

UPPER SILESIA, Contd.

3 - 13 March, 1920: Stop-Gap Issue of Surcharges, Contd.

(2): 10Pf (red) on 20Pf bright blue: Further details:

Inverted Surcharges:



Type I



Type II



Type III



Type IV

Double Surcharges:



Type I



Type II



Type III



Type IV

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Type II



Type III



Type IV

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Type I:



"P" rounded  
(type "a", large)  
"f" small flag



"P" rounded  
(type "a", small)  
"f" large flag

Figure "1": right foot base broken off.

Type II:



"P" rounded  
(type "a", large)  
"f" large flag.



"P" rounded  
(type "a", medium)  
"f" narrow flag



"P" shaped  
(type "b")

Type III:



"P" rounded  
(type "a", large)  
"f" small flag



"P" rounded  
(type "a", large)  
"f" small flag

Double entry; top fig. "1" broken (or is this Type I)?

Type IV:



"P" rounded  
(type "a", medium)  
"f" small flag



"P" rounded  
(type "a", large)  
Figure "1": rear of base slopes into the stem, but front of base is square:

Inverted Surcharge

Type IV:



"P" rounded  
(type "a", large).

Authenticated  
(in red)

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3 - 13 March, 1920: Stop-Gap Issue of Surcharges on 5, 15 and 20Pf Stamps, Contd.

(3): 50Pf (black) on 5Mk orange. Further details:



Pair of:  
Type II. Type III.



Gutter Pair of:  
Type I Type IV.



Type I  
"Pf" large.  
(authentic.  
Haertel).



Type I  
"Pf" very small;  
surcharge dull  
(Berne printing)



Type II  
"P" shaped P



Type III  
"P" rounded



Type V  
"P" shaped P

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March, 1920: Definitive Issue Stamps in new colours, and surcharged with new values in black, e.g.:  
Three stamps only.

10 M



4 M on 60 Pf:  
olive



10 M on 75 Pf:  
vermilion



20 M on 80 Pf:  
orange

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14 - 19 Febr. 1920: OFFICIAL SERVICE: Issues of the International Plebiscite Committee (C.I.H.S., "Commission Internationale de Haute Silésie"):

I a: Overprints of Dubious Nature:



3 Mk:  
violet-slate



5 Mk:  
blue-black & red

These stamps were not available in Opole at the time; therefore they could not have been hand-overprinted under the authority of the C.I.H.S., yet they exist. The answer is that afterwards they were brought to Opole and overprinted with the still-existing hand-stamps (and by faked handstamps!).

These two stamps have been certified by Richter, but that only means that according to the authenticator the overprints were made with the genuine tools and inks.

Colour Variation (cf. previous page):



2 (Pf):  
grey.

The overprint of this grey colour variation may or may not have been made before 19 Febr. 1920.

Aucentification by Richter (see above).

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POSTKARTE

CARTE POSTALE

KARTA POCZTOWA



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March 1920: Definitive issue, printed by the French State Stamps Printing Works in Paris. Printed yellow-orange on cream-grey card paper.

10 Pf pre-printed stamp but with 20 Pf blue stamp added, but unused.

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28 March, 1920: Definitive Issue. Mining Region under a Dove of Peace. Trilingual inscription. Printing by the French State Printingworks, Paris. Perf.  $13\frac{1}{2}$  x 14.



2½ Pf:  
deep grey.



3 Pf:  
red-brown



5 Pf:  
dark green



10 Pf:  
vermilion



15 Pf:  
violet



20 Pf:  
blue.



25 Pf:  
brown



30 Pf:  
orange.



40 Pf:  
olive-green  
*replace*



50 Pf:  
dark grey



60 Pf:  
greyish blue



75 Pf:  
green



80 Pf:  
red-brown



1 Mk:  
lilac-red



2 Mk:  
brown



3 Mk:  
violet



5 Mk:  
orange-red

Quantities: unknown.





# REVERSE

PLEBISCITE ISSUES FOR UPPER SILESIA



**COGNAC  
SCHARLACHBERG  
AUSLESE**

aus erlesenen Französischen Weinen  
gebrannt.

**Ein Hochgenuss für Kenner!**



Picture Card, printed by Bruno Przrembel, Kandrzin (= Kędzierzyn), sent from Kędzierzyn on 7.6.20 to Breslau (= Wrocław) using s 20 Pf stamp, and showing the Railway Station at Kędzierzyn.



Letter cover sent from "Zaborze" (later re-named "Hindenburg" by the Germans, now Zabrze) to Wrocław, using 2 x 30 Pf stamps. Dated 9.7.21

Postkarte



From Ernst Liebig  
Ingenieur  
Breslau  
Katharinenstr. 12



*Prisje iustofje iustrograjst  
iustrograjst.  
Katharinenstr.  
Katharinenstr.  
Katharinenstr. 12*

German post card, sent from Katowice to "Breslau" (= Wrocław) on 31.12.21. On March 20, 1921 the Silesian plebiscite had secured Katowice to Poland, but "Breslau" (= Wrocław) was not part of the plebiscite area and remained German. It was recovered by Poland only after the Nazi defeat in World War II.