

EMERGENCY AIR POST 1945-46

ISSUE

An emergency issue of postage stamps primarily for air mail usage and printed by Typo Imprensa Nacional de Luanda, Angola. Printing is very poor as is the perforation. The issue was limited and is rare.

STATUS

Initially, these Angolan Air Mail stamps were not included in the catalogues, apparently because the Portuguese dealers held that the issue was never published and/or authorized in the *Diario do Governo* and/or in the *Diario da Provincia*. Rather, they were produced locally at the Imprensa Nacional, but with no decree having been issued. It was only later that the issue was included in the Portuguese catalogues, and even later still in the foreign catalogues, when it was realized that the issue had done service as an official air mail stamp through the Post Offices of Angola. By this time, the issue had been withdrawn. Given these facts, only a few complete sets are held by collectors. Thus, the set is best regarded as an emergency issue with limited status. As would be expected, the stamps have become extremely scarce, particularly 100a, and particularly so in mint condition.

AIRMAIL

Perforation 11

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100

1947 — Armas de Angola. Emissão local. Dent. 10 1/2

