# Angola

## REGISTERED MAIL

REGISTRATION.

This system of insuring mail was introduced in Angola, as with the other colonies, late in the nineteenth century. The system used in Angola 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. Later, labels were issued without a space to identify the Post Office. 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 octagonal shape and had within the design an "R". The use of such "R" cancellers continued in different forms, finally replaced by a circular ANGOLA REGISTOS canceller, a canceller which remained in use through to the early years of independence.