

Hidden Source Code and Year Codes

Value	Source	Format	Source Code	No Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	M12L			M15L	M16L		
1p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
2p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	M12L		M14L	M15L	M16L	M17L	
2p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
5p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	M12L		M14L	M15L	M16L		
5p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
10p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	M12L	MA13	M14L	M15L	M16L	M17L	
10p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)									M17L	
20p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	M12L	MA13	M14L	M15L	M16L		
20p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
68p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	M11L	M12L						
76p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	M11L	M12L						
78p	Sheets	25 WSP	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	M13L					
78p	Sheets	25 DLR	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	MA13					
81p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x		M14L				
87p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	M12L						
88p	Sheets	25 WSP	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	M13L					
88p	Sheets	25 DLR	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	MA13					
97p	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x		M14L				
£1.05	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x		M16L		
£1.10	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	M11L	●						
£1.17	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
£1.17	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
£1.25	Sheets	25 WSP	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M18L
£1.28	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	M12L	MA13	M14L				
£1.33	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	M15L	M16L		
£1.40	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
£1.40	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
£1.45	Sheets	25 WSP	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M18L
£1.47	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	M14L				
£1.52	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	M15L			
£1.55	Sheets	25 WSP	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M18L

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£1.57	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
£1.57	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
£1.65	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	M11L	Ⓢ						
£1.88	Sheets	25 WSP	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	M13L					
£1.88	Sheets	25 DLR	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	MA13Ⓢ					
£1.90	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	M12L						
£2.15	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	M14L				
£2.25	Sheets	25 DLR	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	M15L	M16L		
£2.25	Sheets	25 WSP	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M18L
£2.27	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
£2.27	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
£2.45	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	M15L			
£2.55	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
£2.55	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
£2.65	Sheets	25 WSP	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M18L
£3.15	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	M15L			
£3.30	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	M15L			
50p Grey	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	MAI L			x	x	x	x			
50p Slate	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	M12L					M17L	
£1 Ruby	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	MAI L	x	M11L	M12L	x	x	x			
£1 Brown	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	M12L		M14L	M15L	M16L		
£1.50	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	MAI L									
£2	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	MAI L				x					
£2	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	MA13					
£3	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	MAI L									
£5	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	MAI L									
£5	Sheets	10	none	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	E17I	
2nd	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	MAI L	MA10	M11L	M12L	MA13	M14L	M15L	M16L	M17L	
2nd	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
1st Gold	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	MAI L	MA10	M11L	x	x	x	x			
1st Diamond	Sheets	50	DI AMOND	x	x	x	n/a❖	x	x	x	x	x	

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1st RM Red	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	M12L	MA13	M14L	M15L	M16L		
1st RM Red	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M16L	M17L	
1st Amethyst	Sheets	50	REI GN (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	O15R	O16R		
2nd Large	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	MAI L	MA10	MA11	MA12	MA13	M14L	M15L	M16L		
2nd Large	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
1st Large Gold	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	MAI L	MA10	MA11	x	x	x	x			
1st L Diamond	Sheets	50	JUBI LEE	x	x	x	n/a❖	x	x	x	x	x	
1st L RM Red	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	MA12	MA13	M14L	M15L	M16L		
1st L RM Red	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
1st RSF	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	MAI L	MA10			x	x	x	x	x	
1st RMSF	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	MA13		M15L	M16L		
1st RMSF	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
1st L RSF	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	MAI L	MA10			x	x	x	x	x	
1st L RMSF	Sheets	50	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	MA13		M15L	M16L	M17L	
SD 100g	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	MA10				M14L	M15L	M16L	M17L	
SD 100g	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
SD 500g	Sheets	25	MAI L (none)	x	MA10				M14L		M16L		
2nd	Business	100x2nd	MBI L	MAI L	MA10	M11L	M12L	M13L	M14L	M15L			
2nd	Business	100x2nd	MBI L	x	x	x	x	x	x	M15L	M16L		
2nd	Business	100x2nd	MBI L	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M16L	M17L	
1st Gold	Business	100x1st	MBI L	MAI L	MA10	M11L	x	x	x	x			
1st Diamond	Business	100x1st	DI AMBND	x	x	x	n/a❖	x	x	x	x	x	
1st RM Red	Business	100x1st	MBI L	x	x	x	M12L	M13L	M14L	M15L			
1st RM Red	Business	100x1st	MBI L	x	x	x	x	x	x	M15L	M16L		
1st RM Red	Business	100x1st	MBI L	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M16L	M17L	
2nd Large	Business	50x2nd L	ROYBL MAI L	MAI L	x	x	x	x					
2nd Large	Business	50x2nd L	ROYAL MBI L	x	MA10	MA11	MA12	MA13	MA14	MA15			
2nd Large	Business	50x2nd L	ROYAL MBI L	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M16L		
2nd Large	Business	50x2nd L	ROYAL MBI L	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
1st Large Gold	Business	50x1st L	ROYBL MAI L	MAI L	x	x	x	x	x	x			
1st Large Gold	Business	50x1st L	ROYAL MBI L	x	MA10	MA11	x		x	x			
1st L Diamond	Business	50x1st L	JUBI LBE	x	x	x	n/a❖	x	x	x	x	x	

