

SHIELDED SECRETS!



(hidden) facts of the Coat of Arms revenues of the Republic of South Africa: 1961 – 1968+

This part of the fiscal philately concerns a more detailed description based on the information gathered by studying the available revenues. The basic line is the standard Republic revenue and its variety in usage for each series.

Every series will start first with the standard revenue. The 2nd group will be overprinted revenues for creating a specific purpose ; A 3rd group will be for use in other countries including for a specific purpose. Each of the groups are subdivided by examples for single revenues ; errors and other special aspects and examples on document, were available.

This exposition starts with the regular National Arms issue of 1961 and ends with a document from the Mafue tribe at the Eastern Caprivi of South West Africa, administered by South Africa.

All revenues from 1931 were demonetized from January 1st 1969 by Regulation 1762/3 of October 4th 1968 in Government Gazette (GG) 2179. Some documents will show the (illegal) use of revenues. Whenever published and available, the documents and letters are described with the sections of taxes and rates affixed on the document or letter.

*The Stamp Acts for revenue (Act 30 of April 15th 1911 (Government Gazette 106); Act 59 of May 29th 1962 (GG 250) and Act 77 of July 5th 1968 (GG 2119)) and other Acts using revenues in time of the republic period was made available since 2009 by **Sabinet**, who provides PDF examples of the published Government Gazettes from 1910-1993 (annual subscription appr.. € 525,- in 2018). Further issued laws for use in South Africa can also be found at www.govt.za. Except for an unconfirmed value, no revenues were overprinted from series 1961 but a (demonetized) 4 Rand was found without overprint for tribal fees at Eastern Caprivi. The tribal rates were published in separate SWA proclamations.*

Unlisted information was reported by me to J. Barefoot for his Commonwealth catalogue ; in various articles in 't Cleyn Segel (CS) ; the Journal of the Revenue Society of Great Britain (RSGB) ; the "Bartholomeus Dias" (BD) from the Filatelie Vereniging Zuidelijk Afrika (FVZA) and the SA Philatelist. The following chapters can be found in an index seen below:

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Consulted literature; John Barefoot: "Commonwealth revenues"; 10th edition 2019; F.W. Beck for tribal revenues in SWA (2017); publications in the Bartolomeu Dias (BD) from the Filatelie Vereniging Zuidelijk Afrika (FVZA) and other sources.

1: SERIES 1961-1968

1.1: Regular Issue

1.1.1: Description and aspect(s) with examples

a- 1961-1965

- TYPE : Coat of Arms
- WMK : Coat of Arms sideways
- PAPER : Normal paper
- PRINT : Government Printing Works, Pretoria
- PERFORATION: 14x14
- ASPECT: : Year of date just below the Arms
- : Language different for each value
- : Position of secret white dots varies each year or is absent (1961)
- : *language position switches every value of the series but constant for a value every year.*
- : *colour shades through the years.*

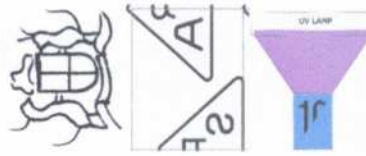


Dot positions / language switch



EXAMPLES OF SERIES 1961-shades through the years

- WMK : Coat of Arms sideways left (on back)
- : mult.RSA TRIANGLE sideways *
- PAPER : Phosphorised papers* (*=not in Barefoot)
- PERFORATION: 14x14
- ASPECT: : Year of date just below the Arms
- : Language different for each value
- : Position of secret white dots on bottom Left side.



C.o.A./RSA – Harrison paper

Coat of Arms

400%



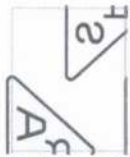
Harrison paper



400%



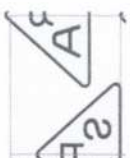
Multiple RSA triangle



Facing right



Multiple RSA triangle

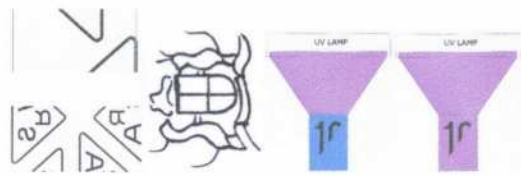


Facing left



EXAMPLES OF SERIES 1961-watermark- and paper varieties for date 1966

WMK : mult.RSA TRIANGLE *sidew./ tête bêche* *
 PAPER : *Phosphorised papers* * (*=not in Barefoot; one direction for each value only!)
 PERFORATION: 14x14
 ASPECT: : Year of date just below the Arms
 : Language different for each value
 : Position of secret white dots on bottom Left side.
 : *Series 1961 invalid from January 1st 1969.*
 : **short use of date "68"**



