

ANGOLA

POSTAL HISTORY

AIR MAIL.

HISTORY. The first Airmail services to Angola were introduced in 1937 by the Aero Clube de Angola under the aviator Joaquim Baltazar. In March the company AEROMARITIME began operations using Air France out of Casablanca. In November services were regularized under AERO PORTUGUESA for mail from Lisboa to Luanda. The charge was 6\$00 for 10g and 9\$00 for 50g for the airmail cost and 80c for the normal mail charge. The service continued till 1939 when AEROMARITIME suspended operations with the closing down of AIR FRANCE due to the Second World War. Services were resumed toward the end of the war. In 1940 internal services were established under Angola's own airline, Direcçao dos Transportes Aereos. Airmail used these internal flights with the payment of a premium. Initially the surcharge was paid with the Angolan Greys from 1945 to 1947 and then with the emergency air mail stamps of 1945. Services between Lisboa and Luanda were instituted in 1953 by Portugal's own airline T.A.P.

AIRMAIL STICKERS. Normally airmail stickers were not used but rather the value of the stamps indicated whether airmail was intended. With early airmail issues the grey/blue airmail sticker M.264-A was used with the extra airmail fee indicated on the sticker. Error with missing stop after "Frs" exists. From the earliest issues the sticker MOD 511 was used on incoming mail.