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1st L RM Red	Business	50x1st L	ROYAL MBIL	x	x	x	MA12	MA13	MA14	MA15			
1st L RM Red	Business	50x1st L	ROYAL MBIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	MA15	M16L		
1st L RM Red	Business	50x1st L	ROYAL MBIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
2nd	Rolls	10,000	MRIL	MAIL	MA10		MA12						
2nd	Rolls	10,000	MRIL	x	x	x	M12L			M15L			
1st Gold	Rolls	10,000	No Iridescent [∞]	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
1st Gold	Rolls	10,000	MRIL	MAIL	MA10		MA12	x	x	x			
1st RM Red	Rolls	10,000	MRIL	x	x	x	MA12						
1st RM Red	Rolls	10,000	MRIL	x	x	x	x	M13L					
2nd ‡	Rolls	500	MRIL	x	MA10								
1st Gold ‡	Rolls	500	MRIL	x	MA10			x	x	x			
1p *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	M13L	M14L	M15L			
2p *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	M13L	M14L		M16L		M18L
5p *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	M12L	M13L		M15L	M16L	M17L	M18L
5p **	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	M13L					
10p *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	M12L	M13L	M14L	M15L	M16L		
20p *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	M12L	x	M14L	x	x	M17L	
50p Grey	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	MA10	M11L	x	x	x	x			
50p Slate **	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	M13L		M15L			
68p ‡	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	M11L	x	x	x	x			
76p *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	M11L	x	x	x	x			
81p *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	x	M14L	x			
87p *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	M12L	x	x	x			
97p *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	x	M14L	x			
£1 Brown *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	x	M14L	M15L			
£1 Ruby ***	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
£1.05 *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M16L		
£1.17 *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	M18L
£1.33 *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	M15L			
£1.40 *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	

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2nd	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	MA10	x	x						
2nd *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	M15L		M17L	
2nd	Booklets	12x2nd	MTIL	MAIL	MA10	M11L	M12L	M13L	M14L	M15L			
2nd	Booklets	12x2nd	MTIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	M15L	M16L		
2nd	Booklets	12x2nd	MTIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M16L	M17L	
1st Gold	Booklets	4x1st+2x1st	MCIL	MAIL	MA10	M11L	x	x	x	x			
1st Gold	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	MA10	x	x	x	x	x			
1st Gold *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	M11L	x	x	x	x			
1st Gold	Booklets	6x1st	MSIL	MAIL	MA10	M11L	x	x	x	x			
1st Gold	Booklets	12x1st	MTIL	MAIL	MA10	M11L	M12L	x	x	x			
1st Diamond	Booklets	4x1st+2x1st	DIAMCND	x	x	x	n/a❖	x	x	x	x	x	
1st Diamond ‡	PSB	Mixed	DIAMPND	x	x	x	n/a❖	x	x	x	x	x	
1st Diamond	Booklets	6x1st	DIAMSND	x	x	x	n/a❖	x	x	x	x	x	
1st Diamond	Booklets	12x1st	DIAMTND	x	x	x	n/a❖	x	x	x	x	x	
1st RM Red	Booklets	4x1st+2x1st	MCIL	x	x	x	M12L	M13L	M14L	M15L			
1st RM Red	Booklets	4x1st+2x1st	MCIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M16L	M17L	
1st RM Red	Booklets	4x1st+2x1st	MCIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
1st RM Red *	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	M13L		M15L	M16L	M17L	
1st RM Red ***	PSB	Mixed	MPIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
1st RM Red	Booklets	6x1st	MSIL	x	x	x	M12L	M13L	M14L	M15L			
1st RM Red	Booklets	6x1st	MSIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M16L	M17L	
1st RM Red	Booklets	6x1st	MSIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M16L	M17L	
1st RM Red	Booklets	12x1st	MTIL	x	x	x	M12L	M13L	M14L	M15L			
1st RM Red	Booklets	12x1st	MTIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	M15L	M16L		
1st RM Red	Booklets	12x1st	MTIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M16L	M17L	
1st Amethyst	Booklets	4x1st+2x1st	REIGC	x	x	x	x	x	x	O15R			
1st Amethyst	Booklets	4x1st+2x1st	REIGC	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	O16R		
1st Amethyst *	PSB	Mixed	REIGP	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	O16R		
1st Amethyst	Booklets	6x1st	REIGS	x	x	x	x	x	x	O15R			
1st Amethyst	Booklets	6x1st	REIGS	x	x	x	x	x	x	O15R	O16R		

