

# Postal Agencies

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Collecting postal history associated with Postal Agencies is not easy. As usual it is just a matter of collecting thousands of covers and inspecting them all. I have examples dating from 1998 to 2023 and originating from several cities. This display shows examples of marks from one agency in several Saudi cities, many of which had, or still has, many such agencies.

The agency number sometimes appears on the postmark and is a combination of the postal region indicator and the number within the region, for example 31/3. (31 = Eastern region).

However, the order of the numbers is not always consistent, so expect to see 3/31.

Types of agency postmarks include:

- Handstamps
- Meter marks
- Multi-purpose postal labels

# Handstamps

Al Athad Agency, Khamis Mushait

1998



2009



Undated type 2010



# Handstamps

Al Khafji Agency, Al Khafji



14<sup>th</sup> March 1999

# Handstamps

Al Shola Agency, Al Jubail

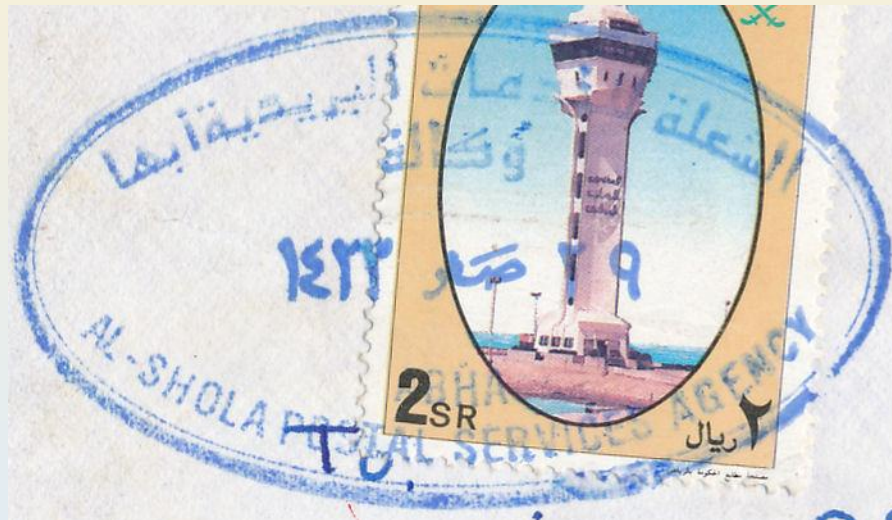


1999 – 2000 (different sizes exist)



# Handstamps

Al Shola Agency, Abha



2<sup>nd</sup> May 2002



2013 - 2014

# Handstamps

Al Shola Agency, Abha



2012



# Handstamps

Al Shola Agency, Abha



Note the DAMMAM registration label! The supply of these may have come from their Jubail post office.



# Handstamps

Al Waha Agency, Qatif



2002 - 2004

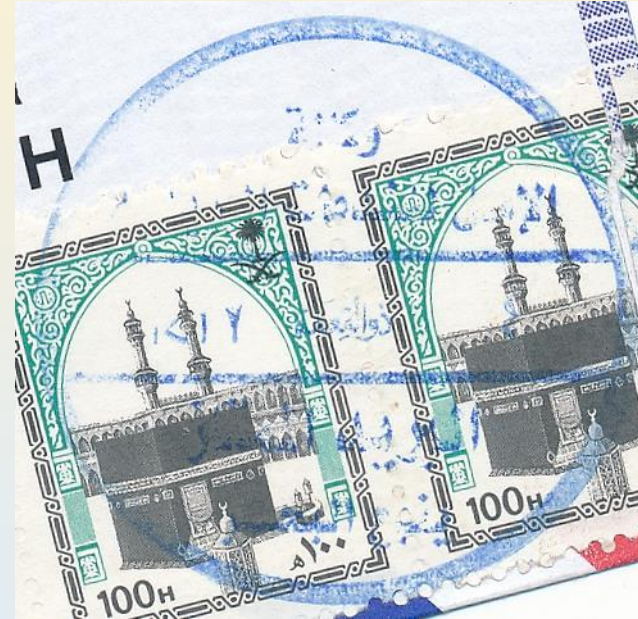


12 March 2006

Note licence number shown as 31/3 and 3/31

# Handstamps

Al Amal Agency, Yanbu



25 November 2006

The date may be incorrect as cover had a receipt date of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2007

