

# Swedish Letter Rates to Foreign Destinations

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Quote:

“The rates to Malta were published in the Swedish official tables under “Ionian Islands and Malta” during the skilling period and under separate heading after that.

There were a number of routes by which mail could be sent to Malta, primarily through Germany, France or England. There were several variations for mail through Germany, including via Trieste, via Milan, via Genoa or via Brindisi. From Italy, France and England, the mail had, of course, to proceed by ship to Malta.

Letters to Malta are very scarce. There is only one known in the skilling period, with one each of the 4, 6 and 24 skilling stamps making the 34sk rate via France. During the later period only three covers are believed to exist having the 85, 76 and 59 öre rates.

When England joined the UPU Malta, as an English possession, also became member as of 1 July 1875



34 skilling rate to Malta via France. 1 July 1855 – 30 June 1858.



59 öre letter rate to Malta via Germany and Italy. 1 April 1869 – 15 December 1872.

Period	1/7/55 to 30/6/58	1/7/58 to 29/10/62	30/10/62 to 21/9/64	22/9/64 to 30/9/65	1/10/65 to 22/4/67	23/4/67 to 31/3/69	1/4/69 to 15/12/72	16/12/72 to 1/7/75
Letter Rates	51 sk <sup>1</sup> 34 sk <sup>2</sup> 24 sk <sup>2</sup>	153 öre <sup>5</sup> 146 öre <sup>6</sup> 102 öre <sup>7</sup>	153 öre <sup>5</sup> 108 öre <sup>10</sup> 102 öre <sup>11</sup>	128 öre <sup>5</sup> 102 öre <sup>11</sup> 90 öre <sup>14</sup>	128 öre <sup>5</sup> 102 öre <sup>11</sup> 85 öre <sup>17</sup> 76 öre <sup>18</sup>	102 öre <sup>11</sup> 85 öre <sup>19</sup> 76 öre <sup>20</sup> 66 öre <sup>11</sup>	85 öre <sup>23</sup> 76 öre <sup>23</sup> 66 öre <sup>11</sup> 59 öre <sup>24</sup> 56 öre <sup>25</sup>	76 öre <sup>23</sup> 74 öre <sup>31</sup> 73 öre <sup>23</sup> 56 öre <sup>25</sup> 51 öre <sup>25</sup> 20 öre <sup>32</sup>
Printed Matter Rates	8½ sk <sup>3</sup> 6 sk <sup>3</sup>	26 öre <sup>3</sup> 25 öre <sup>8</sup> 18 öre <sup>9</sup>	23 öre <sup>12</sup> 21 öre <sup>12</sup>	18 öre <sup>15</sup>	18 öre <sup>15</sup>	18 öre <sup>15</sup> 15 öre <sup>21</sup>	18 öre <sup>26</sup> 15 öre <sup>21</sup> 14 öre <sup>27</sup>	18 öre <sup>26</sup> 15 öre <sup>26</sup> 14 öre <sup>27</sup> 13 öre <sup>27</sup> 12 öre <sup>27</sup> 6 öre <sup>32</sup>
Supplemental Registry Fees	12 sk <sup>4</sup>	35 öre <sup>4</sup>	69 öre <sup>13</sup>	71 öre <sup>16</sup>	71 öre <sup>16</sup> 60 öre <sup>16</sup>	78 öre <sup>22</sup> 60 öre <sup>16</sup>	78 öre <sup>28</sup> 72 öre <sup>28</sup> 42 öre <sup>29</sup> 41 öre <sup>30</sup> 40 öre <sup>30</sup>	72 öre <sup>28</sup> 56 öre <sup>28</sup> 41 öre <sup>30</sup> 18 öre <sup>32</sup>

