"PosDAFTAR" REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

Note: All illustrations in this chapter have been reduced by 33% (stamps) or 50% (envelopes), unless otherwise stated.

New Registration System:
In 1992, the Universal Postal Union introduced the standard "S10" format for numbering of registered and other special-category mail to support the use of barcodes and barcode readers to speed-up the handling of such mail without the need to manually record arrivals in the record-keeping system of the host country and to enable world-wide tracking of such mail. A revised standard ("S10-12") was introduced in 2011 and is available on the UPU's website.

A new Registered Post service, entitled "PosDAFTAR", began in Malaysia on 2 April 2001. Instead of the traditional rectangular blue and white registration label, all registered mail now had to carry a large, self-adhesive, combined stamp and label with computer barcodes, including tear-off barcode strips which could either be attached to documentation, including the postman's delivery receipt book, and read by scanners at the post office. Later, when the technology became available, they could be scanned by hand-held readers and the tear-off labels became redundant. The registration fee (and postage in some cases) was therefore no longer paid for using ordinary postage stamps, but was paid using these items, which were sold over the counter and had intrinsic monetary value, justifying my decision to classify them as registration stamps instead of labels.

The system was later extended to include packet mail and other postal services, such as Advice of Receipt (AR).

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1. REGISTRATION STAMPS.

2 April 2001.   **PosDAFTAR (Series 1).**

Initially, there were three versions of the PosDAFTAR stamp, for domestic, international and postal service use. A fourth version, for use on incoming foreign registered mail may also have existed at this stage, but has not been recorded until a later format.

The stamps specified on the back of the form the use of a minimum envelope size of DL.

Barcode and Numbering:
Each stamp carried a unique barcode and associated serial number that should be recognised by the computer systems of any Universal Postal Union member world-wide. The registration number structure was in accordance with rules laid down by the UPU for electronic tracking of registered and other special mail and an example was as follows:

RD	01 517 607	4	MY
Service type:	Serial number	Computer check digit	Malaysia
RD Domestic Registered			
RF Foreign Registered			
RP Privileged Registered			
RR International Registered			
RS On Postal Service Registered			

The UPU Standard defined the R series of codes as "Letter Post Registered (RA-RZ)", the use of the second letter being left to the member country to determine.

Variations in number font exist within some types of stamps, suggesting several printings. Each series (e.g., RD01) represents one million labels. The domestic series ran through numerous complete cycles RD01-99, which would suggest that about 30 million domestic registered items were sent each year.

Paper and markings:
Stamps had a red fluorescent, invisible (except under UV light), dot-matrix-printed, security marking in the form of the words "POS MALAYSIA" printed across the stamp. In most cases, it appeared vertically down the centre of the stamp, initially facing sideways reading down.

Domestic Registered (Track on 1):
A 90mm x 92mm, predominantly red, stamp, supplied on a 90mm x 152mm form entitled "TRACK ON 1", for use on domestic registered mail was sold at RM1.30 including the 20g rate postage. "Track on x" presumably referred to a digital ledger system on which movements of individual items of registered mail were recorded.

It had five peel-off barcode strips, the top (A) one of which included data on sender and addressee. Used examples normally had one or more of these strips removed for recording purposes.

The first printing of the domestic stamp was dated "24/02/01" (24 February 2001) and was in Bahasa Malaysia with an English translation on the back.

It is believed that this issue began with the RD00 series, but the first that I have seen was RD01. It is believed to have extended to about RD48. [1]

International Registered (Track on 2):

A 90mm x 85mm dark blue stamp, supplied on a 90mm x 152mm form entitled "TRACK ON 2", for overseas destinations, was sold at RM1, not including postage. It had three peel-off barcode strips, the top barcode and data box not being peel-off as in the domestic stamp, giving tabs A to C instead of A to D as might have been expected. Used examples normally had one or more of these strips removed for recording purposes.

The international stamp was undated and was in English with a Bahasa Malaysia translation on the back.

This issue began with the RR00 series. RR01 and, probably, RR02 were also issued in this format.

This stamp did not have the security marking on early (RR00) examples, but this feature did appear from RR01 onwards.

Track on 3:

The "TRACK ON 3" stamps were probably the Foreign Registered magenta stamp, which has not been reported in Series 1 format.

Postal Service Registered (Track on 4):

A 90mm x 92mm green stamp was used by post offices and Kuala Lumpur Philatelic Bureau for official mail. It had five peel-off barcode strips, including the top data panel, and a similar backing sheet to the other types. Used examples normally had one or more of these strips removed for recording purposes, as shown. These stamps were only found used; as mint stamps were not made available to the general public.

The stamp had similar text to the domestic one. It began with the RS00 series, followed by RS01 and part of RS02 [2].

The RS00 and RS01 stamps were on the original very fluorescent, paper which made the security marking (orientated sideways reading down) very hard to see. RS02 stamps were on a lower fluorescence paper on which the security marking showed clearly. Similar changes probably took place in the other values.

Privileged Registered (Track on 5):

The original RM1.30 domestic stamp blank (without the black printing that added the serial number and barcode) was subsequently used to provide a second official stamp type. These stamps were intended for use by agencies, such as the Armed Forces, Police and Inland Revenue, which had free postage but which had to pay the registration fee. The form part was overprinted in black to obliterate the blue text "TRACK ON 1" and "RM1.30". At the same time, the stamp part was overprinted "RM1.00 TRACK ON 5" in black at the foot of the stamp, together with a number in the RP series.

Three different fonts of overprint are known, giving overprint text at the foot:
- Type 1: 53mm wide. No security marking. (RP00 077 series seen);
- Type 2: 50mm wide. Security marking sideways reading down. (RP00 541 series seen);
- Type 3: 42mm wide. Security marking sideways reading down. (RP00 859 series seen).

The size of the blocks over previous text on the attached form were also different between Type 1 and Types 2 and 3.