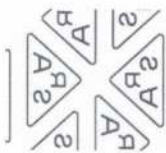
RSA – Harrison/Swiss papers

Harrison (L) Swiss paper (R)

400%



Multiple RSA triangle
sideways tête bêche



sideways left



Multiple RSA
sideways tête bêche

400%



Less than 1 year



EXAMPLES OF SERIES 1961-watermark- and paper varieties for date 1967 and 1968

1.1.2: Error(s) and/or other unusual aspect(s) with example(s)

- ASPECT: : Language error: "VYFTIG" both sides with date "61" **with sheetparts**
 : *Watermark error: "R&A" instead of "RSA" "67"*
 : *Shading variety of National Arms "63"*
 : *Double dot on issue "66"*
 : *Extreme shift of background with date "65, 66" ("drifting dot")*
 : *Perforation error in strip with date "65"*

A: Language error: "VYFTIG" both sides with date "61"



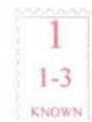
Example left: normal type; middle: language error and blank; right: single language error

CORNER STAMP WITH TAP 1ST TO BE RECORDED*



Corner block of 12 with language error. *Reported in Cleyn Segel No 78 (dec. 2015)

LARGEST GROUP KNOWN TILL DATE



1.1.2: Error(s) and/or other unusual aspect(s) with example(s) (continued)

B: *Watermark error: "R&A" instead of "RSA" "67"*



70%
RS(A)



5c 1967 with wmk RSA sideways error "



70%
RE(A)

C: *Shading variety of National Arms*



100%



Example of 10c 1963 with no shading and large white shading surrounding the National Arms.



100%

D: *Double dot on issue "66"*



200%
66



Background: dot- on top AND on bottom at left side

E: *Extreme shift of background with date "65, 66" ("drifting dot")*



200%
66



150%
Shift to N-65



Background: dot- and perforation shift; smaller margin left



150%
Shift to E-66



200%
1966



150%
Shift to N

Background: dot - and perforation shift; smaller margin bottom

E: *Perforation error in strip with date "65"*



Strip of 5 showing 2 stamps 1 perforation lower.

a-1961-1965

Republic revenues in Union period: 15-02-61 - 30-05-61)

No. 365 F—S.A.M. T. 8131/10/56/20M

Germ 613

South African Mutual Life Assurance Society

Incorporated by Act of Parliament in the Union of South Africa

LOAN ON SURRENDER VALUE OF POLICY



Surrender Value £ *1221*

Date *1-2-61*

Sums Assured up to £50 inclusive—2d
 " " over £50 to £100 inclusive—1/-
 " " over £100 2/-

Policy No. *423443* Sum Assured £ *1000*

on the Life of *DIAN LEON-CACHET* born on *14.12.03* **

** The date of birth of the Life Assured must be inserted here by the Borrower.

See Note *The Consideration*

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See Note Below

In Consideration of the sum of (amount in figures) £ *1221* (amount in words) *One thousand two hundred and twenty-one* pounds lent and advanced to me by the South African Mutual Life Assurance Society (receipt whereof I do hereby

Life Assurance policies (office copy and duplicate original) for D.L. Cachet in Germiston.

Notice that they were for the same person on the same day with TWO different currency revenues.

Documents affixed on 15-2-1961: 2/- (59-Bft 94-office copy); and 20c (61-Bft 114-duplicate original);

Assurance policy was £1000 against 6%. The interest had to be paid in February and August.

Taxed according to Stamp Duty and Fees Act No. 30 of 1911;

last amended by Stamp Duties and Fees Amendment Act No 54 of 1960 on 1-6-1960; GoN 767 in GG6462:

currency reform : £1=R2 from 14-2-1961:

2/- 20c

Section 19 (1): Policies of Insurance:

(2/-) 20c

If the sum assured exceeds 50; for every £100 and part thereof: 1/- = 10c

S.D. 30 of 1911-Section 19 never had 2/- Stamp Duty for sums assured over £100! The fee should be 10/-.

All sections were replaced by Stamp Act 59 of 1962 (acc. to GG250 of May 29th 1962) on May 29th 1962

1.1.3: Example(s) on document(s)

c-1967-1968

(Mixed usage of series 1961 and 1968: 01-10-68 – 31-12-68)

EM:
27.6.68.



