

**Bibliography of “HABILITADO Por La NACION” Overprints
by Ernesto Cuesta**

<BARR90206> Barreras, Antonio

"Los Sellos 'Habilitados por la Nación' de Cuba" ("The 'Habilitados por la Nación' Overprinted Stamps of Cuba") RSFC, Yr.I, No.3, 15 June 1902, p.34-39 (6), ill., Span. See <BARR91104b> for a reprint with a list of the known overprinted postage, telegraph, and fiscal stamps and illustrations of some of them. Also reprinted in <BARR93908> and <BARR94611>, and abstracted in <BARR94907a,b>.

Excellent treatment of this controversial issue, backed up with documentation.

<BARR91104b> Barreras, Antonio

"Sellos de Cuba HABILITADOS POR LA NACION"

("Cuban Stamps Overprinted HABILITADOS POR LA NACION")

RCFC, Yr.2, No.4, Apr 1911, pp.167-175 (9), ill., Span. Reprint of <BARR90206> with a list of the known overprinted postage, telegraph, and fiscal stamps and illustrations of some of them. Also reprinted in <BARR93908> and <BARR94611>, and abstracted in <BARR94907a,b>.

<BARR93908> Barreras, Antonio

"Habilitados por la Nación"

FCa, Yr.II, No.3, August 1939, pp.13-19 (7), Span. Don't have copy to confirm, but probably a reprint of <BARR90206> or <BARR91104b>.

<BARR94611> Barreras, Antonio

"Sellos de Cuba Habilitados por la Nación"

EcoF, Yr.2, No.36, Nov 1946, pp.190-192, ill., Span.

Reprint of <BARR90206>, <BARR91104b>, or <BARR93908>, but lacking most of the illustrations except Fig.3 of either of the first two versions and only listing the known overprinted postage and telegraph stamps (listing of overprinted revenue stamps omitted). <BARR94907a,b> is an abstract that comes close to being a reprint.

<BARR94907a> Barreras, Antonio

"Habilitados por la Nación"

Carteles, No.17, 3 July 1949, p.12, Span. Abstract of <BARR90206> without illustrations.

Although the note at the end of the article seems to imply that it is a complete reprint of <BARR90206>, some text has been changed slightly and some other has been omitted (however, the changes and omissions are minor). The illustrations in the original are published in a following issue of Carteles.

<BARR94907b> Barreras, Antonio

"Algo más sobre los HABILITADOS POR LA NACION" ("Additional Information on the HABILITADOS POR LA NACION") Carteles, No.?, 17 July 1949, p.?, ill., Span.

This item just consists of the illustrations that should have accompanied <BARR94907a> but were omitted for lack of space. The illustrations are accompanied by captions explaining the illustrated items. Note however that the illustrations of samples of the overprinted stamps do not come from <BARR90206> (the source cited in <BARR94907a>), but instead come from <BARR91104b>.

<BARR9yymm> Barreras, Antonio

Sellos de Cuba Habilitados por la Nación

(Cuban Stamps Overprinted "Habilitados por la Nación")

La Habana: Cooperativa de Prensa (Press Cooperative), Estudios Filatélicos Cubanos, n.d. [Need date of publication and photocopy.] Probably derived or reprinted from <BARR90206> or one of its reprints.

<BLAS6312> Blas Alvarez, Luis

"Peritación de los HABILITADOS POR LA NACION"

("Expertization of the 'HABILITADO POR LA NACION' Stamps")

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Correo Filatélico, Vol.III, No.23, Dec 1963, pp.347-353 (7), Span. Published under the pseudonym "Arnaldo".

<BLAS6400> Blas Alvarez, Luis

Peritación de los 'Habilitados Por La Nación'

(Expertization of the 'Habilitado Por La Nación' Stamps)

Publisher: Valencia Filatélica, No.2 in their library, 1964, 8pp., Span.

Reprint of <BLAS6312>. 500 copies printed.

Don't know if the work addresses the Cuban version of the surcharges; but even if it doesn't, the work should provide good background and reference material on the subject.

<CUES-HPLN> Cuesta, Ernesto

Bibliography of "Habilitados por la Nación" Surcharges

Bethesda, Maryland: Continuously updated section within the <CUES-Biblio> and <CUES-LBiblio> Internet Websites. This is the sub-bibliography that you are presently reading, listing only items dealing with Cuban "Habilitados por la Nación" overprints extracted from the main bibliography.

