

# ANGOLA

## POSTAL HISTORY

### REGISTERED MAIL

**REGISTRATION.** The system of insuring mail was introduced in Angola, as with the other colonies, late in the nineteenth century. The system used followed the UPU standard. Initially an oval handstamp with the word REGISTRADA was used and within the oval an identifying number was written above the word and the place name written below the word. Later a rectangular handstamp was used. The first labels as such began to be used in 1895. Registration labels provided space for the identifying number and the post office name. Labels were replaced in the 1970's with a mechanical number stamp. In 1900 the first special canceller for registered mail was introduced. It was of the octagonal shape and had within the design an "R". The use of such special cancellers is still in practice today.

