

Philatelic Literature: **Macao Tops Scott 4 Changes**

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Each year, the **Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue** is published from spring to fall in a series of six “regular” volumes as well as the specialized catalogue and so-called



“Classic” catalogue. This time we will be looking at Volume 4 of the catalogue, which covers Jamaica through Mozambique Company.

Value changes are seen in practically all of the countries covered in the volume. Macao tops the list of changes with more than 1,800. There are nearly 750 value changes for Kazakhstan, and a majority of them are decreases. Some of the decreases are 20 percent or more.

Roughly 450 value changes are seen in South Korea, primarily in issues from the 1940s through the early 1960s. Value drops of 10 to 15 percent are noted. Laos had more than 800 value changes, with increases seen almost across the board.

Early 800 value changes were recorded for Libya. Market activity for this country has been rather sluggish, and there is a general downward trend in values. Macao has more than 1,800 value changes, and there is a mixture of increases and decreases noted. Changes were somewhat tempered to reflect what has been a wide range of prices reported in the marketplace. Values are generally down, especially during the “territory period” of the country, with increases noted since 1999 when Macao became a special administrative region of the People’s Republic of China.

Malaya and its associated states provided almost 450 value

changes in the new catalogue. Increases were reported across the board, with particular increases in occupation issues.

Morocco came in with almost 750 value changes. Increases dominate over decreases, but the changes in either direction are modest. Topicals seemed to enjoy the most increases. In general, increases were more robust for stamps issued from the 1980s to the present.

On the editorial side, a good number of additions this year are new error listings. For Jordan, almost a dozen new errors have been added. Most are color-omitted errors scattered among a handful of sets of the 1960s and 1970s.

In Macao, new errors expand the listings for the 1898-1903 King Carlos set. A footnote added to the listings for Scott 159-161 explains that the stamps were bisected before being placed on sale. One double overprint and six inverted overprint errors have been added to the King Carlos set of 1913.

Collectors of Malaysia stamps will no doubt be pleased to see that the Malaysian state of Sarawak, formerly tucked in at the end of the postage section for Sarawak in Volume 6 of the catalogue, are now included with the rest of the Malaysia states.

Specifically, Scott editors moved listings for the State of Malaysia issues for Sarawak after Sabah in the Malaysian States listings. Previously, these stamps were listed with the other Sarawak stamps that were issued before Sarawak became a part of Malaysia.

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