# Handstamps

Al Zajil Agency, Buraydah



26<sup>th</sup> April 2007

# Handstamps

Al Karat Agency, Bisha



2007 - 2008



# Handstamps

Agency 41/4, Taybah, Medina



15<sup>th</sup> May 2007

# Handstamps

Gulf Postal Services Agency, Al Khobar



2000



2002



2012 - 2015

# Handstamps

Ghassan A. Al Sulaiman, Jeddah



2009



2009 - 2013



# Handstamps

Ghassan A. Al Sulaiman, Jeddah



2010 - 2013



2013 - 2014



# Handstamps

Al Barraq Agency, Riyadh



Undated

# Handstamps

Al Barraq Agency, Riyadh



1999



2011

# Handstamps

Adamah Agency, Dammam



2<sup>nd</sup> January 2006



18<sup>th</sup> July 2006



# Handstamps

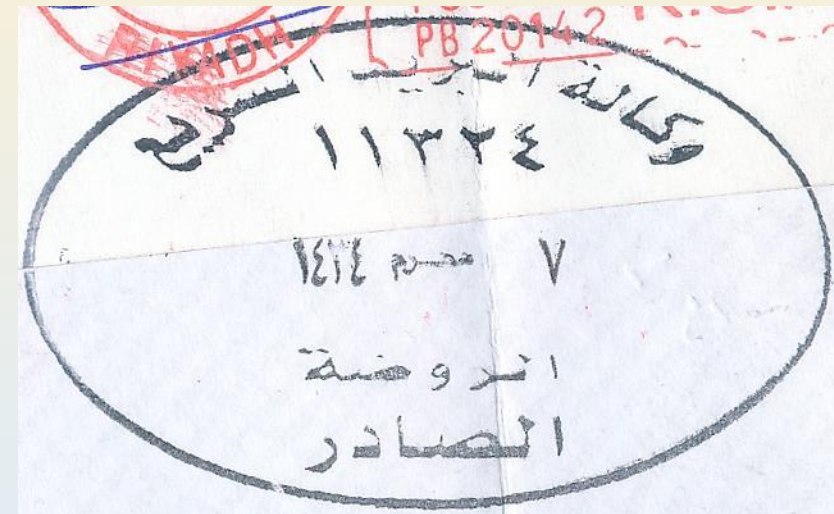
Speed Post Agency – Al Kharj, Dammam, Al Rawdah (Riyadh)



Al Kharj  
17<sup>th</sup> December 2011



Dammam  
14<sup>th</sup> April 2012

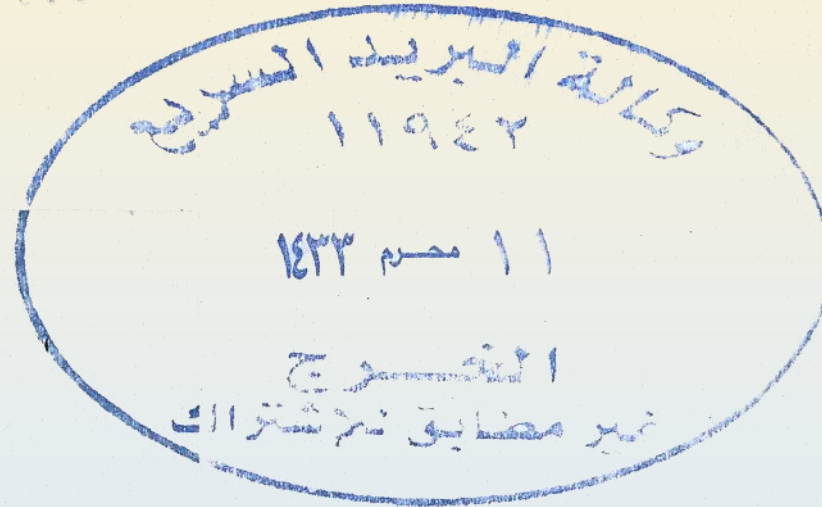


Al Rawdah  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2012



# Handstamps

Speed Post Agency – Instructional mark, Al Kharj  
*'Not matching subscription'*



6<sup>th</sup> December 2011

# Postal Meter Impressions



6<sup>th</sup> July 2003, Al Ahsa Agency, Al Hassa

## Multi-purpose Postal Labels



2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, Ghassan A. Al Sulaiman Agency  
Al Salamah district, Jeddah



That was just a small sample of postal agency marks.

Forming a collection of such material is a challenge, not just because of the scarcity of many of the marks but also the poor inking making many marks impossible to read and classify. I have 75 agencies in my collection.

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