

OFFICIALS - HUNGARY

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Wishing to check my Hungarian perfins recently, I turned to page 43a of the S.E.P.S. Officials Catalogue where there is a useful checklist of the three-hole perfins prepared by Mr Welsh. Whilst checking my stamps against this list and Gibbons 1971 Austria-Hungary sectional, I was annoyed to find that many of the S.G. numbers quoted by Mr Welsh from the 1968 Gibbons have been changed, and do not correspond to the current listing. I have decided to update Mr Welsh's list incorporating the information from the Gibbons sectional (which incidentally, includes many more three hole perfins than the 1968 edition) and also from "Hungarian Stamp Centenary Catalogue 1871-1971", published Philatelica Hungarica, but numbered according to Scott and Gibbons catalogues.

First of all the purpose of the perforations. A footnote in Gibbons after S.G. 263 says : "three-hole triangular perforations, From 26th February 1921 to 1st October 1924, the two central rows of the sheet of certain postage, postage due, and official stamps were perforated through the stamps with three holes arranged in a triangle in order to defeat, speculation. These stamps are indicated with an asterisk and are worth about three times the prices quoted for the normals".

- This last note is of little help since all of the stamps marked with an asterisk have the minimum value of 5p except numbers D93 (8p), D94 (8p), D95 (8p) and D96 (10p). -

The Hungarian stamp catalogue in its note after No. 263 (S.G.) states:

"During 1921-24 various stamps then current were punched with three holes forming a triangle. These were sold at post offices and collectors and dealers who wanted them unpunched would have to purchase them through the philatelic agency at a 10% advance over the face value".

- A word for word copy of the note in Scott's "Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue 1971. -

The following listing comprises all those stamps marked in Gibbons 1971 as existing with the triangular perforation listed by catalogue number. The numerals in the columns following the entries indicate.: those recorded in other publications as follows,

Mr Welch's Collection	(1)
S.G. Part 11 1968	(2)
S.E.P.S. Officials Cat. p42-43	(3)
Hungarian Centenary Catalogue	(4)

The final column lists a comparative valuation of the perfins estimated from the Hungarian Catalogue which prices the perfins. Each point in this column is approximately ½p sterling.

<u>Sect.</u>	<u>Regular issues</u>	<u>Welch</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>Value</u>
	<u>1916-18</u>		<u>S.G.</u>	<u>Cat.</u>	<u>Hung.</u>	
252	20f grey-brown		2	3	4	3
255	40f alive-green		2		4	3
259	1k lake	1	2		4	3
260	2k bistre-brewm	1	2	3	4	3
261	3k grey & dull violet	1	2		4	3
262	5k pale brown & brown	1	2		4	6
263	10k mag,entt & chocolate		2		4	12
	<u>1920-24</u>					
372	5f yellow-brown	1	2		4	13(F)
373	10f purple.	1			4	3
375	50f yellow-green	1			4	3
376	50f ultramarine	1		3	4	3
377	60f black				4	3
378	1k bright green	1		3	4	3
379	1½k purple	1			4	3
380	2k greenish blue	1		3	4	3
381	2½k deep green	1		3	4	3
382	3k yellow-brown	1		3	4	3
383	4k bright rose	1		3	4	3
384	4½k dull violet			3	4	3
385	5k brown	1		3	4	3
386	6k blue	1		3	4	3
387	10k brown	1		3	4	3
388	15k green-black			3	4	3
389	20k claret	1		3	4	3
390	25k orange	1			4	3
391	40k green			3	4	3
392	50k blue	1		3	4	3
393	100k purple	1			4	3
394	150k green	1			4	3
395	200k yellow-green.			3	4	3
397	350k violet				4	5
	<u>1921-24</u>					
404	2k50 light blue	1			4	3
405	3k50 blue-grey	1			4	3
406	10k purple-brown				4	3
407	15k grey-black	1			4	3
408	20k claret				4	3
409	25k orange	1		3	4	3
410	30k carmine				4	3
411	40k green	1			4	3
412	50k blue				4	3
413	100k yellow-brown	1		3	4	3
414	400k turquoise-green			3	4	3
415	500k violet	1			4	3

(F) = Forgeries exist.

<u>1921-25</u>					
418	50k blue & brown	1	2	4	5
419	100k chestnut & olive				
	bistre	1	2	4	5
420	200k ultramarine & blue	1	2	4	10
421	500k mauve & purple	1	2	4	12
422	1000k purple & . mauve		2	4	12
423	2000k mauve & emerald		2	4	12

Not in Gibbons

249	6f greenish-blue			3	
250	10f rose-red			3	
320k	2k bistre-brown			3	
321	3k grey & dull violet			3	
322	5k brown			3	
323	10k magenta & chocolate			3	

Postage Due

1915

D43	10f red & green			4	4
D46	20f red & green			4	4

1920

D55	40f red & green			4	3
D56	50f red & green			4	3
D57	120f red & green			4	4
D58	200f red & green			4	3

1922

D72	2k red & deep green			4	4
D73	5k red & deep green			4	3
D74	50k red & deep green			4	3

1922

D75	2½k on 10f purple	1	2	4	2
D76	3k on 15f dull violet				
D77	9k on 40f olive green		2	4	2
D78	12k on 60f black	1	2	4	2

NOTE: * the only stamp in S,G. 1971
not in the Hungarian catalogue.

1922-24

D79	6k on 1½k purple		2	4	2
D80	10k on 2½k green		2	4	2
D81	15k on 1½k purple		2	4	2
D82	20k on 2½k green		2	4	2
D83	25k on 1½k purple		2	4	2