

# **CAUTION! FORGED POSTAL STATIONERIES**

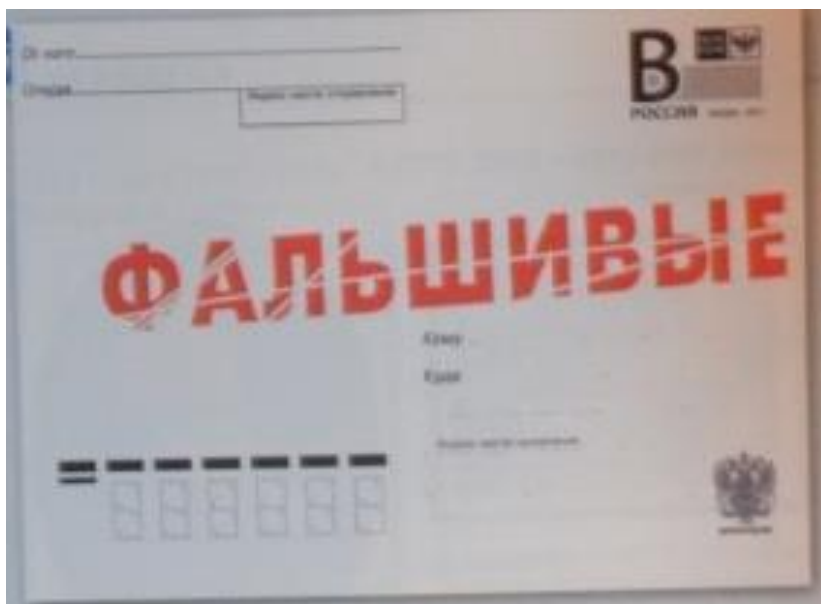
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Last year some Internet sellers started to offer 13 forged Russian postal stationeries, printed to disadvantage philatelists. The pictures on some of them have been duplicated from the original cards and envelopes printed in due time for Russian postal service. The other part of 13 postal stationeries is 100% «cinderella».

All this stationeries are united by one thing – lack of publisher’s imprint. Forged one-side cards are printed on the paper of different thickness - some on thick paper, some on plain paper. The type of paper does not vary within the frame of each postal stationery). Printing technique - presumably offset lithography. Microprinting on the «B»-type stamps is indiscernible: scaling up the background on original “B” stamps we can easily see that wavy lines are composed of letters, and on the forgeries it’s just blurred waves. The manufacturer of the forgeries has not been determined yet<sup>1</sup>.

This forged postal stationeries could be sorted to the following kinds:

- standard postal card with an imprinted standard stamp («B»-type) (picture 1);



Pic.1

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<sup>1</sup> Allegedly, the stationeries have been printed in Rostovskaya oblast, town of Azov

- pictorial postal card with an imprinted standard stamp («B»-type) (pictures 2-6); We should mention that the imprinted stamp of «B»-type on the card «**ВЕРТИКАЛЬ**» (picture 6) could not exist due to the fact that «B»-type stamps have never been printed in 2016 as indicated on the forgery.

