

DISCOVERY OF MAJOR RETOUCH TO TAIWAN REVENUE

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Those of us that collect the revenues of Taiwan know that there are very few retouches of modern issues. Recently, I was fortunate to find a major retouch on the commodity tax stamp for seasoning power (such as MSG).

The engraved issue was first printed on July 1, 1967, but of course have had many subsequent printings. It was printed in panes of 6 x 15, or a total of 90 images per pane. The revenue was released by the NTAT (National Tax Administration Taipei), or sometimes just referred to as the Taipei Tax Bureau. The commodity tax was applied to many items, but no single item were taxed more than once by the different bureaus.

The major retouch is in the denomination tablet in stamp 85/90, or the lower left hand stamp in the sheet. It consists of retouches to the 7 and 5, as well as the inside frame box lines. This issue (for 375 grams) is usually overprinted with the name of the manufacturer. Copies without the printed names are not common. I believe this commodity tax was discontinued in the early 1980s (I cannot confirm this), so the revenue is no longer easy to find. It is not found on all panes - of the four examined, it was only found on one.

Enjoy the hunt, it is an interesting item to add to your revenue collection!



Retouched revenue



Detail of retouch