

ANGOLA

POSTAL HISTORY

CENSORED MAIL.

DEVELOPMENT. During the First and Second World Wars mail was checked by the authorities to make sure that no information passed through the post that could be used by any of the combatants – in particular, by the enemy. Ink cancels were applied to indicate that the mail had been checked by the authorities and contained no information that could harm the war effort. With letters, specially marked tape was used to reseal the opened section.

PORTUGUESE CENSOR TAPES AND MARKS. The wording of tapes and marks is ABERTO (opened) PASSADO or PASSOU PELA CENSURA, (past of present). The first tape in use was a redish brown tape 108 by 20mm and dates from 1916. The first handstamp in use was also around 1916 and was a double circle stamp with the same words as on the first tape, namely, PASSADO PELA CENSURA.