Geregistreeer hierdie
Registered this..... 27 -11- 1968

In die Register van
in the Register of..... Bk II Vol 32

en in die Register van
and in the Register of Nelspruit Bk 7 Vol 1232

Aktekantoor
Deeds Office
Pretoria

Asst. Registrateur van Aktes
Asst. Registrar of Deeds

VERANDERING VAN NAAM.
CHANGE OF NAME. 26 1926

Kragtens Art. 93(1) Wet No. 57 van 1957 is die
In terms of Sec. 93(1) Act No 57 of 1957 the

naam van die binnegemeelde
name of the within..... Jessor

verander na
has been changed to
Sien appèlante gebore by
Vide application filed with
AKTESKANTOOR,
DEEDS OFFICE,
PRETORIA, 1970

ASST. REGISTRATEUR.
ASST. REGISTRAR.



1968

Handwritten signatures and initials

DEED OF LEASE

Protocol 1036/68

Front page of **Deed of Lease** from a notary in Johannesburg about an unknown matter; Nelspruit, Transvaal.

At left: registration box and affixed stamps. At right: change of name of lessor and affixed stamps.

Document 1st affixed on 27-11-1968: R1,50 (67-Bft 120); and 15c (68-Bft 133)

Document 2nd affixed on 2-11-1970: 5c (68-Bft 131); 30c (69-Bft 136) and 50c (69-Bft 137)

Short period of usage R 1,50 (67) Series 1961 was denoted from January 1st 1969 by R1762 in GG2179 (4-10-68)

Taxed according to Stamp Duty and Fees Act No. 77 of 1968:

R 1,65

Section 14 (1): Lease or Agreement of Lease

c where such period exceeds ten years but not twenty years; for every R100 or part thereof amount is unknown but between R200 and R300: 3x55c (1-10-68 -1-1-05)

R 1,65

Taxed according to Stamp Duty and Fees Act No. 77 of 1968; last amended by RLA Act 92 1970 -16-7-70 R 0,85

14-2(2) In respect of any continuance, renewal or extension of any such lease or agreement

An amount of duty calculated in according with section 22(4) of this Act.

Regulation 22-4a of the Stamp Act: "remaining period should be paid again"

R 0,85

Revenue stamps are demonetized from 1-11-2009 by GG32059; GoN360 of 27-3-2009 under section 33 of the Stamp Duties Act No 77. of 1968.

Section 14 was withdrawn by Revenue Law Act 32 from 1-1-2005

1.1.3: Example(s) on document(s)

d-unauthorised use of revenues – registered mail without postage due



DL REGISTERED LETTER posted at Johannesburg on 4 X 1966-8.00 -143 (*Putzel 554 4/20*) to a P.O. BOX address in Johannesburg. Letter NOT intercepted. Letter affixed with 4x2c (*65-Bft 110*) 1a +1 surface mail+ registration: 2 ½ c (1st oz.) + 5c registration = 7 ½ c (1-4-1962 till 1-4-1971) (GG6567 - R 1791 / GG3027 - R 430 = 4 c - 40g. + 5c registration = 9c.) *1/2 c too much franking*

d-unauthorised use of **demonetized** revenues – surface mail with postage due



DL LETTER posted at Kempton Park on 14 V E 1969 (*Putzel 18 2/10*) to a P.O. BOX address in Johannesburg. Letter intercepted and taxed "T" and "4(c)" in pen (*Stolk TA10 lower "T"*) for missing 2 c postage stamp. Due paid with 4c due stamp; series 31-5-1961 (*SACC 52*) and Cancelled JOHANNESBURG 14 at 16 V 69 (*Putzel 191 4/20*). Letter affixed with 2c (*66-Bft 110*) and ½ c postage stamp (*Sept. 1968-SACC 261a*) Surface mail: 2 ½ c (1st oz.) (1-4-1962 till 1-4-1971) (GG6567 - R 1791 / GG3027 - R 430 = 4 c - 40g.) *R1762 in GG 2179 of October 4th 1968: revenues from 1931-1968 were demonetized on January 1st 1969*

1.1.3: Example(s) on document(s)

c-1967-1968

Aspect: **example of use on document with abolished revenues**



1
1-3
KNOWN

**Traveller's cheque of £5 from the Standard Bank in London. Used on 19-6-1972.
Paid out at 24-6-1972 by the Standard Bank of White River in South Africa.
Cheque affixed on 28-6-1972 with 2x1 ½c (67-Bft 109)**

Taxed according to Stamp Duty and Fees Act No. 77 of 1968 from 1-10-1968 :
Section 5 (1): Bill of Exchange or promissory note - cheque: (1-10-1968 – 30-6-1977)

2c

Revenue stamps of series 1961 were denoted from January 1st 1969 and therefore invalid for use ; 1c too much duty.
Section 5 was abolished by GG22532 ; GoN719 from April 1st 2001

b-consular (fee for visa on passports)

