

REPUBLIC OVERPRINT OF CARLOS 1911 - Congo

ISSUE

With the late-arrival of the 15 Congo "REPUBLICA" overprint set of the Carlos Mouchon Issue from Portugal (for information on this issue see the Angolan "REPUBLICA" overprint of the Carlos Mouchon set), an emergency printing was undertaken for necessary postal use. A locally overprinted "REPUBLICA" in red, with a second pass "CONGO" and bar in black, was applied in Angola to old stamp stock held in Luanda. A similar serif font "REPUBLICA" was used, with "Angola" blocked out and replaced by "CONGO". A stock of surplus 200 reis Angolan stamps were overprinted 25 reis. Unlike Angola, the Republic overprint of the Carlos Mouchon set, when it arrived, did extensive service in Congo province. This is because the Manuel set was never printed for the Congo. The issue for Congo of King Manuel was prepared in 1910. Proof sheetlets were printed and contain all the twelve different values, yet the issue was never finally printed for Congo and therefore there was no "REPUBLICA" overprint of the set, unlike Angola.

POSTAL RATES

Up till 1917, the basic rates were, 10 reis for a postcard, 25 reis for a letter to Portugal and the other colonies, and 50 reis elsewhere.

ERRORS

The 15 stamps of the Congo Carlos Mouchon set present with same errors as the Angolan set. The five emergency issues are a different story. The local printers in Luanda were not as attentive as the State Mint in Lisbon. The errors are many and varied, and possibly creatively so. Inverted "REPUBLICA" is evident on all 5 stamps; doubled, missing and displaced exist, as well as misplaced surcharges.



EMERGENCY OVERPRINT

- Perforation 11.5
- 2.5 Type I
- 2.5 Type II
- 5 Type I
- 10 Type I
- 15 Type I
- 25/200 Type III



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1911 — Selos de D. Carlos I, com sobrecarga local « CONGO » e « REPÚBLICA »



CARLOS MOUCHON REPUBLIC OVERPRINT

Perforation 11.5

- 2.5
- 5
- 10
- 15
- 20
- 25
- 50
- 75
- 100
- 115
- 130
- 200
- 400
- 500
- 700

1911 — Selos de D. Carlos I, com sobrecarga «REPUBLICA» (Moeda)

