

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRAZILIAN CONSTITUTION GETÚLIO VARGAS GOVERNMENT - 1938

The souvenir sheet commemorating the first anniversary of the Brazilian Constitution (New State) was issued on November 10, 1938 at the Postal Agency located inside the building of the Ministry of Labour, during the inauguration of that building.

The sheets were placed on sale from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Of the 1,000 sheets delivered by the "Casa da Moeda" (Brazilian Mint), only 750 were sold, with the limitation of one sheet per person. The remaining sheets were sold to the public at the Postal Agency "Avenida das Nações" on November 12, 1938, under the same conditions (one sheet per person). After this date, the sale was suspended by order of the Director-General of the DCT (Posts and Telegraphs Department).

However, by direct intervention of the President Getúlio Vargas, the printing of the sheets was resumed and the quantity to be issued was established at 100,000 sheets.

The souvenir sheets were again available to the public on December 10, 1938 at a Postal Agency located in one of the pavilions of the International Trade Fair held to commemorate the "Exposição Nacional do Estado Novo" (National Exhibition of the New State).

The first 13,000 souvenir sheets were printed by a plate consisting of a single sheet design, known as a "primitive plate". These sheets were sold only at the Postal Agencies in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo.

Later, in order to increase the production, two more plates, each one consisting of a 4-sheet design, were prepared. They are known as "plate 1" and "plate 2". Various tiny flaws resulted from these printings, mainly defects showing in the coffee leaves (left side) and tobacco leaves (right side), aside from flaws in the sword handle. All these amount to nine (9) different souvenir sheets. Both, "plate 1" and "plate 2" sheets were available for sale from December 24, 1938.

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Postcard. Image that gave rise to stamp of souvenir sheet.
First day cancel in red by the Agency at the Ministry of
Labour, from November 10, 1938.

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Primitive Plate. Sword handle with two lines, the left line one being longer and slightly curved upward. On the right side, two missing rays in the leaf of the tobacco branch. Sloping souvenir sheet by the paper cut. Several patches of printing ink. The Primitive Plate sheets were placed on sale from November 10, 1938. Inverted watermark (Correinho).

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Primitive Plate. Sword handle with two lines, the left one line being longer and slightly curved upward. On the right side, two missing rays in the leaf of the tobacco branch. The sheets of the primitive plate were placed on sale from November 10, 1938. First day cancel in red by the Postal Agency at the Ministry of Labour. Inverted watermark (Correinho).

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Primitive Plate. Sword handle with two lines, the left one being longer and slightly curved upward. On the right, two missing rays in the leaf of the tobacco branch. Cancel in black by the "Avenida das Nações - 10 XII 38". The sheets of the primitive plate were placed on sale from November 10, 1938. Cancel inverted date. Reverse watermark (Correinho).

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Plate 1, Type I. Sword handle with two lines. Two white leaves in the coffee branch. Variety: deslocated impression. The Plate 1, Type I sheets were placed on sale from December 24, 1938. Normal watermark (Correinho).



(Correinho).

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Plate 1, Type III. Sword handle with two lines. The Plate 1, Type III sheets were placed on sale from December 24, 1938. Normal watermark (Correinho).

A collection of 16 Brazilian postage stamps featuring Getúlio Vargas, arranged in four rows of four. The stamps are labeled "BRASIL-CORREIO" at the top and "GETULIO VARGAS 10-II-1937" at the bottom. Each stamp has a value of "400 TREIS". A large red arrow points from the top right towards the center of the arrangement.

Plate 1, Type IV. Large leaf in tobacco branch. Variety: impression stain on third stamp of first row. Plate 1, Type IV sheets were placed on sale from December 24, 1938. Normal watermark (Correinho).

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Signature of President
Getúlio Vargas on the
first 4 stamps

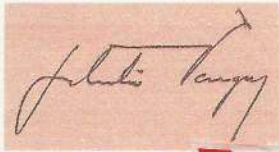


Plate 2, Type I. Defective leaf on coffee branch. The Plate 2, Type I sheets were placed on sale from December 24, 1938. Normal watermark (Correinho).

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Plate 2, Type II. White leaf in coffee branch, and white leaf on tobacco branch. Plate 2, Type II sheets were placed on sale from December 24, 1938. Inverted watermark (Correinho).

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Plate 2, Type III. Broken "R" in BRASIL, with impression flaw. Plate 2, Type III, sheets were placed on sale from December 24, 1938. Inverted watermark (Correinho).

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Plate 2, Type IV. Two missing lines between the cross and the ribbon in the text "Estados Unidos do Brasil". A missing line causing a tiny white opening. Plate 2, Type IV sheets were placed on sale from December 24, 1938. Reverse-inverted watermark (Correinho).

