

**POST OFFICE INFORMATION SLIPS (8)  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

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Continuation of the series of slips attached to covers. Since the series began, a couple of people have asked about the thickness of the paper. As a basis to have a fill for the thickness of the paper given,

Thickness	Similar material
.0019 inches	Tracing paper or single weight glassine (for stamps)
.0020 inches	Onion skin paper
.0040 inches	20 pound copy paper (usual weight of copy paper)
.0048 inches	24 pound paper
.0050 inches	28 pound paper
.0100 inches	110 pound card stock paper

When making the measurements, the thickness is measured from an area free of printing. We use the Dial Thickness Gage manufactured by the Mitutoyo Corporation, model 2804-10 No. 7326. The gage is rather expensive, but certainly helpful in determining the thickness of paper.

18. Size - 37 x 108 mm

Paper - thin glazed paper (probably white but now yellowed) .0026 inches thick

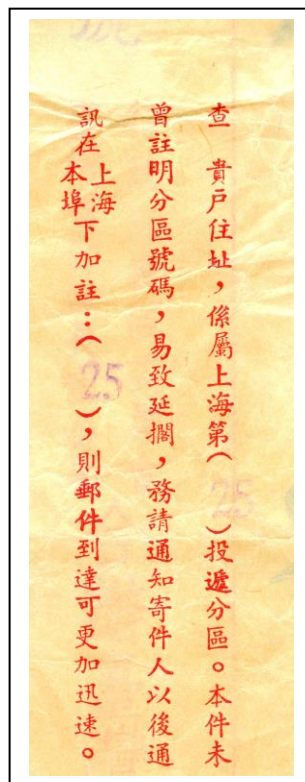
Red lettering

Shanghai May 14, 1947.

This slip has a violet hand stamp "25" for the zone number of the addressee. This form was probably sent to the various post offices in Shanghai for them to stamp in their code.

Translation: Please be advised that your address is in the number 25 post district in shanghai, and that this letter on which no number of the post district is marked could easily have been delayed.

Will you please advise the letter writer to mark "25" below the words Shanghai on every letter hereafter, so as to make the delivery of letters faster.

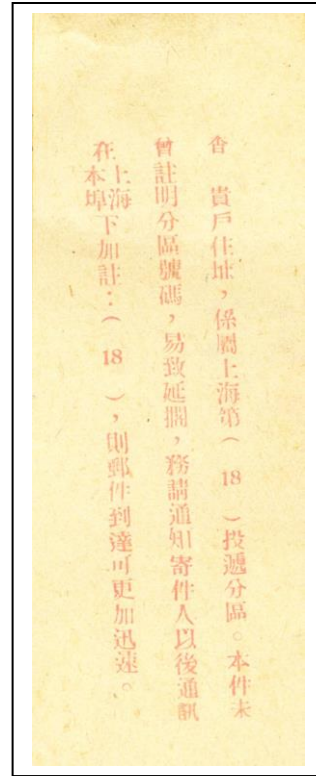


Slip 18

19. Size - 35 x 100 mm  
 paper - thick white .0040 inches thick  
 red lettering (the "18" is the same color as the characters)  
 Shanghai 1948 January 17

Translation : same as above with minor character differences, and the number 18 printed the same time as the form.

This is the only example found with the code number imprinted with the form. After the initial distribution of the form to add their codes, it is possible that others printed the form, perhaps also with variation of the characters.



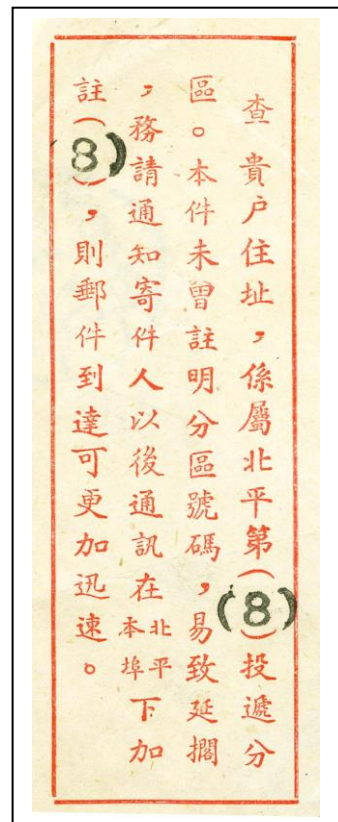
Slip 19

20. Size - 44 x 114 mm  
 Paper - thick white .0036 inches thick  
 Red lettering the (8) hand stamped in black  
 Peiping 1948. May 18

This is the only form I have seen from Peiping, being on a postage due cover, ex Beckman collection.

Translation: Check your address, it belongs to Peiping #8 post zone. This letter did not have the zone number, so easily delayed.

Please inform the sender to write the zone "8" following Peiping. The mail can be delivered quicker.



Slip 20