CHECK LIST (PosDAFTAR Series 1)

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01P.1.1	-	-	RM1.30 stamp (RD00-48?).	☐	☐
01P.1.2	-	-	- Overprinted "RM1.00 TRACK ON 5". Type 1 (RP00).	☐	☐
01P.1.2a	-	-	- - Type 2 (RP00).	☐	☐
01P.1.2b	-	-	- - Type 3 (RP00).	☐	☐
01P.1.3	-	-	RM1 stamp. High fluorescence (RR00).	☐	☐
01P.1.3a	-	-	- Lower fluorescence (RR01).	☐	☐
01P.1.4	-	-	Official stamp. High fluorescence (RS00, RS01).	-	☐
01P.1.4a	-	-	- Lower fluorescence (RS02).	-	☐
01P.1.5			*Reserved for possible Foreign Registered.*	-	☐

April? 2002.   **PosDAFTAR (Series 2).**

The Series 1 stamps were too large to comfortably fit on many envelopes. Circa April 2002, a new, smaller series of stamps was introduced, normally measuring 75mm x 82mm as issued, 59mm x 82mm when peeled-off the form and applied to the envelope. These could be fitted more easily on an envelope, enabling the previous minimum-permitted envelope size of DL to be removed from the instructions. The new stamps had all the features of the earlier types, but in a more compact format. The instructions, previously shown on the top front part of the form, which was to be retained by the addressee, were transferred to the backing paper of the stamp. Series 2 stamps bore no date that was visible when the stamp was applied to an envelope.

Paper and markings:

As for Series 1, the stamps had a red fluorescent, invisible (except under UV light), dot-matrix-printed, security marking in the form of the words "POS MALAYSIA" printed across the stamp. In most cases, it appeared vertically down the centre of the stamp, initially facing sideways reading down.

Domestic Registered:

First to appear, circa April 2002, was the RM1.30 domestic stamp. The earliest is reported to have been RD48, continuing to RD99, then restarted at RD00 to circa RD20 [1], but a RD23 stamp has been seen with value "RM1.30" (see below). It had five peel-off barcode strips. Used examples normally had one or more of these strips removed for recording purposes.

Price increase:

The registration rate for domestic mail rose from RM1 to RM1.40 from 1 March 2005. The domestic registration stamp was reissued with the face value increased to RM1.70. The amended stamps were reported to have started at RD21 [1], but, whilst a RD22 211 stamp has been seen price "RM1.70" [3], an undated RD23 055 stamp exists priced "RM1.30" (illustrated above). The series ended part-way through RD34 (after RD34 415).

Dated stamps:

From August 2005, new printings had the order date added to the left-hand portion of the stamp, which was peeled-off and retained by the sender. The date therefore did not appear on a used stamp. For the domestic stamp, four printings have been recorded:

Date	Range seen	First seen	Date	Range seen	First seen
AUG 2005	RD34 738-RD38	1	OCT 2005	RD42-RD46	1
SEP 2005	RD39-RD41	1	NOV 2005	RD47-RD50 172	1

International Registered:

The Series 2 version of the blue international registration stamp has not been seen used before 28 January 2003, but was believed to have also been issued in 2002, around the same time as the domestic one. Following a massive increase in the overseas registration fee, it now cost RM3.50 (plus postage), which was printed on the left hand (receipt) part of the form. It was the same size and general format as the domestic stamp. It now had four peel-off barcode strips, including the top data box, lettered A to D. Used examples normally had one or more of these strips removed for recording purposes.

Series 2 began with the RR03 series and remained in this form until the RR07 series.

The invisible security marking was orientated sideways reading up and was sometimes seen with the bottom of the security marking omitted, reducing the height from 5mm to 3mm. The height was genuinely reduced from 5mm to 4mm from mid-way through RR07 (between RR07 510 and 807).

Variety:

At least two used stamps exist from series RR08 956 with the security marking printed twice (presumably in error), one above the other and slightly out of step, but stamps in series RR08 959 onwards had the usual single marking.

Price increase and dated stamps:

The registration rate for overseas mail rose again from RM3.50 to RM3.90 in October 2005. The international registration stamp was reissued with the face value increased to RM3.90 and with the date "OCT 2005" added in the receipt portion at the left. The example seen was a slightly darker blue than earlier issues, but, when seen on cover, there was no design change. The new rate first appeared during the RR07 series and may have started with the change from RR06. These stamps have been seen numbered up to RR07 461.

Foreign Registered:

Only, so far, known in its Series 2 form, the 58mm x 55mm RF stamp was printed in magenta and was used for tracking, in Malaysia, registered mail coming from abroad that either did not have a UPU-type number or had a UPU-type one that was not in peel-off form (as, for example, in the case of Singapore). It had three peel-off barcode strips. Used examples normally had one or more of these strips removed for recording purposes. It has only been seen by the author used with Part A removed as shown in the illustration. Mint stamps were not made available to the general public. The only examples seen by the author were in the RF06, RF09 and RF11 [4] series.

Postal Service Registered:

From the 25 April 2002 new issues mailing, the Kuala Lumpur Philatelic Bureau started using a new 57mm x 82mm version of the green official stamp. From 1 July 2002, it had to pay the RM1 registration fee and standing order holders no longer got a cancelled-to-order stamp in receipt for the fee (as the stamp was now on the envelope). However, unused stock of Series 1 stamps continued in use until at least December 2002 interchangeably with Series 2 stamps. As previously, mint stamps were not made available to the general public; the example shown is a used stamp that has escaped the loss of any strips in passing through the post.

Unlike the domestic and international stamps, the postal service stamps showed the PosDAFTAR emblem in the top line of the stamp as affixed to the envelope. It had five peel-off barcode strips. Used examples normally had one or more of these strips removed for recording purposes. Series 2 stamps seen began with RS02 prefix (from circa RS02 800). RS02 and RS03 000 to (probably) RS03 499 were on a similar paper to Series 1, but from about RS03 500 (used from circa October 2002) a very low fluorescence paper was used and the security marking changed to sideways reading up. This was also used for stamps numbered in the RS04 to RS08 series. Similar changes probably took place in the other values. The highest numbered examples of Series 2 seen were in the RS08 series.

