



User Guide IAS
Internet-Approval-Service of the FGGB, GB&CWPS and FGI

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General:

As the name defines, the Internet-Approval-Service can be understood and used as the good old postal approval service. And generally IAS works as every site in the web and can be managed as easy as any web-site.

New with 05-Jan-2014:

1. Possibility to select a start-date for the display of the stock-cards (see Advice for Starting)
2. Already sold stamps are marked (see Advice for the details screen)



Allocation of stamp-countries to regions:

Not for every stamp-country a region is defined for selection. Certain stamp-countries are combined to a region. Example: You will find the stamps of <Nova Scotia> in the region <Canada>.

The allocation of countries to regions is done on the basis of the catalogue <Stanley Gibbons, British Commonwealth>.

On the web-site of the IAS you will see only those regions for which philatelic items are actually offered. The numbers in brackets behind the region names are showing the numbers of stock-cards just offered.

The sorting on the IAS web-site is done according to the continents <1000-Africa>, <2000-America>, <3000-Asia>, <4000-Australia / Oceania>, <5000-Europe>. The regions are shown in alphabetical order within the continents.

Please be aware! The stock-cards often are filled with stamps from several regions. In this case the stock-card is not shown within one region but in the higher-ranking continent. This means that it is always possible to find stamps from <Nova Scotia> on a stock-card of <2000-America> (together with e. g. stamps from the <Falkland Islands>).

The actual listing on the web-site shows the stamp-countries in alphabetical order and defines the regions under which the stamps are listed.

Advice for starting:

When starting IAS you will get a site with the regulations and advices for IAS. In the lower part of this site you will find the following selection-fields:

Acknowledgement of the buyer regulations. ☐ By marking the box with a tick I acknowledge the [actual regulations for the usage of the IAS!](#)

Show all or new items only. Your previous visit: 03.01.2014
Show items from: 03.01.2014

Show from date ☐ Show all ☒

Select a region by marking a line.

- 1000-Africa mixed (28)
- 1240-Kenya (1)
- 1450-Namibia (1)
- 1600-Seychelles (1)
- 1690-South Africa (4)
- 1750-St. Helena (1)
- 1840-Tanzania (2)

Now click the start button.

1: Before starting IAS you have to accept the actual regulations. To do this mark the confirmation-field with a tick by a left mouse-click.

With the following elements (items 2 and 3) you may for example control that only stock-cards which have been added after your last visit will be shown to you. If you do not change any control (items 3) all available stock-cards will be shown.

2: The value of your previous visit is shown. This value is for your information only and can not be changed.

3: With the field "Show items from" together with the radio-buttons "Show from date" and "Show all" you may control whether you want to show all stock-cards or only stock-cards which have been added or changed at the given date or later.

3a: Here you may define the date at which the presentation shall start. With a left mouse-click in the date field you will open a calendar to select the wanted start-date.

3b: You have to activate the radio-button "Show from date" with a left mouse-click if you want to use the defined start-date (3a).

3c: A left mouse-click on the radio-button "Show all" switches to the presentation of all stock-cards ignoring the shown start-date.

