

Hong Kong Officially Sealed Labels Catalog

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Officially Sealed Labels, official postal stickers, are used to secure letters and packages received in damaged condition or damaged at the Post Office. In addition, in Hong Kong they were also used to reseal letters that were opened by censors during the First World War, before the introduction of a specific resealing strip in the early part of 1915.

(The first issue, in black & white, of the catalog of this unusual philatelic topic was published by the same author in the Hong Kong Study Circle Journal n° 280, dated January 1992.)

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Type 1

Usage: Earliest recorded usage
25 Jan 1894, latest 23 Oct 1903.

Color: Light Brown

Background: Blue Guilloche

Royal Arms: Near Square, 12x11mm

Chinese Text: 8 Characters, "**Officially Sealed by the Hong Kong General Postal Affairs Department**"

Size (seal - design): 54x34 - 45x27

Perforation: Only perforated type, the edges of the sheet were not perforated.



Type 1a

Missing blue background



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