Stamps attached to white paper, cut around and pasted on other envelopes or packages are believed to have initially come originally from an aborted new issue mailing on 9 August 2005 (see issue 05.12) where the first day covers were found to have been cancelled with the wrong postmark and the mailing had to be dismantled and usable items salvaged as far as possible. They were subsequently found thus used whenever a large envelope was necessary, suggesting that the stamps may have been supplied pre-applied to smaller (C5) envelopes.

Dated issues:

From RS08, the date "JAN 2006" appeared on the left-hand strip of the backing paper. From circa RS08 980, it was added to the A section (see Series 3). [5]

Privileged Registered:

As the large-format RP00 series was still in use in 2009, it is believed that no small format RP series stamps had been produced at that stage.

CHECK LIST (PosDAFTAR Series 2)

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01P.2.1	-	-	RM1.30 stamp (RD48-99, RD00-c.RD23).	☐	☐
01P.2.2	-	-	RM1.70 stamp (c.RD23-RD34).	☐	☐
01P.2.3	-	-	RM1.70 stamp. Dated on receipt (RD34-50).	☐	☐
01P.2.4	-	-	RM3.50 stamp (RR03-RR07)	☐	☐
01P.2.5	-	-	RM3.90 stamp. Dated on receipt (RR07).	☐	☐
01P.2.6	-	-	Official RS stamp. Marking SD (RS02-03).	-	☐
01P.2.6a	-	-	- Marking SU (RS03-08).	-	☐
01P.2.7	-	-	Official RF stamp (RF06-09).	-	☐

November 2005.   **PosDAFTAR (Series 3).**

New printings of the registration stamps from November 2005 had the printing order date shown on both the receipt and on Section A of the stamp itself. In all other respects, the design of the stamps remained unchanged.

Paper and Security Markings:

These were unchanged from the undated series.

Domestic Registered:

The domestic series with dates began in November 2005 and reported dates were as follows:

Order Date	Range seen	First seen	Order Date	Range seen	First seen
NOV 2005	RD50 648-RD51	1	APR 2007	RD87-RD90	
MAR 2006	RD52-RD55	1	MAY 2007	RD90-RD92	
APR 2006	RD55-RD56	1	JUNE 2007	RD93-RD95	
MAY 2006	RD57-RD60	1	JULY 2007	RD96-RD99	
JUNE 2006	RD60-RD62	1	AUG 2007	RD00-RD02	
JULY 2006	RD63-RD66	1	SEPT 2007	RD03-RD05	
AUG 2006	RD66-RD70		OCT 2007	RD06-RD08	
SEPT 2006	RD70-RD73		NOV2007	RD09-RD11	
OCT 2006	RD73-RD76		DEC 2007	RD12-RD14	
NOV 2006	RD76-RD78		APR 2008	RD15-RD17	
DEC 2006	RD79-RD81		MAY 2008	RD18-RD20	
JAN 2007	RD82-RD83		JUNE 2008	RD21-RD23	
MAR 2007	RD84-RD86		JULY 2008	RD24-RD26	

International Registered:

    Issues of the international stamp with date marking began circa RR08 500. Up to the "AUG 2007" printing at least, the registration rate remained RM3.90. Examples of the "AUG 2007" printing seen had varying font size and spacing on the bottom (number only) strip. Printings known at the time of writing were as shown in the table below. Part of the "DEC 2007" printing was to a revised design (see Series 4 below).

    The OCT 2006, APR 2007 and DEC 2007 versions, at least, exist revalued to RM4.10 (see 2010 rate increase).

Order Date	Range seen	First seen		Order Date	Range seen	First seen
JUNE 2006	RR08 558	2006		JULY 2007	RR10 621	Feb2010
JULY 2006	RR08 738-768	2007		AUG 2007	RR10 892-999	Jan 2009
SEPT 2006	RR08 937-959	2007			RR11 000-075	
OCT 2006	RR09 313-364	2007		SEPT 2007	RR11 163-164	Feb 2010
NOV 2006	RR09 687-814	2008		OCT 2007	RR11 479	Oct 2009
APR 2007	RR09 896	Feb2012		NOV 2007	RR11 770-822	Jul 2010
JUNE 2007	RR10 376-515	2008		DEC 2007	RR11 990-994	Jun 2010 [6]

Postal Service Registered:

    The first postal service stamp with date marking appeared at the end of the RS08 series. Mint stamps were not made available to the general public; the example shown is a used stamp that has escaped the loss of any strips in passing through the post. Printings known at the time of writing were as shown in the table below:

Order Date	Range seen	First seen		Order Date	Range seen	First seen
JAN 2006	RS08 98x	- [7]		JULY 2007	RS11 038	Sep 2007
	RS09 087	July 2006		AUG 2007	RS11 190-267	Sep 2007
APR 2006	RS09 4xx	- [8]		SEP 2007	RS11 3xx	- [9]
JUN 2006	RS09 7xx	- [10]		OCT 2007	RS11 4xx	- [11]
JULY 2006	RS09 977	Early 2007 [12]		NOV 2007	RS11 5xx	- [13]
AUG 2006	RS10 0xx	- [14]		DEC 2007	RS11 668-705	Mar 2008
SEP 2006	RS10 084	Apr 2008 [15]		APR 2008	RS11 8xx	- [16]
DEC 2006	RS10 309-596	May 2007		JUNE 2008	RS11 923-999	Aug 2008
MAY 2007	RS10 8xx	- [17]			RS12 000-444	
JUN 2007	RS10 9xx	- [18]				

Variety:

    An RS11 example seen had the security marking printed twice, one above the other and slightly out of step.

