b>groszy</b> T. 21.	<b>grosze</b> T. 22.	
<b>Groszy</b> A	<b>Groszy</b> B	<b>Groszy</b> T. 24.	<b>groszy</b> T. 25.	<b>Groszy</b> A	<b>Groszy</b> B

Table No.2: Overprints by Authorised Local Post Offices.

<b>groszc</b> T. 27 A.	<b>roszc</b> T. 27 B.	<b>groszy</b> T. 28.	<b>GR</b> T. 29.	<b>GR</b> T. 30.	<b>Gr</b> T. 31.	<b>GR</b> T. 32.
<b>Gr</b> T. 33.	<b>Croszy</b> T. 34.	<b>Groszy</b> T. 35.	<b>Groszy</b> T. 36.	<b>* GR</b> T. 37.	<b>Gr</b> T. 38.	<b>gr</b> T. 39.
<b>gr</b> T. 40.	<b>gr</b> T. 41.	<b>groszy</b> T. 42.	<b>groszy</b> T. 43.	<b>groszy</b> T. 43.	<b>groszy</b> T. 43.	
<b>Gr</b> T. 44.	<b>Gr</b> T. 45.	<b>Groszy</b> T. 46.	<b>Groszy</b> T. 47.	<b>GR</b> T. 48.		

In addition, there are some un-official types, or private overprints on stamps which were used for postage and accepted by Post Offices (even for sending letters to foreign countries), as well as "mixed postages" (with handstamped "groszy" overprints, together with some stamps on which these overprints had been forgotten).

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"Groszy" Overprinted stamps: Postal Directorate Types.

<u>Type 1:</u> C.S.Z. (Centralna Składnica Zaopatrzenia, = Central Equipment Store).	<u>Type 15:</u> Poznań-7.
	" <u>16A</u> , <u>B:</u> Poznań-8.
<u>Type 2:</u> Gdańsk.	" <u>17A</u> , <u>B:</u> Poznań-9.
<u>Type 3A,B,C:</u> Katowice-Kraków.	" <u>18A</u> , <u>B:</u> Poznań-10.
<u>Type 4:</u> Lublin.	" <u>19:</u> Poznań-11.
<u>Type 5:</u> Łódź-1.	" <u>20A</u> , <u>B:</u> Poznań-12.
" <u>6:</u> Łódź-2.	<u>Type 21:</u> Szczecin-1.
" <u>7:</u> Łódź-3.	" <u>22:</u> Szczecin-2.
<u>Type 8:</u> Olsztyn.	<u>Type 23A</u> , <u>B:</u> Warszawa-1.
<u>Type 9:</u> Poznań-1.	" <u>24:</u> Warszawa-2.
" <u>10:</u> Poznań-2.	" <u>2:</u> Warszawa-3.
" <u>11:</u> Poznań-3.	" <u>25:</u> Warszawa-4.
" <u>12:</u> Poznań-4.	<u>Type 26A</u> , <u>B:</u> Wrocław.
" <u>13:</u> Poznań-5.	
" <u>14:</u> Poznań-6.	

"Groszy" Overprinted Stamps: Local Post Offices.

<u>Type 27A:</u> Wielka Wieś.	<u>Type 39:</u> Gibórz.
" <u>27B:</u> Wielka Wieś.	<u>Type 40:</u> Gubin.
<u>Type 28:</u> Bielsko.	<u>Type 41:</u> Piła.
<u>Type 29:</u> Gracze.	<u>Type 42:</u> Trzebiech.
<u>Type 30:</u> Niemodlin.	<u>Type 43A</u> , <u>B</u> , <u>C:</u> Zbąszczyń.
" <u>31:</u> Niemodlin.	<u>Type 44:</u> Skolimów.
" <u>32:</u> Niemodlin.	<u>Type 45:</u> Brzeg Dolny.
<u>Type 33:</u> Ozimek.	<u>Type 46:</u> Wrocław-17.
<u>Type 34:</u> Brzeziny.	<u>Type 47:</u> Tomaszów Mazowiecki.
<u>Type 35:</u> Rzeszów.	<u>Type 48:</u> Koniów.
" <u>36:</u> Rzeszów.	
<u>Type 37:</u> Bielsk Podlaski.	
" <u>38:</u> Bielsk Podlaski.	