1a1 "KONSULAIR" reading up in black (1961)



Examples of 1961 for the reported values 5, 10, 20 and 50c ; R1 and R2

1a2 "KONSULAIR" reading down in black (1961-1965)



Examples of 1961 for the reported values 20 and 50c ; R1 and R2



Examples of 25c and 50c 1961 "KONSULAIR-UP" AND R1 1961 "KONSULAIR-DOWN";
visa fee on passport page fragment dated 23-5-1966
from the Embassy at "NEW YORK" (U.S.A.) *Visa fee = approx. \$ 2,45*

1b "KONSULËR" reading up in black (1967)



Example of 1967 for the discovered values 50c and R2 reported in CS93-20190914; **NOT in Barefoot 2019**



Examples of 20c 1961 "KONSULAIR-DOWN" AND R2 1967 "KONSULËR-UP";
visa fee on passport page fragment dated 22-9-1969
from the Embassy at "NEW YORK" (U.S.A.) *Visa fee = approx. \$ 3,08*

1.2: (Overprinted) for other services

1.2.1: Description and aspect(s) with examples

ASPECT: : Exist for Penalty and Consular
 Different colours of overprint
Normal paper (1961-1965)
(Phosphorecent. papers (66-))
 Wmk: Coat of Arms (1961-1967) sideways
No mint stamps: directly on document only.
Penalty issue 1961-1968 valid till 31-12-1968.



a-penalty / boete (penalty fee for late payments of revenue)

1a/b "PENALTY" reading up/down in **BLACK**

PENALTY
BOETE



PENALTY
BOETE



150%

Example UP of 25c 1962 (left) (*only value*); examples DOWN of 5c 1961 and 25c 1964
 5c 1961 reported in CS45-20070901; In Barefoot 2019

150%

2a "PENALTY" reading up in **RED**

PENALTY
BOETE



Examples of 1962 (left and right) and R10 1963 in center.
 R10 1963 reported in CS93-20190907; **NOT IN Barefoot 2019**

2b "PENALTY" reading down in **RED**

PENALTY
BOETE



Examples of R2 1966. reported in CS93-20190907; NOT IN Barefoot 2019



Examples of 1961 (10c) ; 1963 and 1965* (50c) ; 1961 ; 1962 (R1) and 1962 R2* (*= NOT IN Barefoot 2019)

1.2.2: Error(s) and/or other unusual aspect(s) with example(s)

ASPECT *: : Language error: "VYFTIG SENT" both sides (50c only)
 : Extreme shift of overprint.
 : Mixed usage

A: Language error: "VYFTIG SENT" both sides

a-penalty / boete (penalty fee for late payments of revenue) (left)
 b-consular (fee for visa on passports) (right)



"PENALTY" reading down in RED : Example with of 1961. (A 1962 exist in reading up)
 "KONSULAR" reading up in black : Example of 1961



Examples of 1961 with 50c language error and **CONSULAIR LEFT UP***
 for visa fee on passport page fragment dated 28-5-1962
 from the Embassy at "KEULEN" (West Germany). *Visa fee was approx. DM 8,95*

B1: Extreme shift of "PENALTY" overprint (generally on National Arms)

"PENALTY" reading up in RED



Examples of 1962 with shift of overprint to left and right (so far only 50c reported)

B2: Mixed usage



Fragment cancelled by the Registrar of Companies in Pretoria at 12-11-1968.

Examples of 10c (62) with overprint **red-up** and 50c (68) with overprint **red-down**

Series 1968 was introduced on October 1st 1968. Series 1961 was demonetized from January 1st 1969

1.2.3: Example(s) on document(s)

1-penalty / boete (penalty fee for late payments of revenue)

a-1961-1965

(19)

K O O P K O N T R A K

MEMORANDUM VAN OOREENKOMS aangegaan en gesluit tussen

CHRISTIAAN JULIUS,

(hierna genoem die Verkoper) aan die een kant en

JACOBUS GERHARDUS LE ROUX

(hierna genoem die Koper) van die ander kant

GETUIG AS VOLG:

Die verkoper verkoop aan die Koper, wat hiermee van hom koop, die volgende :

AFGESKAFTE erfpag grond synde Erf No. 229, Marydale, gelee in die Dorpsbestuur Gebied van Marydale in die Afdeling van Prieska.

GROOT Vyf en Vyftig (55) Vierkant Roede Tagtig (80) Vierkant Voet.