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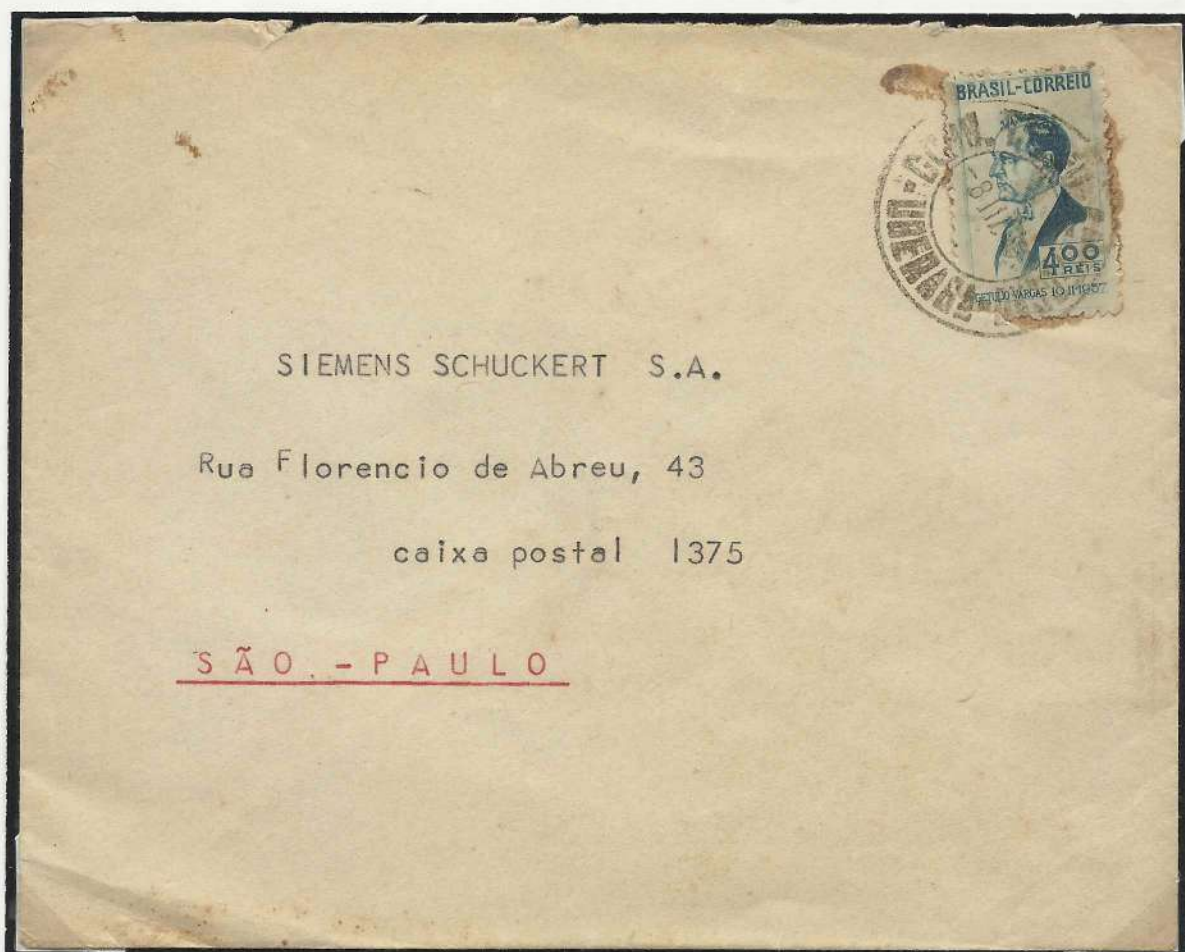


Registered letter circulated in Rio de Janeiro (10.11.1938), with first day cancel by the Agency at the Labor Ministry franked with 1.100 réis (100 réis overfranked). Inland registered postal rate effective 01.01.1938 to 31.12.1942.



Letter from Porto Alegre to São Paulo (28.04.1939), bearing a strip of 3 stamps totalling 1.200 réis, corresponding to first inland airmail rate, effective 01.01.1938 to 31.12.1942.

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Letter from Uberaba/MG to São Paulo (08.03.1939), franked with 400 réis, corresponding to the first inland rate, effective from 01.01.1938 to 31.12.1942.

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Registered letter from Rio de Janeiro to Dusseldorf, Germany, postmarked on February, 23, 1939, bearing a souvenir sheet printed from plate 2, type I, corresponding to the third foreign registered rate up to 60 g, effective January 1, 1938 to December 12, 1942. Letter overfranked in 100 réis.

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Primitive Plate. Sword handle with two lines, the left line being longer and slightly curved upward. On the right side, two missing rays on the leaf of the tobacco branch. The sheets of the primitive plate were placed on sale from November 10, 1938 onward. Cancel in red "Exposição Nacional do Estado Novo - 10 DEZ 38".

ANIVERSÁRIO DO ESTADO NOVO - 24.12.1938



Chapa 2 Tipo III, "R" de BRASIL partido, com falha de impressão
Variedade: mancha de impressão no último selo a esquerda
Carimbo da Exposição Nacional do Estado Novo, cor preta, 21 de janeiro de 1939

O PRIMEIRO ANIVERSÁRIO DO ESTADO NOVO
DO GOVERNO DE GETÚLIO VARGAS - 22.01.1939



Envelope circulado no Rio de Janeiro, na data de 22/01/1939, selo com o Brazão da República do centro do bloco do Primeiro Aniversário do Estado Novo, referente a Chapa I, Tipo IV, porte \$400 réis, referente ao primeiro porte nacional, conforme tarifa vigente no período de 01/01/1938 a 31/12/1942. Carimbo da Exposição Nacional do Estado Novo. Carimbo de chegada no verso na data de 23/01/1939.