

NORTH GERMAN CONFEDERATION

1866 - 1871

A common postal system was launched for the North German Confederation in 1868. A major difficulty which had to be overcome was that within the Confederation, three different monetary systems were in use.

- Northern District: 30 Groschen = 1 Thaler
- Southern District: 60 Kreuzer = 1 Gulden
- Hamburg: 16 Schillings = 1 Mark

To accommodate for these differences, three separate postal groups were created, and stamps were printed in the three different currencies.

Stamps of the North German Confederation were replaced, with those of the German Empire in January, 1872, however the currency of the Empire wasn't harmonized until 1875, then Germany moved to: 100 Pfennigs = 1 Mark.

1868, January 1

Definitive Issues

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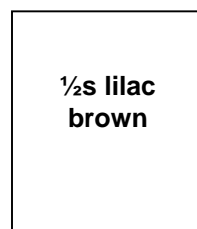
Northern Postal District: Groschen



Southern Postal District: Kreuzer



Hamburg Postal District: Schillings



1869, January Definitive Issues

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Northern Postal District: Groschen



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Southern Postal District: Kreuzer



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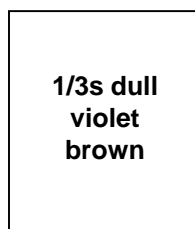
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Hamburg Postal District: Schillings

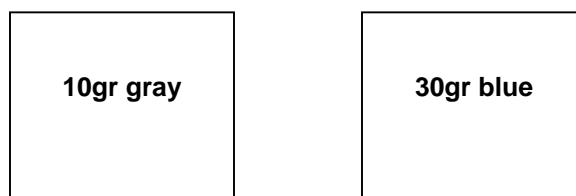


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1869, March Definitive Issues

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Northern Postal District: Groschen



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OFFICIAL STAMPS

1870

Numeral Official Design

unwatermarked, 14-1/2x14

Northern Postal District: Groschen

1/4 gr black on buff

O1

1/3 gr black on buff

O2

1/2 gr black on buff

O3



O4

2gr black on buff

O5

Southern Postal District: Kreuzer

1kr black on buff

O6

2kr black on buff

O7

3kr black on buff

O8

7kr black on buff

O9