Note: Of all types there exist covers with "mixed frankings", i.e. combinations of overprinted stamps with stamps which have remained un-overprinted.

Type 23 A: **Groszy** Warszawa-1.  
Handstamp in purple.



Cover sent 25.1.51 locally from Warszawa-1 to Warszawa lc by ordinary mail.  
Postage used 30 old zł, = 30 new gr.



Cover sent 25.11.50 (earlier than the cover on top) locally the same route in the Capital, but using 60 old złoty! It seems many were unsure about postal rates.

Type 1:

groszy

Central Equipment Store.

1386/57



Bank. Handel.

Miel. Brodki.

Warszawa

M. Wypolue 57

Cover (front only) sent 7.2.51 from Szczecin-2 to Warsaw, using 4 x 15zł Bierut Type 1 ovpts, total 60 new groszy.

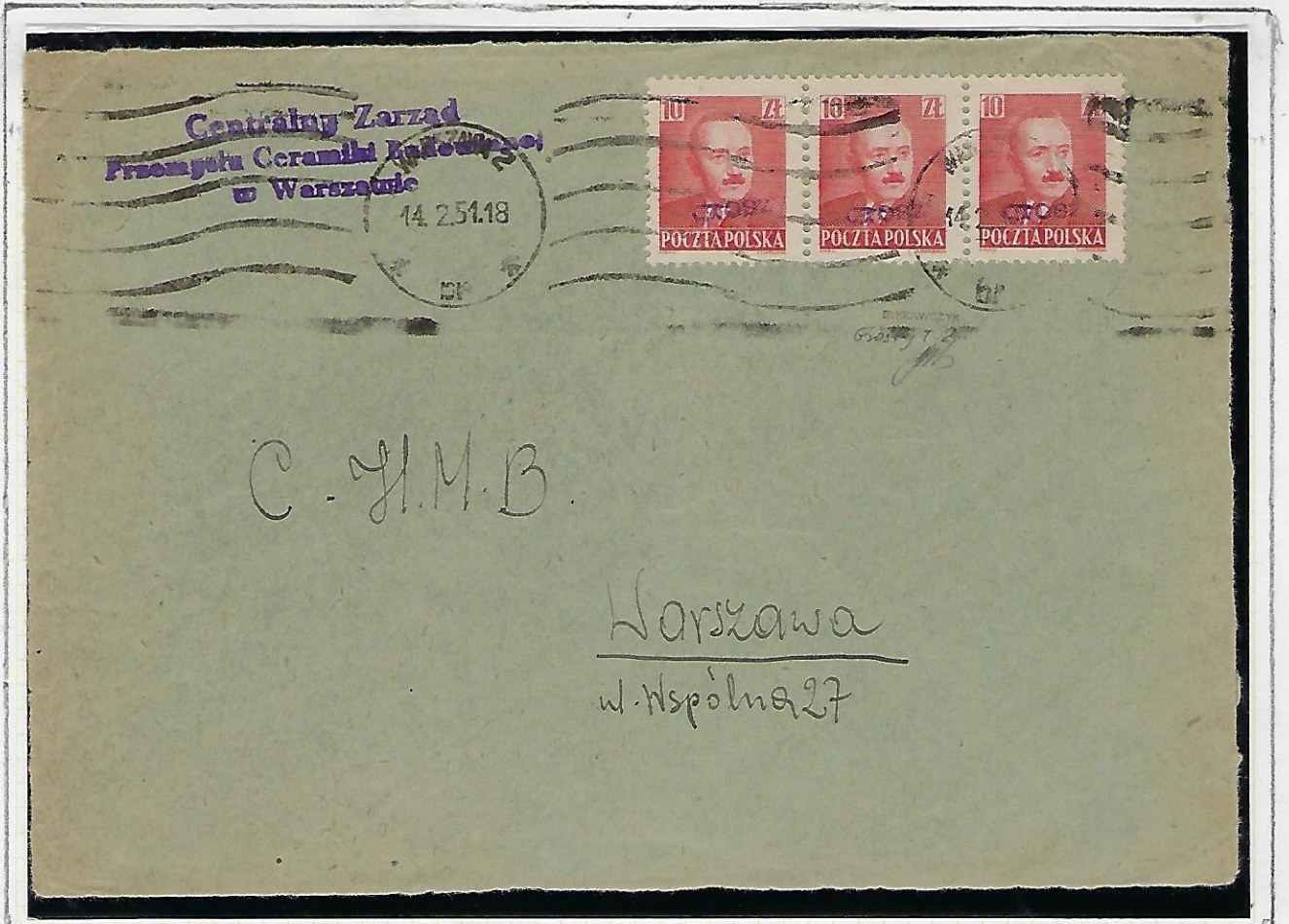
Type 2: GROSZY Gdańsk.  
Handstamp in deep violet.