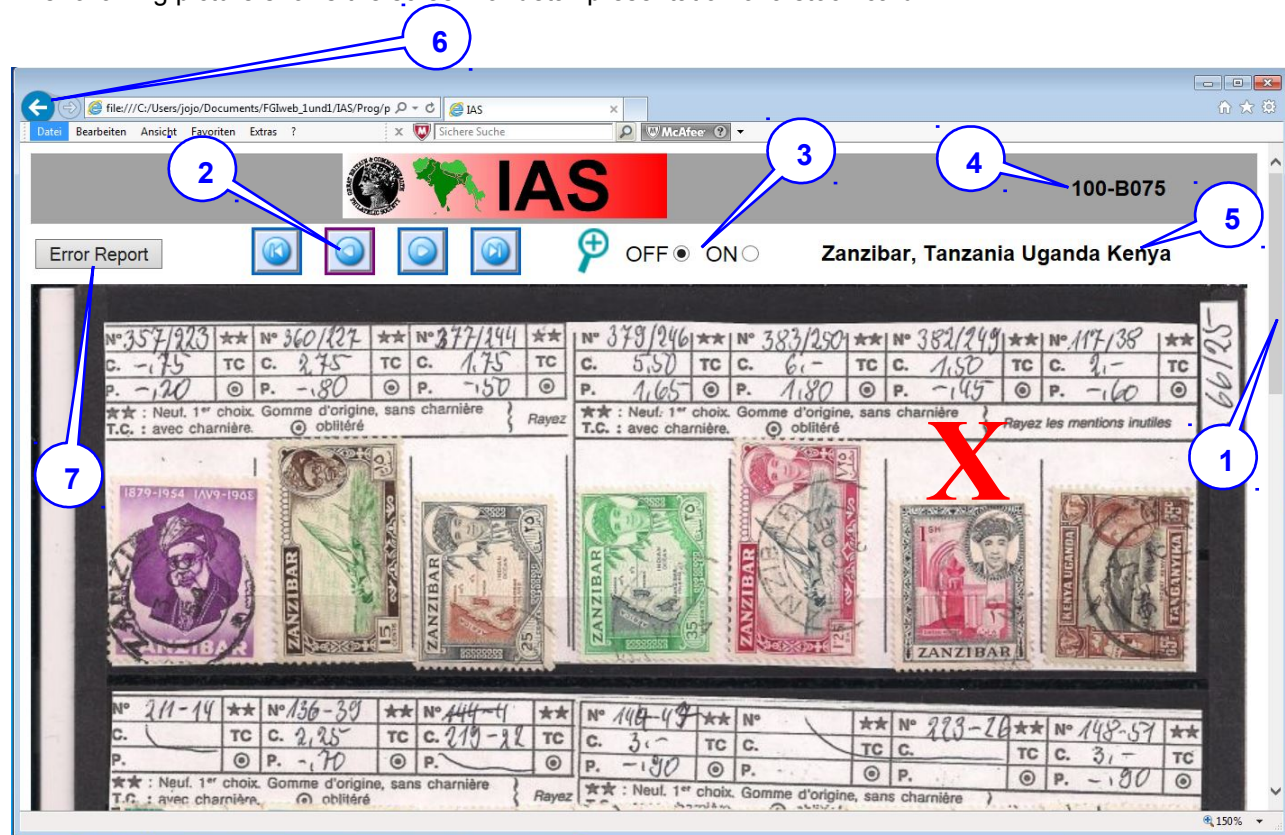
The list of available stock-cards varies depending on the selection with the controls of "Show all or new items only" (3).

4: To select a region to be shown click a line in the region list with a left mouse-click. The line is then marked in a colour.

5: Start the presentation of the available stock-cards with stamps of the chosen region with a left mouse-click on the button. Thereafter the first stock-card will be shown in detail, see following picture.

Please read the "Technical Advices" below (especially if you observe any malfunction with the date selection).

The following picture shows the screen for detail presentation of a stock-card.



Advice for the details screen:

- 1: With the scroll bar at the right of the display you can move down and up within the stock-card.
- 2: Four navigation buttons: With a left click on a button you go to another stock-card. The buttons are working (from left to right) as go "to the first stock-card", "the previous stock-card", "the next stock-card", "the last stock-card". (Only the actual usable buttons are shown.)
- 3: A magnifier allows to look for details of stamps on a stock-card. Initially the magnifier is switched off. Left click the ON-button to switch on the magnifier. By clicking the OFF-button you will switch off the magnifier. Details for usage of the magnifier are shown below.
- 4: The identifier of the stock-card is shown at the top right of the display. You need this identifier for ordering a stock-card or certain stamps from a stock-card.
- 5: The content of a stock-card is described at the top right above the stock-card.
- 6: With the help of the back-arrow of your web-browser you will leave the IAS detail-screen. With a right click on the back-arrow you will open a menu window. In the menu window click the line with the text ... IAS_start_E.html. You are led back to the screen with the selection of a region.
- 7: The button „Error Report“ normally is not to be used. An explanation you will find in the chapter "Technical advice".