CHECK LIST (PosDAFTAR Series 3)

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01P.3.1	-	-	RM1.70 stamp. Dated "NOV 2005".	☐	☐
01P.3.1a	-	-	- Dated "MAR 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.1b	-	-	- Dated "APR 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.1c	-	-	- Dated "MAY 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.1d	-	-	- Dated "JUNE 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.1e	-	-	- Dated "JULY 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.1f	-	-	- Dated "AUG 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.1g	-	-	- Dated "SEPT 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.1h	-	-	- Dated "OCT 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.1i	-	-	- Dated "NOV 2006".	☐	☐

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01P.3.1j	-	-	- Dated "DEC 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.1k	-	-	- Dated "JAN 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.1l	-	-	- Dated "MAR 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.1m	-	-	- Dated "APR 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.1n	-	-	- Dated "MAY 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.1o	-	-	- Dated "JUNE 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.1p	-	-	- Dated "JULY 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.1q	-	-	- Dated "AUG 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.1r	-	-	- Dated "SEPT 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.1s	-	-	- Dated "OCT 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.1t	-	-	- Dated "NOV 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.1u	-	-	- Dated "DEC 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.1v	-	-	- Dated "APR 2008".	☐	☐
01P.3.1w	-	-	- Dated "MAY 2008".	☐	☐
01P.3.1x	-	-	- Dated "JUNE 2008".	☐	☐
01P.3.1y	-	-	- Dated "JULY 2008".	☐	☐
01P.3.2	-	-	RM3.90 stamp. Dated "JUNE 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.2a	-	-	- Dated "JULY 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.2b	-	-	- Dated "SEPT 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.2c	-	-	- Dated "OCT 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.2ca	-	-	- - Revalued to RM4.10 with label.	☐	-
01P.3.2d	-	-	- Dated "NOV 2006".	☐	☐
01P.3.2da	-	-	- Dated "APR 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.2daa	-	-	- - Revalued to RM4.10 with label.	☐	-
01P.3.2e	-	-	- Dated "JUNE 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.2f	-	-	- Dated "JULY 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.2g	-	-	- Dated "AUG 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.2h	-	-	- Dated "SEPT 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.2i	-	-	- Dated "OCT 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.2j	-	-	- Dated "NOV 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.2k	-	-	- Dated "DEC 2007".	☐	☐
01P.3.2ka	-	-	- - Revalued to RM4.10 with label.	☐	-
01P.3.3	-	-	Official stamp. Dated "JAN 2006".	-	☐
01P.3.3oa	-	-	- Dated "APR 2006".	-	☐
01P.3.3ob	-	-	- Dated "JUN 2006".	-	☐
01P.3.3a	-	-	- Dated "JULY 2006".	-	☐
01P.3.3aa	-	-	- Dated "AUG 2006".	-	☐
01P.3.3ab	-	-	- Dated "SEP 2006".	-	☐
01P.3.3b	-	-	- Dated "DEC 2006".	-	☐
01P.3.3ba	-	-	- Dated "MAY 2007".	-	☐
01P.3.3bb	-	-	- Dated "JUN 2007".	-	☐
01P.3.3c	-	-	- Dated "JULY 2007".	-	☐
01P.3.3d	-	-	- Dated "AUG 2007".	-	☐
01P.3.3da	-	-	- Dated "SEP 2007".	-	☐
01P.3.3db	-	-	- Dated "OCT 2007".	-	☐
01P.3.3dc	-	-	- Dated "NOV 2007".	-	☐
01P.3.3e	-	-	- Dated "DEC 2007".	-	☐
01P.3.3ea	-	-	- Dated "APR 2008".	-	☐
01P.3.3f	-	-	- Dated "JUNE 2008".	-	☐

July 2008.   **PosDAFTAR (Series 4).**

New printings of the registration stamps from mid-July 2008 had the new Pos Malaysia emblem on the receipt part of the form. This included the remaining part of orders dated earlier, such as the December 2007 order for international stamps.
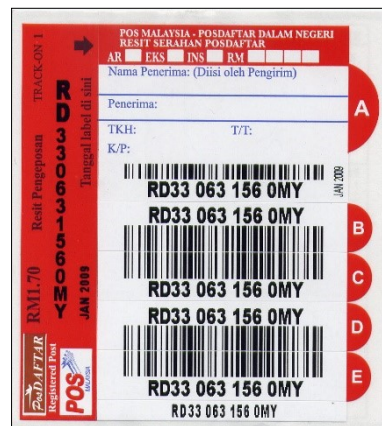
Domestic Registered:

Issues of the RM1.70 domestic stamp with the new emblem began with RD27. The stamp normally had the same security marking as other printings, but the example of RD33 seen had no security marking. It is not known whether this applied to the whole order or was a variety on part of the batch only.

The March 2009 and later orders had the new Pos emblem larger, matching the length of the adjacent PosDaftar box. They also had the number at the left in a taller font, with the top of the R just below the shaft of the arrow, as shown below.

Orders known at the time of writing were as shown in the table below:

Order Date	Range seen	First seen		Order Date	Range seen	First seen
JULY 2008	RD27 154-RD29	[1]		JUNE 2009	RD42-RD47	[1]
DEC 2008	RD30-RD32	[1]		JULY 2009	RD48-RD50	[1]
JAN 2009	RD33 063-RD35	Mar 2009		DEC 2009	RD59 368 [19]	Feb2010
MAR 2009	RD36 066-RD41	Feb2010		MAY 2010	RD66 656	Jul2010

Price increase:

On 1 July 2010, the price of domestic registration rose by 20s. from RM1.40 to RM.1.60. Coupled with the rise in minimum domestic letter postage from 30s. to 60s., this resulted in a rise in the cost of domestic registration stamps from RM1.70 to RM2.20. Existing stamps remained valid for their marked price only and had to be supplemented with postage stamps. Unlike the international stamp below, no examples have been seen of price change labels being used.