Vir die som van R1040 (EENDUISEND EN VEERTIG RAND)

Wat betaalbaar sal wees as volg : Nademaal die verkoper aan die Koper die hiernagemelde bedrag verskuldig is, nl:

R600 t.o.v. Verband gedateer 20 Februarie 1958;
plus rente @ 6% vanaf 10 Januarie 1957,
en R300 t.o.v. Verband gedateer 23 Februarie 1960
plus rente @ 6% vanaf 1 Januarie 1960,

SO IS DIT dat die partye hiermee ooreenkom dat die koop van bogemelde eiendom gedelg sal word deur skuldvergelyking.

Verkoop van bogemelde eiendom is onderhewig aan die verkry van 'n permit kragtens die Groepsgebiedewet, indien nodig.

Agreement for the purchase of a piece of land in the area of Marydale; district of Prieska.
Document affixed on 21-5-1963 with 10c (62-Bft 112) and 25c (61-Bft 72) PENALTY black-down.

Taxed according to Stamp Duty and Fees Act No. 59 from 29-5-1962 : 35c
Section 12: Certificate: by any other person (than a notarial): 10c
CHAPTER III: general provisions; Section 20 sub 5a: presented between 21 days and 3 months
after date of execution: 50% of unpaid fee with minimum of 25c : 25c

All sections were replaced by Stamp Act 77 of 1968 (acc. to GG2119 of July 5th 1968) on October 1st 1968



a-1961-1965

10/11/2.



Consulado-Geral de ~~Mozambique~~ da África do Sul,
Caixa Postal 1120,
Lourenço Marques.

DECLARAÇÃO.

Para os fins convenientes se declara que EVA FELICIANA DE SA PINTO, filha de Manuel Bastos Pinto e de Philomena Drummond de Sá Pinto, nasceu em Johannesburg, África do Sul, em 14.11.1945.

LW. Wilhals
Consul-Geral.

Lourenço Marques.
3 de Dezembro de 1962.



Declaration from the Consular-General in Lourenço-Marques (Mozambique) that Eva Felician, wife of Manuel Bastos Pinto e de Philomena Drummond de Sá Pinto, was born in Johannesburg, South Africa on 14-11-1945.

Document affixed on 3-12-1962 with R1 (61-Bft 72)

Example of R1 reported in CS93-20190907; NOT IN Barefoot 2019

KONSULAIR reading down. Taxed according to Stamp Duty and Fees Act No. 59 from 29-5-1962 :

Section 5: Authentication Certificate: for testifying the Identity of any person or for a document for use outside the Republic: R1

1.4.3: Example(s) on document(s)

Tribal Tax
Eastern Caprivi

The name Caprivi was given from the German general: Graf Leo von Caprivi. The strip of land was added to the colony in July 1st 1890 after negotiations with the British about Zanzibar; Heligoland and Bechuanaland. Goal was a connection with German East Africa (Tanzania) but Cecil Rhodes from Rhodesia blocked it. (story & map: Wikipedia). From 1930, there was a trust fund for the Mafuri / Mafuse (Bayai) and below Ovambukushi at the South-West (><) and Basubia at the East. The recorded number of adult male taxpayers was 1861 for Mafuse (1954) ; 1683 for Basubia (1954) and 768 for Ovambukushi (1948). Only overprinted stamps were accepted for a receipt but for Caprivi regular revenues were found used also. In 1958, W.F. Courtzee of Native affairs ordered 5000 revenues of 10/ (57) and 5000 revenues of £1(55) for both Tribes each. So far only these 2 of 10/- and a £1 of series 1954 are recorded or the Union period. An order in 1960 for R1 and R2 values was send but the old ones should be used up first. A new request of 25-7-1967 for 10.000 R2 (68) Mafue and 5.000 R2 Basubia resulted in one of the last overprinted revenues in use up to 1972. See also in the work of F. Beck.



(30%)

Only known document; stamps rare



Mafue (Bayeyi) Registration Certificate for Makamyi Thomas, living in the area of Kasisila

Document was cancelled at the front on 23-6-1969 at the Kalima Mulilo Post Office
2x 10/- (57-Bft 3)* and 2x R4 (65-Bft 122) were affixed at the back and cancelled at 23-6-1969 to pay the levy for 1956-1961; 2x R4 (68-Bft 11)* and R2 (69-Bft 10)** cancelled 23-1-1970 to pay the levy for 1962-1966.

*Notice the fact that according to Notice N 4/3/1 the Union revenues were valid till March 31st 1964 and the 10/- values on this document were cancelled at 28-6-1969 because they should be used up first.

**The R4 (66) was demonetized on 1-1-1969 (no overprinted R2 available and used as provisional).

Government Notice No 857 / 1956 (1956 – 1957); annual adult male fee
Government Notice No 449 / 1958 (1958 – 1981+); annual adult male fee

10/-
£1 / R2