

Switzerland (International Organisations)

Prior to 1 February 1944 stamps of Switzerland overprinted for use by officials of International Organisations based in Switzerland, issued by the Swiss Post Office, were only available to the public postally used.

Stamps issued before 1934 were circulated in mint condition, but those issued between 1934 and 1943 were overprinted 'Specimen' type [1] prior to distribution.

Specialised catalogues list all the 1937 denominations of the Landscape issues overprinted for the League of Nations and the International Labour Office with Specimen overprints with both with smooth and with grilled gum. However, all official collections examined are identical in this respect as listed below.

Types

1935-43	Specimen	14.5x1.5/1	[1]
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League of Nations



1934



1937



1937 Mythen



overprinted in 3 lines
1938 International Buildings



overprinted in a circle
all 'Specimen' type [1]



1939 symbolic design

Checklist

issue date	description	type	UPU Reference date	number
overprinted 'SOCIÉTÉ DES NATIONS' in 3 lines				
1934-35	Landscape – value above 'HELVETIA':	[1]	11 Nov 1935	3704/149
	3c, 5c, 25c, 30c [the 15c was not distributed]			
1937	Landscape – value to left of 'HELVETIA':	[1]	18 Feb 1937	1318/38
1937	3c, 25c		13 May 1937	4248/139
	5c, 10c purple type I, 15c, 20c scarlet (St Gotthard) type III, 30c, 35c, 40c			
1942	10c red-brown, 10c orange-brown		18 May 1943	IV. No. 12
1942	20c scarlet (Lugano)		26 Nov 1943	IV. No. 21
	[only the 10c purple, 15c, 25c, 30c, 35c and 40c have grilled gum]			