

Dear Sir/Madam,

The designated operator of **CROATIA**, Croatian Post Inc., asks me to inform the designated operators of UPU member countries of the following:

"Croatian Post Inc. has recently discovered that the series shown in Annex 1 (Europe 2016) is being sold and distributed as postal stamps produced by Croatian Post Inc.

Croatian Post Inc. confirms that these are illegal issues and are not valid as evidence of payment of postage. Croatian Post Inc. strongly denounces and condemns the designing, printing and selling of such illegal postal stamp issues. This regrettable activity has potential to cause damage to the reputation of Croatian Post Inc.

Consequently, Croatian Post Inc. is calling upon the cooperation, solidarity and support of all member countries of the Universal Postal Union and its bodies to prohibit the sale and circulation of the illegal stamps, in accordance with their own laws and regulations, as well as the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention, and to help the Republic of Croatia to take all necessary and appropriate measures to bring the producer of the illegal stamps to justice. The continued production and sale of illegal issues is a criminal activity, which is not only harmful to philately and the reputation of the territory concerned, but also detrimental to all countries and territories and the wider postal community."

Yours faithfully,

Harald Weyerich
Acting Director of Logistics

Illegal issue denounced by Croatian Post Inc.