<FCb7605> Filatelia Cubana (FFC)

"Habilitados por la Nación" ("HABILITADO Por La NACION Overprinted Stamps")

Unlisted author: José Luis Guerra Aguiar

FCb, Yr.11, No.2, May-Aug 1976, pp.10-16 (7), ill., Span. This is the same as entry <GUER7605>.

Fine article, profusely illustrated, based on an earlier one by Barreras (see <BARR90206> and <BARR91104b>).

<FERND8103> Fernández Duro, Antonio

Reseña Histórico-Descriptiva de los Sellos de Correo de España

(Historic-Descriptive Review of the Postage Stamps of Spain)

Madrid: Imprenta Central a cargo de Víctor Saiz, Calle de la Colegiata, Número 6, 28 Mar 1881, 253 pp., ill.

Excellent compendium of postal regulations and legislation for the period 1850-1878, including a description of the postal species issued in support of them. Spanish ultramarine possessions are covered. The following sections are listed in the index: 1) stamps for the kingdom and foreign countries, 2) postcards, 3) official franchise, 4) military franchise, 5) private franchises, 6) newspaper stamps, 7) stamps for Cuba, Puerto Rico, Philippines, and Fernando Póo, and 8) overseas postcards. The sections pertaining directly to Cuba are on pages 215 to 225 on the stamps of the Spanish Antilles issued for use in both Cuba and Puerto Rico, pages 225 to 227 on the stamps issued specifically for Cuba from 1877 to 1881, and pages 249 to 250 on the postcards for use in Cuba and Puerto Rico. Additionally on pages 239 and 244 there are references to the use of the Spanish Antilles issues of 1856 and 1870 used in the Philippines. Also of special interest to Cuban philatelists for historical background and comparison purposes are pages 135 to 140 in the Spanish section of the book that covers the "Habilitado por la Nación" overprints that were used in Spain and that were also sent to Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. Finally, it is important to note that many of the Spanish postal regulations and legislation also applied to the Spanish ultramarine possessions and need to be taken into consideration by the Cuban philatelist. A case in point is the royal decree of 15 February 1856 making the prepayment of all correspondence obligatory as of 1 January 1857 for all overseas possessions which is fully quoted on pages 49-51. Thus the entire book merits careful review by those interested in the history of Spanish Cuba philately.

<GARC4504># García, Rafael R.

"Sellos Fiscales de Cuba" ("Cuban Revenue Stamps")

AF, Yr.XX, No.31, April-June 1945, p.52, ill., Span.

Unpriced listing of the "Giro" revenues of 1868 that the author mentions were in circulation until 1877, but were temporarily replaced in 1869 by overprinted stamps of commonly used denominations such as 40c., 75c., 4.50E, 7.50E, etc. that are quite rare. The overprinted stamps that the author is referring to in the note are the "Habilitado

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por la Nación” overprinted stamps ordered to be so overprinted by the Spanish revolutionary junta that took over the Spanish government from the monarchy at the end of 1868 and into 1869. The listing notes that these giro stamps are found in two tones: light bistre and bistre, the lighter tone corresponding to an early printing. It also notes that the 3 Escudos value exists with an inverted numeral 3.

<GSW0508># Gibbons' Stamp Weekly

"Revolutions and Postage Stamps"

GSW, Vol.2, No.7, WNo.32, 12 Aug 1905, pp.106-107.

Brief article reporting the results of the question posed to readers of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News "How many Revolutions have been signalized by changes in Postage Stamps" or more aptly "postage stamps that have been issued by revolutionary governments. The article lists four such issues for Cuba on p.106: the Habilitados por la Nación of 1868, the Republic issue of 1873, the Cuba 1875 issue signalizing the overthrow of the Spanish Republic and the restoration of the monarchy, and the 1898 Puerto Príncipe surcharges.

<GUER5710b> Guerra Aguiar, José Luis

"Historia y Filatelia Cubana. Los Sellos Contramarcados 'Habilitado por la Nación' de las Emisiones de 1868 y 1869" ("Cuban History and Philately. The 1868 and 1869 Stamp Issues Overprinted 'Habilitado por la Nación'.") BMI, Yr.1, No.10, Oct 1957, pp.3-8 (6), ill., Span.

