


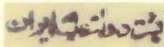


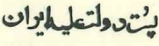


Type I-IV Control marks 1899 -1904

Table with reduced sizes of the four control marks

Type I	Type II	Type III (I+II)	Type IV
control mark left of the stamp	overprint at lower half		overprint 1 cm below the stamp
			
			

Type I Control mark

5 chahis olive yellow envelope for internal use. **Size I:** 150 x 91mm **Size II:** 141 x 108mm

Size I
150 x 91mm

Olive yellow



External use
Registered

Sultanabad
29 Sept 1899
to Germany
redirected to
Switzerland

Rate 12 chahi
Reg fee 12 chahi
Overpaid by
1 chahi.

1ch-stamp
replaced the
1ch-registration
label which was
out of stock.

At the turn of the 20th century the Government often "leased out" governmental services, such as the postal services. To be able to differentiate the stock of stamps from the predecessors Mr Arnold, the Director of Post, ordered that the stamps and postal stationery should be overprinted with new and different control marks on each new appointment of a lessee

There were **four** different **types** of control marks, used between **1899 and 1904** and all on 1897 envelope issue. The quantities overprinted were in general quite small and in some cases very small. Exact numbers are not known. No records seem to exist. Though they are not really new postal issues, and thus the control marks should be put under each value of its real issue, among collectors the control marks are treated as different issues for simplicity. The exhibitor has decided to follow the same line not to confuse the matter.



Internal use
Olive yellow
 Teheran
 28 Sept 1899
 to
 Kermanschah



External use

Olive yellow

From
 Sultanabad
 June 1899
 via Teheran
 Switzerland
 received
 27 August 1899

External rate
 12 chahis
 registration fee
 12 chahis.

**The earliest
 recorded**