

Conditions of Sale

Participation in sales organised by "Le Timbre Classique" means that you accept all of our conditions below as well as the rights and obligations arising therefrom.

1. We guarantee the authenticity of individual lots (stamps, covers and related material not limited to proofs, essays and specimens) for a period of 5 years. Lots composed of several stamps or letters which are not individually described are specifically excluded from this guarantee.

The submission of an offer on an individual lot with an expert's certificate or signature signifies the buyer's acceptance of this expertise and excludes that lot from any claims based on the opinion of another expert. If the buyer wants the advice of another expert, he must inform us with his offer.

1.1 The lots can be viewed either in our offices or at the place of sale, at the times mentioned in the catalogue or on our website.

1.2 The customer is responsible for all damage caused while handling the stamps.

1.3 Only the customer registered with our company may participate in our sales.

1.4 We may withdraw a lot or group two or more lots at any time.

1.5 We may at any time refuse the participation of a client in our sale or auction without giving any justification.

2. The photos of the lots in our catalogues or on our site are part of the descriptions: perforations, margins, centring, cancellations, colours, etc.

2.1 A reclamation (for an individual lot) concerning the quality, an error of description or any other request, must be notified to us upon receipt of the goods, but always within 30 days after the sale. Otherwise, the customer loses the right to any return or adjustment.

We do not accept reclamations about collections or lots made up of several stamps or covers.

We do not accept a return of large or mixed lots if the buyer has had the opportunity to examine them personally or through an agent.

We do not accept the return of a lot if it has been intentionally altered by the buyer.

2.2 Any request for an expertise (only for an individual lot) must be made during the sale, or at most 2 weeks after the day of the sale. A return based on any expertise obtained by the buyer upon receipt of his goods, but without our approval, will not be accepted.

3. All auction bids must be made in EURO. There is **no buyer's commission**.

3.1 The lots will go to the bidder with the highest offer at the price of the second highest offer plus 5%. *Example : We receive three offers for a same lot : 150, 200 et 225 euros. The lot will go to the bidder having made the offer of 225 euros $200 + 5\%$ (10 euros) = 210 euros.*

3.2 If the difference between two offers is less than 5%, then the higher offer will be taken into account. In the case of a single bid, the 5% will be calculated on the start price

3.3 In the event that we receive two identical bids or offers for the same lot, we will award the lot to the one that arrives first.

3.4 The lots will be sent by registered mail. 1% will be charged as insurance costs. Should this 1% not be paid by the buyer, the sending will be sent at the risk of the buyer. The mailing costs comprise postage, handling and list of results. These costs are 8 euros for France and 13 euros for sendings going abroad. A supplement of 10 euros will be charged for sending above 2000 euros. For large sendings, the effective costs will be charged.

4. Payment for the goods: payment is due on the day of the sale.

4.1 We accept a payment delay only on lots to be expertised.

4.2 We accept payment in another currency, provided that the exchange rate applied is indicated or agreed by our company. The buyer will be responsible for any exchange rate difference if he has not made an express request or agreement for the exchange rate with our company.

4.3 We will deliver the goods once we have received the full amount owed by the buyer.

4.4 Any goods returned to us without valid reason will be reshipped against payment of a new shipping invoice and other related costs.

4.5 Any goods not paid in full will remain the property of the seller.

4.6 If after sending three reminders, the customer has not paid his complete debt, Le Timbre Classique will keep any amounts already paid as initial compensation.

5. Late payment: A charge of EUR 40 per reminder, as well as a penalty of 5% of the total invoice on the 30th day after the sale, then 2% of the sums due per additional month or portion thereof.

6. Certificates for items with a value of more than 400 euros can be obtained upon request at no extra charge. For lots under 400 euros, a participation of 10 euros will be charged.

7. Applicable law and jurisdiction: The sale and all resulting legal actions arising therefrom will be subject to French law only.

Any action against a French or a foreign buyer will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Paris.

8. Our company does not insure and assumes no liability for:

- Personal injury or material damage occurring during the journey to the office or to the place of sale.
- Bodily injury at the point of sale.

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