- 1 Via Göteborg and Southampton with double rate progression.
- 2 Via France 34 sk per ½ lod or via Milan and Genoa, 34 sk per lod. A route via Trieste and Corfu was opened on 21/1/56 at 24 sk per lod, increased to 34 sk per lod effective 31/3/56.
- 3 Via Milan and Genoa, 8½ sk per lod; from 1/7/58 – 31/12/58 payable in öre at 3 times the skilling rate; also via Trieste 6 sk per lod effective 21/1/56.
- 4 Via Trieste effective 21/1/56.
- 5 Via Göteborg and England with double rate progression.
- 6 Via Göteborg and England effective 29/4/61 with double rate progression.
- 7 Via France for ½ lod; also via Trieste and Corfu or via Milan and Genoa as sender may request.
- 8 25 öre per lod via Milan and Genoa effective 1/1/59.
- 9 18 öre per lod via Trieste and Corfu.
- 10 Via Prussia and Austria for ½ lod; for ½ – 1lod, 144 öre; for 1 – 1½ lod, 252 öre; for 1½ – 2 lod, 288 öre.
- 11 Via France for ½ lod, 1½ ore or 7½ gr., reduced to 66 öre for 10 gr. effective 1/2/68.
- 12 21 öre per lod via Prussia and Austria, increased to 23 öre per 3 ort on 2/4/63.
- 13 Via Trieste; if via Prussia and Austria the letter rate for a registered letter was 72 öre per lod plus 70 öre per ½ lod instead of the regular letter rate of 108 öre per ½ lod (see note 10) in addition to which there was a supplemental fee of 35 öre per letter. Thus the registry fee for a letter of ½ lod was 142 – 108 + 35 öre = 69 öre.
- 14 Via Prussia and Austria 36 öre per 1½ ore plus 54 öre per 3 ort. Effective 1/5/65.
- 15 The 23 öre rate, see note 12, was reduced to 18 öre (9 öre per 8 ort plus 9 öre per 3 ort) on H 1/5/65.
- 16 Via Prussia and Austria 36 öre per letter (24 öre effective 1/1/67) plus an increase in the letter rate of 36 öre per 1½ ort., effective 1/5/65.
- 17 Via Denmark and England effective 18/12/65.
- 18 Via Prussia and Austria 36 öre per 1½ ort plus 40 öre per 3 ort.
- 19 Via Göteborg or Denmark and England.
- 20 Via Prussia and Austria 36 öre per 7½ gr. plus 40 öre per 15 gr.
- 21 15 öre for 10 gr. via France effective 1/2/68.
- 22 Via Denmark and England.
- 23 Via Göteborg or Denmark and England, reduced to 76 öre on 15/8/70 and to 73 öre on 18/1/75.
- 24 Via North Germany and Italy 18 öre per 10 gr. plus 41 öre per 15 gr.
- 25 56 öre per 15 gr. via North Germany and Brindisi effective 7/11/70, decreased to 51 öre on 1/10/73 (35 öre per 15 gr. plus 16 öre per 10 gr.).
- 26 Via North Germany and Italy, reduced to 15 öre effective 1/10/73.
- 27 Via Göteborg or Denmark and England effective 15/8/70, reduced to 13 öre on 29/5/74 and further reduced to 12 öre on 18/1/75.
- 28 Via Denmark and England, reduced to 72 öre on 1/1/71 and to 56 öre on 18/1/75.
- 29 Via North Germany and Italy 24 öre per letter plus an increase in the letter rate of 18 öre per 10 gr., the latter reduced to 16 öre on 7/11/70 (see note 30).
- 30 Via North Germany and Italy (Brindisi) 24 öre per letter plus an increase in the letter rate of 16 öre per 15 gr. effective 7/11/70, increased to 41 öre per letter effective 20/2/71; from 29/5/74 18 öre per letter plus an increase in the letter rate of 23 öre per 15 gr.
- 31 Via Göteborg or Denmark and England effective 29/5/74.
- 32 UPU rate of 20 öre for 15 gr. (letters), 6 öre for 50 gr. (printed matter) and 18 öre (registry fee) effective 1/7/75.”