After the rate increase the first order so far recorded was dated October 2010, seen in use in March 2011, but reprints were probably ordered in July/August 2010. Unlike previous issues, its face value "RM2.20" appeared on the "A" section, at top right, to the right of the "RM" boxes.

Series 4 "OCT 2010" stamp with "RM2.20" on section A.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen		Order Date	Range seen	First seen
OCT 2010	RD78 074	Mar2011		MAY 2011	RD88 962-999	Feb2012
DEC 2010	RD79 751-999	Feb2011			RD89 000-346	
	RD80 000-172			JUNE 2011	RD92 453	Feb2012
				DEC2011	RD03 546	Feb2012

International Registered:

Issues of the RM3.90 international stamp with the new emblem began part of the way through the December 2007 order. The stamp had the security marking.

The author has not seen examples of a Series 4 international registration stamp sold prior to the rate increase described below, but they probably exist.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
DEC 2007	RR12 109	Feb2011

Revalued Series 4 "DEC 2007" stamp with "RM4.10" label attached to counterfoil.

Price increase:

On 1 July 2010, the price of international registration stamps rose by 20s. from RM3.90 to RM.4.10. Existing stamps remained valid for their marked price only and had to be supplemented with postage stamps. Counter clerks were issued with "RM4.10" labels to cover the original price on the counterfoil of counter stocks, but some stocks were reported to have been revalued in manuscript due to a shortage of labels.

Revalued Series 3 "DEC 2007" stamp with "RM4.10" label attached to counterfoil.

After the rate increase, the first order recorded was dated August 2010, but was not seen in use until February 2011. Unlike previous issues, its face value "RM4.10" appeared on the "A" section, to the right of the "RM" boxes.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
AUG 2010	RR12 711-750	Feb2011
DEC2010	RR12 830-864	May2011
MAR2011	RR13 122-168	Jul2011
MAY2011	RR13 414	Aug2013
AUG2011	RR13 433-562	Oct2011
FEB2012	RR14 045	Mar2013

Series 4 "AUG 2010" stamp with "RM4.10" on section A.

Postal Service Registered:

As used, the section with the Pos Malaysia emblem is not normally present, but issues from January 2009 conformed with the changes to the other values. The border had "URUSAN RASMI POS" (Official Postal Business") in place of the face value. As before, mint stamps were not normally made available to the general public.

From 1 March 2011, Philatelic Bureau new issue mailings were subject to the full appropriate registration fee. Therefore, from (1?) July 2011, the Kuala Lumpur Philatelic Bureau ceased using the Postal Service stamps on new issue mailings. The first issue under the new arrangement was on 7 July, using a previously-unreported "MAR 2011" dated printing of the RM4.10 International stamp. They were still in-use from other offices.[20] In March 2015, the Philatelic Bureau resumed use of the official stamp for just one new issue, possibly the result of a clerical error. [21] The official stamp was still in use on correspondence in November 2016. [22]
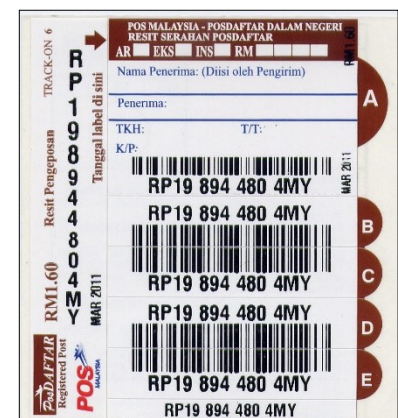

Order Date	Range seen	First seen		Order Date	Range seen	First seen
JAN 2009	RS12 625-629 [23]	Jan2009		DEC 2009	RS13 909-999	Jul2010
MAR 2009	RS12 846-999	Jul2009			RS14 000-102	
	RS13 000-029 [24]			APR 2010	RS14 213	Dec2010
JUNE 2009	RS13 110-207	Sep2009		MAY 2010	RS14 409	Dec2010
JULY 2009	RS13 470-691 [25]	Jan2010		SEPT 2010	RS14 537-687	May2011
SEP 2009	RS13 7xx	- [26]		OCT 2010	RS14 870	Jul2011

Privilege Domestic Registered:

Originally inscribed "TRACK ON 5", the RP stamps became, at an unknown point, "TRACK ON 6" with a brown stamp in Series 4 format. The earliest examples seen were dated "MAR 2011" and priced RM1.60. They had the usual fluorescent red security markings.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
MAR 2011	RP19 894	Feb2012

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01P.4.1	-	-	RM1.70 stamp. Dated "JULY 2008".	☐	☐
01P.4.1a	-	-	- Dated "DEC 2008".	☐	☐
01P.4.1b	-	-	- Dated "JAN 2009".	☐	☐
01P.4.1c	-	-	- Dated "MAR 2009".	☐	☐
01P.4.1d	-	-	- Dated "JUNE 2009".	☐	☐
01P.4.1e	-	-	- Dated "JULY 2009".	☐	☐
01P.4.1f	-	-	- Dated "DEC 2009".	☐	☐
01P.4.1g	-	-	- Dated "MAY 2010".	☐	☐
01P.4.2	-	-	RM2.20 stamp. Dated "OCT 2010".	☐	☐
01P.4.2a	-	-	- Dated "DEC 2010".	☐	☐
01P.4.2b	-	-	- Dated "MAY 2011".	☐	☐
01P.4.2c	-	-	- Dated "JUNE 2011".	☐	☐
01P.4.2d	-	-	- Dated "DEC 2011".	☐	☐
01P.4.3	-	-	RM3.90 stamp. Dated "DEC 2007".	☐	☐
01P.4.4	-	-	RM4.10 stamp. Dated "AUG 2010".	☐	☐
01P.4.4a	-	-	- Dated "DEC 2010".	☐	☐
01P.4.4b	-	-	- Dated "MAR 2011".	☐	☐
01P.4.4c	-	-	- Dated "MAY 2011". Only seen uprated to RM4.60.	☐	☐
01P.4.4d	-	-	- Dated "AUG 2011".	☐	☐
01P.4.4e	-	-	- Dated "FEB 2012".	☐	☐
01P.4.5	-	-	Official stamp. Dated "JAN 2009".	-	☐
01P.4.5a	-	-	- Dated "MAR 2009".	-	☐
01P.4.5b	-	-	- Dated "JUNE 2009".	-	☐
01P.4.5c	-	-	- Dated "JULY 2009".	-	☐
01P.4.5ca	-	-	- Dated "SEP 2009".	-	☐
01P.4.5d	-	-	- Dated "DEC 2009".	-	☐
01P.4.5e	-	-	- Dated "APR 2010".	-	☐
01P.4.5f	-	-	- Dated "MAY 2010".	-	☐
01P.4.5g	-	-	- Dated "SEP 2010".	-	☐
01P.4.5h	-	-	- Dated "OCT 2010".	-	☐
01P.4.6	-	-	RM1.60 stamp. Dated "MAR 2011".	☐	☐