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2nd Large	Booklets	4x2nd L	FOYAL MAIL	MAIL	x	x	x	x	x				
2nd Large	Booklets	4x2nd L	ROYAL MFIL	x	MA10	MA11	MA12	MA13	MA14	MA15			
2nd Large	Booklets	4x2nd L	ROYAL MFIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M16L		
2nd Large	Booklets	4x2nd L	ROYAL MFIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
1st Large Gold	Booklets	4x1st L	FOYAL MAIL	MAIL	x	x	x	x	x	x			
1st Large Gold	Booklets	4x1st L	ROYAL MFIL	x	MA10	MA11	x	x	x	x			
1st L Diamond	Booklets	4x1st L	JUBILFE	x	x	x	n/a❖	x	x	x	x	x	
1st L RM Red	Booklets	4x1st L	ROYAL MFIL	x	x	x	MA12	MA13	MA14	MA15			
1st L RM Red	Booklets	4x1st L	ROYAL MFIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	MA15	M16L		
1st L RM Red	Booklets	4x1st L	ROYAL MFIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	
1st Gold ‡	Minisheet	10x1st	MMIL	x	x	AM11	x	x	x	x			
1st Diamond ‡	Minisheet	6x1st	DIAMMND	x	x	x	n/a❖	x	x	x	x	x	
1st Amethyst ‡	Minisheet	2x1st, 1st,	REIGM	x	x	x	x	x	x	O15R			
1st RM Red ‡	Minisheet	Mixed	MMIL	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M17L	

Machin Head Base Post & Go Labels

Base Post & Go Label	No Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cyan / Blue with wavyline text 'ROYAL MAIL'	x	MA12	MA13	MA14	MA15	x	x
Cyan / Blue with wavyline text '2nd CLASS'	x	x	x		x	CL16S	CL17S
Olive Brown	MAIL	x	MA13	MA14	MA15	MA16	
Olive Brown - Large Horizon Style	x	x	x	x	x	MA16	MA17

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- * 76p and 1st Gold from Aerial Post PSB were Litho printed; year code M11L ; normal gum
5p, 10p, 20p and 87p from Dr Who PSB were Litho printed; year code M12L ; normal gum
1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 1st RM Red from Football PSB were Litho printed; year code M13L ; normal gum
2p and 5p from Classic Locos PSB were Litho printed; year code M13L ; normal gum
10p, 20p, and £1 from Buckingham Palace PSB were Litho printed; year code M14L ; normal gum
10p, 20p, and £1 from Great War 1914 PSB were Litho printed; year code M14L ; normal gum
1p, 5p, 81p and 97p from Inventive Britain PSB were Litho printed; year code M14L ; normal gum
1p, 5p and £1.33 from Great War 1915 PSB were Litho printed; year code M15L ; normal gum
5p, 10p, 50p and £1 from Waterloo PSB were Litho printed; year code M15L ; normal gum
2x2nd, 2x1st RM Red and 4x1st Flag from Star Wars PSB were Litho printed; year code M15L ; normal gum
2x1st RM Red, 2x1st Amethyst and 4x1st Country from Queen's 90th were Litho printed; normal gum
5p, 10p and £1.05 from Potter PSB were Litho printed; year code M16L ; normal gum
2p, 10p, £1.05 and 1st RM Red from Windsor Castle PSB were Litho printed; year code M16L ; normal gum
£1.40, 2nd and 1st RM Red from Star Wars PSB were Litho printed; year code M17L ; normal gum
5p, 20p, £1.17, 2nd N.I and 1st Game of Thrones from Game of Thrones PSB were Litho printed; year code M17L ; normal gum
- ** 5p and 50p Slate from the Merchant Navy PSB were Litho printed; year code M13L ; normal gum ; the perforation ellipse on the vertical sides is set near the top (instead of the normal position near the bottom).
- *** £1 Ruby and 1st RM Red from the Machin 50 PSB were Gravure printed; year code M17L ; normal gum
- ‡ Gravure printed; normal gum
- ∞ Self Adhesive Rolls of 10,000x1st ; Available to Bulk Mailers Dec 2008. These were an 'interim' printing which had the '4U' shaped die cuts. However, the iridescent overprint cylinder had presumably not been prepared at the time and so the stamps do not have it.
- ❖ Diamond Jubilee iridescent overprint did not have year codes
- ⊛ The 78p,88p and £1.88 were initially printed by Walsall (WSP) with year code M13L as a stop gap while De La Rue relocated to Gateshead. These were subsequently reprinted by De La Rue with year code MA13. Presentation pack no. 97 containing 78p, 88p, £1.88, 1st and 1st Large RM Signed For with the 78p, 88p and £1.88 values having the

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year code MA13

- ❶ £1.10 and £1.65 were printed with the M12L year code. Just one or two sheets may have been found.