Cover sent 16.1.51 from Gdańsk-2 to Warszawa using correct postage of 60gr new val.



Cover with 60gr new valuta sent 2.12.50 from Włocławek (but with Type-2 stamps) to Warszawa. Expertised by E.Krawczyk. Correct postage.



Cover (front only) sent 14.2.51 locally from Warszawa-2 using 3 x 10zł Bierut overpts, total 30gr.

Mixed franking:



Window cover (front only): sent locally from Warszawa-15 on 27.11.50 using a 15zł Bierut ovpt. and a new 45gr Picasso Peace Dove. Total 60gr.



Cover (front only) sent locally from Warszawa-1. on 19.11.51. Ovpt. expertise by E.Krawczyk.

Type 3 A: Katowice-Kraków.  
Handstamp in green.



P.T.

Centralny Zakład Ubezpieczenia

Socjalnego

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ul. K r i ż o w a 1292.

P o l e c o n y

Registered cover sent from Kraków-5 with 4 x 15zł (gr) on the front and a further 4 x 15 plus 3 x 5zł (gr), = a total of 135zł old, or 1.35zł new valuta.  
Sent 3.11.50.



# REVERSE

Type 3 A: Katowice-Kraków.  
Handstamp in green.



Registered cover sent from Kraków-5 with 4 x 15zł (gr) on the front and a further 4 x 15 plus 3 x 5zł (gr), = a total of 135zł old, or 1.35zł new valuta.  
Sent 3.11.50.

28 Oct. 1950:

"Groszy" Type 3A:

GROSZY

Katowice - Kraków Directorate.

Do  
Redakcji "Przyjaciółki"

Warszawa  
ul. Wierzbowa 16.



Cover (front only) sent 9.1.51 from Zebrzydowice to Warsaw, using 4 x 15z overprinted. Issue 20 July 1950.

Mixed Franking.



Centrala Handlowa Mat. Budowl.

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Skrytka pocztowa 301

Cover (front only) from Strzelce Opolskie on 15.1.50 to Warsaw, with 5zł Reconstruction of Warsaw and 10zł Bierut stamps (both expertised E.Krawczyk) plus a post-revaluation 45gr Picasso Peace Dove



Ustredni Narodni Pojistovna

P r a h a XVI

Krizova 1292

Registered cover stamp: R. Skoczów, No. 1078/a

← No opt.  
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Registered cover sent 20.12.50 from Skoczów to Prague (Czechoslovakia), using pair of 15zł Bierutstamps plus un-overptd. pair of 40zł and a ditto 5zł.

Type 3B:

GROSZY

Katowice-Kraków.

Przyjacielka



Warszawa

Hiejska 16

Cover (front only) sent 10.1.51 from Żywiec to Warsaw, using 3 x 15zł blue Bie-rut, ovpt. Total 45zł. Note the overprint on the top right stamp covering two stamps, and even touching the top-left stamp.