November 2011.   **PosDAFTAR (Series 5).**

New printings of the registration stamps from late 2011 had the new mixed case "Posdaftar" emblem on the receipt part of the form, although the change was not simultaneous on all stamp types. This was followed by the introduction of a new font for the registration number.

Advice of Receipt Domestic Registered (1 December 2011):

From 1 December 2011, domestic AR registered mail was brought into the PosDaftar system as "TRACK ON 7" with a yellow stamp numbered in the RA series. The initial batch of PosDaftar stamps were dated "NOV 2011" and priced RM2.80 (RM1.60 registration, 60s. postage up to 20g, 60s. AR fee). They had the usual fluorescent red security markings and were the first labels to dispense with the *PosDAFTAR* emblem in favour of mixed case text.

A new AR reply card was introduced simultaneously (see Chapter 84).

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
NOV 2011	RA00 000-423	Dec2011

Change of Font (December 2012):

Printings in December 2012 had the registration number in a non-standard font. This was perpetuated on later printings.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
DEC 2012	RA13 455-825	Feb2013

By July 2017, the postage value on the counterfoil and the date on the label had been omitted, and the Pos emblem changed to the latest version. It was sold at RM2.80 plus GST.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
JULY 2017	RA27 658	Feb2018

Domestic (November 2012):

Printings of the domestic stamp from November 2012 were the first to be recorded of Type 5.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
NOV 2012	RD16 233	Mar2013
JAN 2013	RD20 473	Feb2013

International (December 2012):

Printings of the international stamp from December 2012 were the first so far recorded of Type 5. It also had the registration number in a different font. The shade of blue changed during the print run. The RR15 stamp seen was a lighter blue than the RR14.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
DEC 2012	RR14 639-15 160	Feb2013

Price increase:

From 16 May 2013, the price of international registration stamps rose by 50s. from RM4.10 to RM.4.60 (RM1.60 registration plus RM3 "service fee"). Counter clerks were again issued with labels, this time "RM4.60", to cover the original price on existing counter stocks.

The 2012-type international stamp was subsequently reprinted with RM4.60 value in July 2013.

The November 2014 and January 2016 printings had a bold, condensed font compared with that used for the July 2013 printing.

The June 2016 printing used the new Pos Emblem in conjunction with the July 2013 fonts.

| *July 2013 (used)* | *November 2014* | *June 2016* |

Order Date	Range seen	First seen		Order Date	Range seen	First seen
JULY 2013	RR15 493-678	Feb2015		JAN 2016	RR16 756-762	Mar2016
NOV 2014	RR16 303	Aug2019		JUNE 2016	RR17 476	Aug2019

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No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01P.5.1	-	-	RM2.20 stamp. Dated "NOV 2012".	☐	☐
01P.5.1a	-	-	- Dated "JAN 2013".	☐	☐
01P.5.2	-	-	RM4.10 stamp. Dated "DEC 2012".	☐	☐
01P.5.3	-	-	RM4.60 stamp. Dated "JUL 2013".	☐	☐
01P.5.3a	-	-	- Dated "NOV 2014".	☐	☐
01P.5.3b	-	-	- Dated "JAN 2016".	☐	☐
01P.5.3c	-	-	- Dated "JUNE 2016".	☐	☐
01P.5.4	-	-	RM2.80 stamp. Dated "NOV 2011".	☐	☐
01P.5.4a	-	-	- Dated "DEC 2012".	☐	☐
01P.5.4b	-	-	- Dated "JUL 2017".	☐	☐

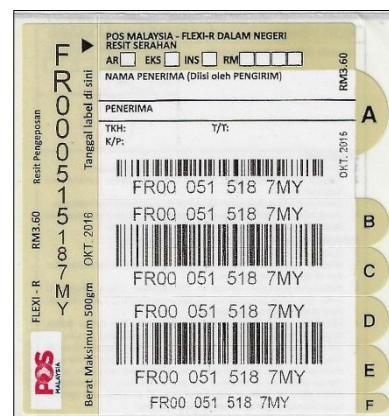**October 2016.**   **PosDAFTAR Parcel tracking.**

In addition to tracking registered items, the technology allowed other items to be tracked and it has become the norm for all packages and parcels used for business or private mail to be tracked.

