

**UKRAINIAN PHILATELIC AND NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (UPNS)  
EXPERTIZING COMMITTEE**

**Rules and Procedures**

1. Each item must be the property of the individual submitting it for expertizing.
2. Insurance against loss in shipment to and from the owner and the Expertizing Committee or the designated expert will be the responsibility of the owner (the UPNS does not provide any insurance). Postal systems do not usually provide insurance between countries internationally. For shipments valued over \$100, registered mail is recommended.
3. Requests for the true market value or net value of an item will not be honored.
4. Reasonable care will be taken by the Expertizing Committee for the items submitted for examination. However, all items are accepted only with the distinct understanding that neither the UPNS nor any of the members of the Expertizing Committee are liable in any way for any loss, damage, or the results of errors.
5. No items will be accepted if the owner insists upon a deadline date for its return. Turn around time on an average of forty-five (45) days should be allowed.
6. Each application for expertizing must include complete name and address of the individual (typed or printed). Specific mailing and insurance instructions and proper fees for expertizing and return shipping must be included and made out to the designated expert according to the listed category. As a guide, assume the cost of returning your material to you will be the same as your cost to send the material for expertization.
7. Submitted items must be arranged so that they are readily accessible and visible to the examiner. Currently accepted categories are: Western Ukraine, 1918 – 1920 Ukraine trident overprints, Carpatho-Ukraine and Mariupol Issues. Please do not mix categories when submitting them for expertizing.
8. Each stamp or cover valued over \$50 must be accompanied by a separate application. A maximum of twenty (20) philatelic items with a total value of less than \$50 may be submitted with one (1) application.
9. The fees for expertizing are based on:  
*Comprehensive Catalogue of Ukrainian Philately* by John Bulat (2003). Copies of the handbook may be purchased for \$30.00 (postpaid in U.S. & Canada) from:

*Mr. Bohdan Pauk  
PO Box 11184  
Chicago, IL 60611-0184,  
U.S.A.*

10. The fees are subject to revision and changes will be announced in UPNS publications.

Current Catalog Value	UPNS Members	Non-Members
\$50 or less	\$6.00	\$9.00
\$51 to \$100	\$10.00	\$15.00
\$101 to \$200	\$13.00	\$18.00
\$201 to \$500	\$15.00	\$23.00
\$501 to \$1000	\$17.00	\$25.00
\$1001 to \$1700	\$20.00	\$30.00
\$1701 and over	1.5%	2.0%
Unpriced items	\$15.00	\$23.00

11. The value of a cover will be set at \$25.00 plus the sum of the values of the stamps on that cover.
12. If the submitted item(s) is a forgery, a refund of 25% will be made to the owner based on the posted catalog value and expertization cost as published in rule No.9. This refund applies to UPNS members only.
13. Genuine stamps will be "signed" unless the owner requests otherwise. No notation will be made on nongenuine items.
14. The Application for Expertizing constitutes an acceptance of the foregoing rules, procedures, fees and conditions.
15. A copy of each issued certificate will be kept for future reference in UPNS files by the Expertizing Committee Chairman.
16. All requests and submissions should be addressed directly to the designated experts according to the listed categories:

All Carpatho-Ukraine (1939 and 1945) stamps and covers; Mariupil issues:

*Dr. Dominic Riccio  
169 East 91st Street, Apt. 10C  
New York, NY 10128  
U.S.A.*

All Western Ukraine stamps and covers; Mariupil issues:

*Mr. Jerry G. Tkachuk  
305522 Dell Lane  
Warren, MI 48092-1862,  
U.S.A.*

All 1918-1922 Ukraine trident overprints and postal history: Until further notice, we do not have a qualified expert for Ukrainian Trident overprints and postal history, 1918-1922.

All Carpatho-Ukraine stamps and covers:

*Mr. Georg von Steiden  
Lauterer Str. 3  
D 81545 Munich  
GERMANY*

Address all other inquiries and correspondence to:

*Mr. Jerry G. Tkachuk, Chairman  
UPNS Expertizing Committee  
30552 Dell Lane  
Warren, MI 48092-1892  
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