Notes

- 2009 Both 2nd Large and 1st Large from Business Sheets have missing 'M' error in the iridescent overprint ('ROYBL', no year code) behind the band of the diadem. Consistent to all stamps.
- 2009 NAFAS (Flowers) Custom booklet missing 'A' error in the iridescent overprint occurring near the left frame in front of the queens lips. Consistent to all stamps.
- 2011 Makeup / low values (Mar 2011) 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 20p have the '4U' shaped dies cuts. However, they did not have the iridescent overprint until 2013.
- 2012 1st and 1st Large were issued in Diamond Blue (Greyish blue) in respect of Queens Diamond Jubilee. The overprint is special wavyline 'DIAMOND JUBILEE' text. The source code replaces the 'O' in DIAMOND in respect of the small format definitives and the first 'E' in JUBILEE in respect of the Large definitives - No year codes were used.
- 2012 Stamp rolls (10,000 stamps) for Bulk Mailers were printed by Enschedé. The year code is MA12 (all other standard sized Machin's are M12L)
- 2013 The 'Diamond Blue colour' used for the 1st and 1st Large NVI values was only be used for the duration of 2012. The whole colour Machin range was reviewed from an operational standpoint during 2012 and as a result new colours were issued on 3rd January 2013 including :-
- o 1st and 1st Large changed colour to Royal Mail Red (RM Red).
 - o 50p Slate Grey (this is a dark grey) and £1 Wood Brown.
 - o the low values (1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 20p) were reprinted in the same colours but with the iridescent overprint. Hitherto, these did not have the iridescent overprint.

1st RSF and 1st Large (Recorded Signed For) service was renamed 'Royal Mail Signed For' from April 2013. The two existing stamps were replaced by new ones with the side text changed.

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Notes Continued

78p, 88p and £1.88 were originally printed by Walsall with a year code M13L as a stop-gap while De La Rue relocated their Dunstable works up north to Gateshead. These three values were then printed by De La Rue - Gateshead, however, with a year code MA13. These appeared in presentation packs, on official FDC's and then counter sheets.

2013 5p and 50p Slate from the Merchant Navy PSB had the perforation ellipse on the vertical sides set near the top in error. All the Machin panes from this booklet had this error.

2014 Royal Mail have confirmed the correct form for the hidden year codes is M14L for standard (small) definitives and MA14 for Large definitives and Post & Go. All the printers have been informed of the standard.

- o The Counter Sheet NVI Large have codes M14L and there is a missing 'L' in MAIL. This can be found in the upper left corner just to upper right of '2nd' (or '1st') and is common to all stamps.
- o NVI Large with source codes 'MBIL' and 'MFIL' have the source code repositioned so that it now appears in front of the front curl of the Queens hair.

2015 To celebrate the Queen becoming the longest reigning monarch the 1st class NVI rate colour was changed to Amethyst Purple. The iridescent overprint text was 'Long to Reign Over Us' with the hidden year code O15R appearing in front of the Queens neck. The hidden source code was behind the Queens hair bun.

2016 In January a new self adhesive paper substrate was introduced. This has the wavyline 'ROYAL MAIL' text printed on the carrier paper so that its visible between stamps. Some of the late printings in 2015 with the year code 15 appeared on this paper first. These entries are identified in the above list on a pale grey shaded background.

2016 The year code on NVI Large for Business Sheets and Booklets is M16L and not MA16.

2016 First Class NVI Booklets and Business sheets were reissued on 20th Oct 2016. The Royal Mail Red colour was reformulated and appears as a deeper shade.

Hidden Source Code and Year Codes

Notes Continued

2017 In January a revised self adhesive paper substrate was introduced. This still has the wavyline 'ROYAL MAIL' text printed on the carrier paper so that its visible between stamps but now alternates between two lines that are upright and then two lines that are inverted.. Some of the late printings in 2016 with the year code 16 appeared on this paper first. These entries are identified in the above list on a pale blue shaded background.