Flexi-R (2016):
     Labels numbered in this FR series were used for tracking domestic commercial packages up to 500g. This series of numbers does not form part of the UPU tracking system and can therefore only be used for non-UPU mail. The earliest label seen was dated October 2016, priced at RM3.60.
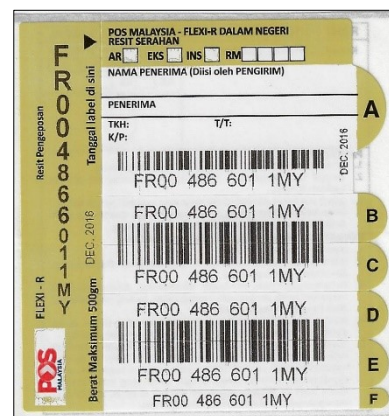

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
OKT 2016	FR00 05	Aug2019

Labels dated December 2016 were unpriced to give flexibility for price increases and/or pricing according to weight.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
DEC 2016	FR00 04-05	Aug2019

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No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01P.6.1	-	-	RM3.60 stamp. Dated "OCT 2016".	☐	☐
01P.6.2	-	-	Unpriced stamp. Dated "DEC 2016".	☐	☐

April 2017.   **PosDAFTAR (Series 6).**
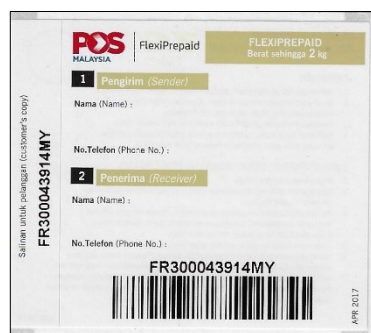
Peel-off strips became redundant with the advent of hand-held barcode scanners, so their use on Posdaftar stamps was an unnecessary expense. Pos Malaysia therefore is replacing the large Posdaftar stamps with new, smaller, simplified self-adhesive labels. So far, only the labels listed below have been seen. It is assumed similar labels will also appear for the other Posdaftar services.

FlexiPrepaid (April 2017):
    This commercial small package tracking service continued the FR series with FR2 labels used for up to 1kg and FR3 for up to 2kg. The earliest labels seen were dated April 2017 and unpriced. The charge in January 2021 was RM5. Delivery times quoted on the Pos Malaysia website were 3-4 days within a state, 4-7 days interstate within Malaya or 7-8 to East Malaysia.

ARP 2017   *APR 2018*

Order Date	Range seen	First seen		Order Date	Range seen	First seen
APR 2017	FR20 00	Aug2019		APR 2018	FR30 06	Mar2016
	FR30 00					

International Registered (2017):
    An undated, new-style label was put into use during 2017. On a white background, it had blue text "Track on 2 (CN04) / Registered" above a large red "R" followed by the UPU number above the barcode, both in black. Below it was a small "Sender to keep" counterfoil. There was no postal rate/charge stated. The lowest example seen was numbered in the RR17 964 series. The highest to date was in the RR18 878 series.
    A label dated June 2017 was put into use in mid-October 2017. The example seen was numbered in the RR18 400 series.

The design was brought into line with the pattern of the 2018 domestic stamp, by addition of the Pos emblem and text at the top, circa 2019 (known used July 2019). There was no postal rate/charge stated. The lowest example seen was numbered in the RR19 262 series. The highest used example seen to date was in the RR20 190 series (printing date unknown).

Order Date	Range seen	First seen		Order Date	Range seen	First seen
? 2017	RR17 964	2017		?	RR19 262-65	Jul 2019
JUNE 2017	RR18 400	Oct 2017		JUNE 2018	RR19 416	Aug2019
OCT 2017	RR18 800	Aug2019				

Domestic Registered (2018):
The new-style label was scheduled to be issued in November 2017 and was certainly put into use by early in 2018. It appears to be more of a compromise than the international label, retaining a smaller peel-off section, suggesting that the roll-out of hand-held barcode readers in Malaysia was not yet complete. On a white background with red and black text (some with white text on coloured background), it had the Pos emblem, "Track-on 1" and retained space for details of sender and receiver, plus the receiver's telephone number. The example seen was dated "JAN 2018". There was no postal rate/charge stated, but it was sold at RM2.20 plus GST, unchanged from the cost of the old label. The example seen was numbered in the RD01 353 series.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
JAN 2018	RD01 353	2018

A revised version from May 2018 had changes to the customer copy label at the bottom.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
MAY 2018	RD10 934	Aug2019

The September 2018 version had further design changes.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
SEPT 2018	RD16 939	Aug2019
JAN 2019	RD17 851-18 265	Aug2019
NOV2019	RD36 620	Feb2020

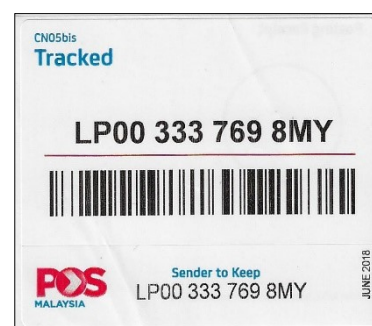
International Tracked Packet (June 2017):
The LP series labels were for International Small Packets and Flexipack International services (the UPU Standard defines the L series as "Letter Post Tracked"). The fee in January 2021 was RM13.50. The label was dated on the customer receipt portion, so did not appear on used labels. The earlies label seen was dated "JUNE 2017" and was inscribed "Express (CN05bis) / Tracked". The backing paper was blank. It measured 76mm x 53mm (74mm x 39mm when used).

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
JUNE 2017	LP00 10-18	Aug2019

The "JUNE 2018" label was larger, inscribed "CN05bis / Tracked" and had provision for a Posting Receipt handstamp on the back (LP0026-33 seen). It measured 73mm x 62mm (70mm x 44mm when used). Within this printing, the number font on the customer receipt changed from bold (LP0026) to normal (LP0033).

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
JUNE 2018	LP00 26-33	Aug2019

Domestic Avis-de-Reception (November 2017):

According to the Pos Malaysia website, the new-format yellow RA series label was to be released at the same time, but I have not seen an example from 2017. The fee is also unchanged at RM2.80.

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
SEPT 2018	RA30 70-31 77	Aug2019
JAN 2019	RA33	Aug2019

Track-On 8 (2020):

Labels numbered in this RY series were used to provide proof of delivery and tracking features for letter post from commercial organisations and companies at a charge of RM3.10. Promised delivery times were 3-4 days within a state, 4-7 days interstate within Malaya or 7-8 to East Malaysia. The Pos Malaysia website showed a Series 6 label dated "2020".