Stamps marked in red are no longer available.

Magnifier function:

By clicking the ON-button (see above) the magnifier function will be activated.



As soon as you move the mouse pointer (without pressing a mouse button) over the picture the magnifying window will be shown in a red frame. This means that the part of the picture behind the mouse pointer is shown magnified.

You can vary the magnifying factor: Move the mouse with pressed down left mouse button upwards over the picture to enlarge the factor. Moving downwards will reduce the factor.

You can vary the magnifier window size: Move the mouse with pressed down left mouse button rightward over the picture to enlarge the window size. Moving leftward will reduce the window size.



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Ordering:

All orders have to be sent to the IAS-Manager by letter post or by e-mail. Address data are shown in the IAS start screen.

The easiest way is to print out the order form offered on the start screen (PDF-file), fill in the data and send it in a window envelope to the IAS-Manager.

Any questions regarding ordering should be addressed to the IAS-Manager.

Your order must show the following data:

Personal data:

- family name
- First name
- Society data (FGGB, GB&CWPS or FGI) and membership number
- address

Order data:

- Identifier of the stock card as shown in the detail screen (see above point 4)

and if you are ordering certain stamps from a stock-card:

- Stamp country and the catalogue numbers as shown on the stock-card.

Please bear in mind: The same catalogue number may be offered more than once on a stock-card. If you are interested in a special stamp you should mention:

- The row on the stock-card and the position of the stamp within the row (e. g. "row 2, the medium of the three SG-Nos 47").



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Technical advice:

- Questions regarding the usage of IAS, errors or suggestions for enhancement of the web-presentation should be addressed to the web-master of the IAS web presentation: jwrede@arcor.de
- Opening a picture of a stock-card shows the picture in a standard resolution enabling a short loading time. The magnifier is in the off-modus whenever you open a new stock-card. Switching on the magnifier results in loading a new picture in high resolution. During the loading time you will see an appropriate message in the magnifier window and the quality of the magnified detail is bad.
- The functionality was tested with the web-browsers MS IE 8, MS IE 9, IE 10, Mozilla Firefox 22.0 and Google Chrome 27.0.1453.116.

The above given description is valid for the mentioned browsers. With different browsers or modified browsers discrepancies in the behaviour of the application and usage are possible.

- For usage of the IAS functionality the execution of Java-Scripts is necessary. The browser must allow the execution of such scripts. In the case of malfunction check your browser for messages as "blocked content", "ActiveX problems" or "Javascript usage". Allow appropriate functions if necessary.
- To store the "previous visit date" the usage of so called "cookies" - small files for data storage - is necessary on your PC. If the usage of cookies is restricted or forbidden the function may fail or produce error messages. The usage of cookies can be controlled by parameters of the internet-browser.
- The "previous visit date" will be lost whenever the cookies are deleted on your PC. The deleting of cookies may happen automatically if the internet-browser options are set accordingly.
- On activation of the magnifier the existing picture is not simply shown enlarged (in a more coarse raster). In fact a picture of higher quality is loaded. By this it may happen that - during the picture's loading time - the magnifier display shows a blurred picture. Advantage: High quality magnifier display combined with a short loading time for the picture for the normal view.
- The button „Error Report“ in the IAS detail screen opens a window to show application errors if any. Usage of the button is normally not useful.

Any logged error messages will be reported by a window showing an appropriate error text. In this case you should open the error log by a mouse click on the button „Error Report“. Please give any errors to the IAS web-master jwrede@arcor.de.

The error report window can be closed by a click on the "X" at the top right of the window frame.