<GUER7605> Guerra Aguiar, José Luis

"Habilitados por la Nación" (" 'Habilitados por la Nación' Surcharged Stamps")

Unlisted author: José Luis Guerra Aguiar

FCb, Yr.11, No.2, May-Aug 1976, pp.10-16 (7), ill., Span. This is the same as entry <FCb7605>.

See <GUER7701> for a reprint that identifies Guerra Aguiar (a misspelling) as the author.

Fine article, profusely illustrated, based on an earlier one by Barreras.

<GUER7701> Guerra Aguiar, José Luis

"Habilitados por la Nación" (" 'Habilitado por la Nación' Surcharged Stamps")

AFa, Yr.X, No.127, Jan-Apr 1977, p.17, Span. Reprint of <FCb7605> = <GUER7605>.

Note that the author's name "Aguiar" is misspelled "Aquiár".

<MILI7405> Milián Cantero, Richard

"Comentarios sobre los Sellos Habilitados y Sobrecargados de Cuba"

("Comments on the Overprinted and Surcharged Stamps of Cuba")

FCb, Yr.9, No.2, May-Aug 1974, pp.37-42, ill., Span.

<PENA1311>* Peñas Artero, Julio D.

"Los Habilitados por la Nación (1868-1869)"

("The *Habilitado por la Nación* Overprinted Stamps (1868-1869)")

ACAD, Vol.XIV, No.17, Nov 2013, pp.33-49 (17), profusely illustrated, in Spanish.

Although this article focuses on the Spanish stamps overprinted *Habilitado por la Nación*, it provides useful background and comparative information for the study of the similarly overprinted Cuban stamps, since the Spanish National Printing House distributed the handstamps to be used to apply these overprints not only to all Spanish provinces, but also to Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. Quoting from the English summary at the end of the article: The article lists the features of the main types of known overprints, the first dates of use, as well as the Spanish postage stamps that could have been overprinted, and offers tips to identify forgeries.

<PETED1012> Peterson, Donald J.

"Spanish Philippines: Reprints of the HABILITADO Por La NACION Handstamp"

AP, Dec 2010, pp.1144-1150 (7), ill.

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Presentation of detailed historical background, analysis of available information, and detailed study of the multiple examples of HPLN overprints of the Philippines using high technology photoanalytical equipment at the American Philatelic Expertizing Service used by the author to classify the various types of HPLN overprints that are known in the Philippines. The material should be extremely useful in guiding the study of these overprints in Cuba. The HPLN overprints constitute an area of Cuban philately that is yet to be studied in any great detail.

<PROV87200> Provanza y Fernández de Rojas, José María

Habilitación de Papel Sellado en España y sus Dominios

(Validation Surcharges on Stamped Paper of Spain and Its Domains)

Madrid, Spain: Published by El Averiguador, printed by Imprenta Rivadeneira, 12 May 1872, 31 pp., ill., Span.

Small pamphlet detailing various validation surcharges in revenue paper of Spain and Spanish colonies of America. These validation surcharges were applied for various purposes, but mainly to declare the period of valid use of the various species of revenue paper. Since revenue paper for the Americas was printed and also mostly surcharged in Spain, as stated in the middle of the second column of page 22, the information and description of the revenue paper for Spain and some of its American colonies contained in this work may be useful for comparison purposes with those specifically used in Cuba. Of special interest for comparison purposes are pages 20 to 22 containing the descriptions of the "Habilitado por la Nación" overprints ordered to be applied to all revenue paper and postage and telegraph stamps by the Madrid Provisional Revolutionary Junta on 30 September 1868 and which were supposedly used until the end of December 1869. The work describes various types of these overprints known to the author from different Spanish towns. An English translation of this section can be found in <CUES0601>. Additionally in the section on the revenue paper of Spanish America (Indias), the author makes specific references to samples of revenue paper from Cuba on pages 28 and 30.

<ROCA4011> Roca, Arturo

“Sellos de Cuba 'Habilitados por la Nación'.” (“Cuban Stamps Overprinted 'Habilitados por la Nación'.”)

UFPI, Vol.II, No.XI, November 1940, pp.2-4.

Short article on the overprinted stamps based on <BARR0206>.