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Isle of Man – Illegal stamp issues

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The designated operator of the **ISLE OF MAN**, Isle of Man Post Office, asks me to inform the designated operators of UPU member countries of the following:

"Isle of Man Post Office has recently discovered that the series shown in Annex 1 are being sold and distributed as stamps produced by the Isle of Man. Isle of Man Post Office confirms that these are illegal issues and are not valid as evidence of the payment of postage. Isle of Man Post Office strongly denounces and condemns the designing, printing and selling of such illegal stamp issues. This regrettable activity has potential to cause damage to the reputation of, and economic harm to, the Isle of Man. Isle of Man Post Office will be producing a Europa 2016 issue, but this will not be officially on sale until 12 August 2016.

"Consequently, Isle of Man Post Office 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 Isle of Man to take all necessary and appropriate measures to bring the producers of the illegal stamps to justice. The continued production and sale of illegal issues is a criminal activity, which is not only harming philately and the reputation of the territory concerned, but is detrimental to all countries and territories and the wider postal sector."

Yours faithfully,

Pascal Clivaz
Deputy Director General

