

# REPUBLIC OVERPRINT of MANUEL II. 1912

## ISSUE

These stamps were originally intended to bear the portrait of King Carlos and were to appear in 1909. As he was assassinated the portrait of his son Manuel was inserted in the centre. Before issue, the republic was proclaimed and therefore they were issued with a "REPUBLICA" overprint in red or green, applied at the Lisbon Mint. The original design was by Domingo Alves do Rego, printed at the State Mint, perforation 11.5 by 12, on white *espalte* (Thin clay coated paper) or coloured *porcelana* (chalk surfaced) paper.

## ERRORS

The usual printer's waste found its way out of the State Mint, doubled, inverted and displaced "REPUBLICA" overprints. This type of error is common and not very expensive.

## PROOFS

Sheetlets of the 10 denominations along with 2 outer die prints, were made readily available at the time for the philatelic trade. They gain a premium today.



## NOTE

A proof sheetlet exists for Congo, but few were produced and so only rarely offered for sale.

Perforation 11.5, with red or green overprints

2.5

5

10

20

25

50

75

100 Coloured Chalk-surfaced paper.

200 Coloured Chalk-surfaced paper

300 Coloured Chalk-Surfaced paper.

1912 — Selos de D. Manuel II, com sobrecarga «REPUBLICA». Dent. 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