(Illustration not available)

Order Date	Range seen	First seen
2020	RY03 84	Jan2021

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No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01P.7.1	-	-	FlexiPrepaid. Dated "APR 2017".	☐	☐
01P.7.2	-	-	- Dated "APR 2018".	☐	☐
01P.7.3	-	-	International. Dated "? 2017".	☐	☐
01P.7.3a	-	-	- Dated "JUN 2017".	☐	☐
01P.7.3b	-	-	- Dated "OKT 2017".	☐	☐
01P.7.3c	-	-	- Dated "?".	☐	☐
01P.7.3d	-	-	- Dated "JUN 2018".	☐	☐
01P.7.4	-	-	Domestic. Dated "JAN 2018".	☐	☐
01P.7.4a	-	-	- Dated "MAY 2018".	☐	☐
01P.7.4b	-	-	- Dated "SEP 2018".	☐	☐
01P.7.4c	-	-	- Dated "JAN 2019".	☐	☐
01P.7.4d	-	-	- Dated "NOV 2019".	☐	☐
01P.7.5	-	-	International Tracked Packet. Dated "JUN 2017".	☐	☐
01P.7.5a	-	-	- Dated "JUN 2018".	☐	☐
01P.7.6	-	-	Domestic AR. Dated "SEPT 2018".	☐	☐
01P.7.6a	-	-	- Dated "JAN 2019".	☐	☐
01P.7.7	-	-	Track on 8. Dated "2020".	☐	☐

2. REGISTRATION ENVELOPE.

2 April 2001.   **PosDAFTAR Envelope.**

In addition to the stamps, there were special pre-paid envelopes, for domestic use only.

Type 1 (Original printing):

The pre-paid envelope was sold at RM2 including postage up to 100g. It was 240mm x 130mm and printed on fluorescent white paper. The top and left of the front were red. The Pos Malaysia emblem and PosDAFTAR emblems appeared at top left, with space for stamps at top right (to pay for excess weight or thickness) and the address block at bottom right with texts "Kegunaan dalam Malaysia sahaja" (Use inside Malaysia only), "Harga: RM2.00 Size: 240mm x 130mm", "Tidak melebihi berat 100 gm dan 3 mm tebal / Do not exceed 100 gm weight and 3 mm thickness". "(SP1)" appeared in the bottom right corner.

A stamp similar in size to the Series 1 stamp, but of a hybrid format similar to Series 2, was affixed at bottom left. The security marking was horizontally-inverted across the centre of the stamp. The example seen was numbered in the RD31 series. The back bore a pre-printed returned mail label (a somewhat pessimistic approach!). The flap bore the return address block and was extended with instructions and a receipt which was rouletted 9 so that it could be torn off. The stamp was printed with an additional serial number label, but this was removed during manufacture and affixed to the receipt on the flap; the die-cut impression for this label could be seen up the right-hand side of the stamp. The flap was closed using a peel-off self-adhesive strip.

Type 2 (July 2006 printing):

Similar to Type 1, the envelope was now only pre-paid for 50g, but was still sold at RM2 and a thicker enclosure was allowed. It was the same size and on the same paper. The red panel at the top of the front no longer extended down the left-hand side. The front text was unchanged except that the text above the address box now read "Tidak melebihi berat 50 gm dan 6 mm tebal / Do not exceed 50 gm weight and 6 mm thickness". "Mfg. Date: July 2006 Vendor No.: 90160018 (SP1)" now appeared in the bottom right corner. The stamp was affixed at the bottom left as before. It was slightly smaller than the original version and had a new, smaller style of barcode. It was without any fluorescent security marking. The examples seen were numbered in the RD32 series. The back text was unchanged except for consequential amendments.

Following the 2010 rate changes, the price of the envelopes was raised using a "Harga: RM2.50" label. By early 2013, the envelopes were not generally available in post offices.

CHECK LIST (PosDAFTAR Envelopes)

No.	S.G.	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
01P.8.1	-	RE11	RM2.00 Domestic Envelope - Type 1 (RD31).	☐	☐
01P.8.2	-	-	- Type 2 - July 2006 (RD32).	☐	☐
01P.8.2a	-	-	- - Repriced to RM2.50 (RD32).	☐	☐

NOTES

[1] Reported by Loo Yoon Ngen in an extensive article published in the Malaysian Philatelist, Vol.1, 2010.
[2] Highest seen RS 02 782 (Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012).
[3] Illustrated by Loo Yoon Ngen in the Malaysian Philatelist, Vol.1, 2010.
[4] Strip from RF11 069 used on an AR card 15Mar2012. RF 11 467 used Jun2012. RF 11 620 used Nov2012.
[5] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012.
[6] RR11 990 was in use at Alor Star on 30 June 2010, the last day of the postal rate, but remained in use revalued.
[7] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012.
[8] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012.
[9] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012.
[10] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012.
[11] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012.
[12] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012, reported RS09 8xx.
[13] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012.
[14] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012.
[15] RS10 084 seen used 8 April 2008 from Kanowit, Sarawak.
[16] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012.
[17] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012.
[18] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012.
[19] RD62 785 has been seen with the dated section removed.
[20] Latest seen has been RS14 870 at Dalat, Sarawak on 23 July 2011.
[21] RS14 575 466 1MY used on 23 March 2015 mailing.
[22] RS14 537 899 1MY used on letter received 16 November 2016.
[23] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012, reported RS12 5xx.
[24] RS13 026 seen used 7Apr2010 from Lundu, Sarawak; RS13 029 seen used 6Aug2010 from Sibu Jaya, Sarawak.
[25] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012, reported RS13 3xx.
[26] Loo Yoon Ngen, PSM Journal 2012.