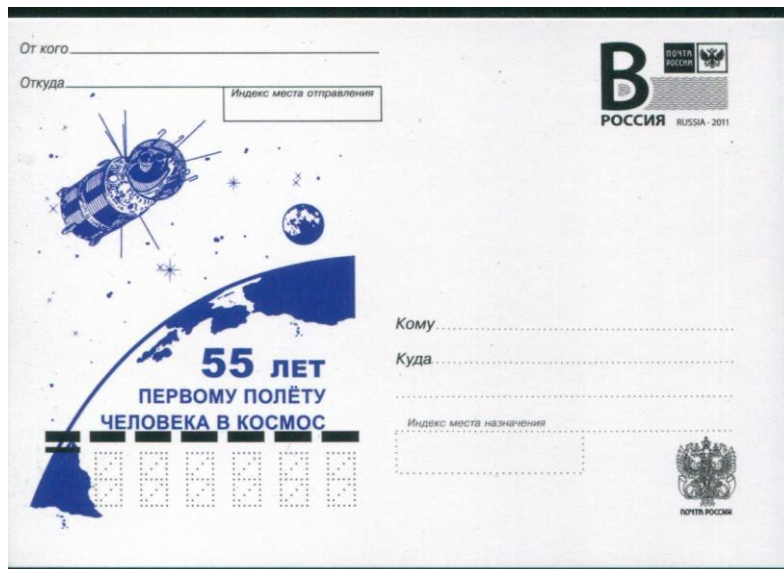


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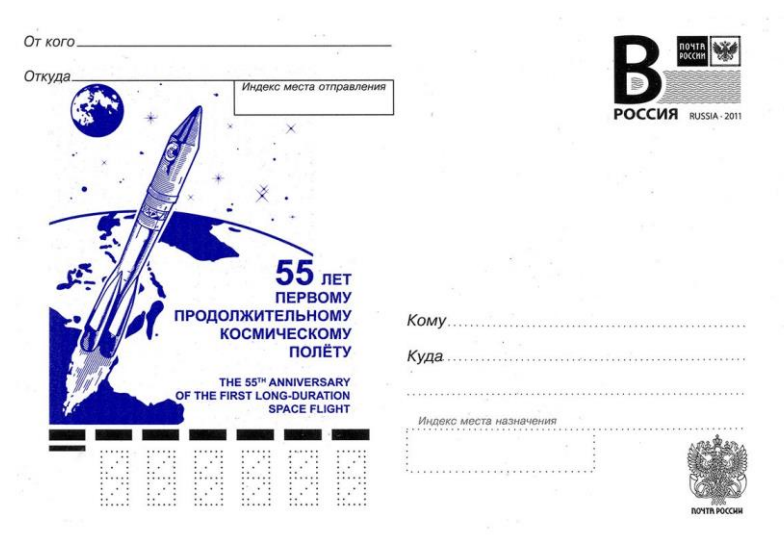


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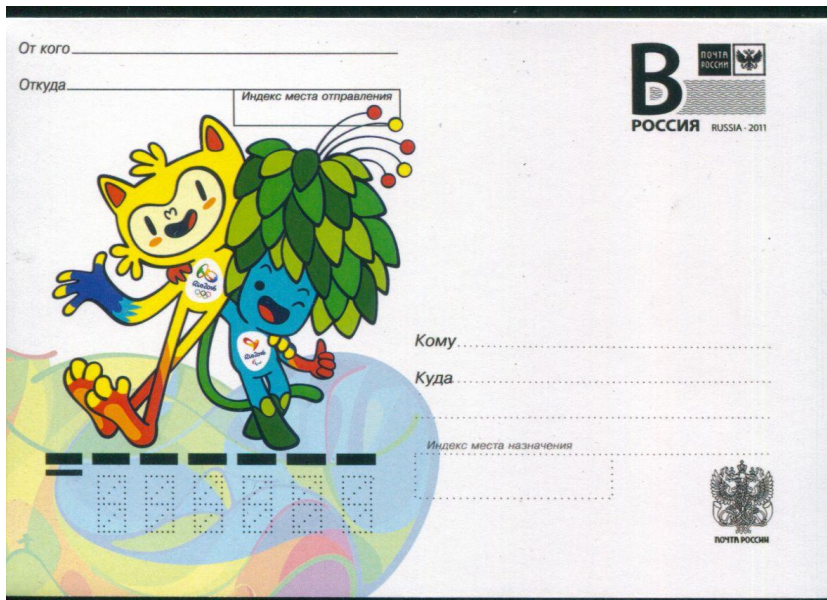


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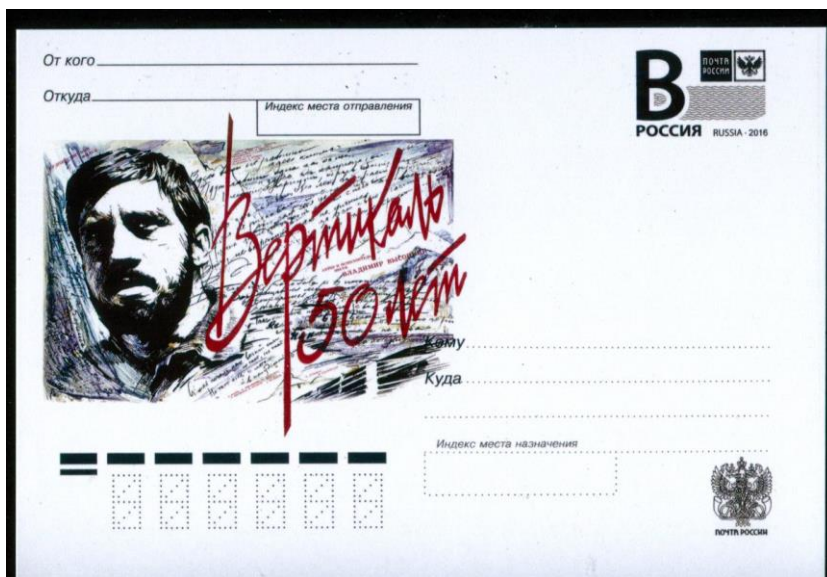
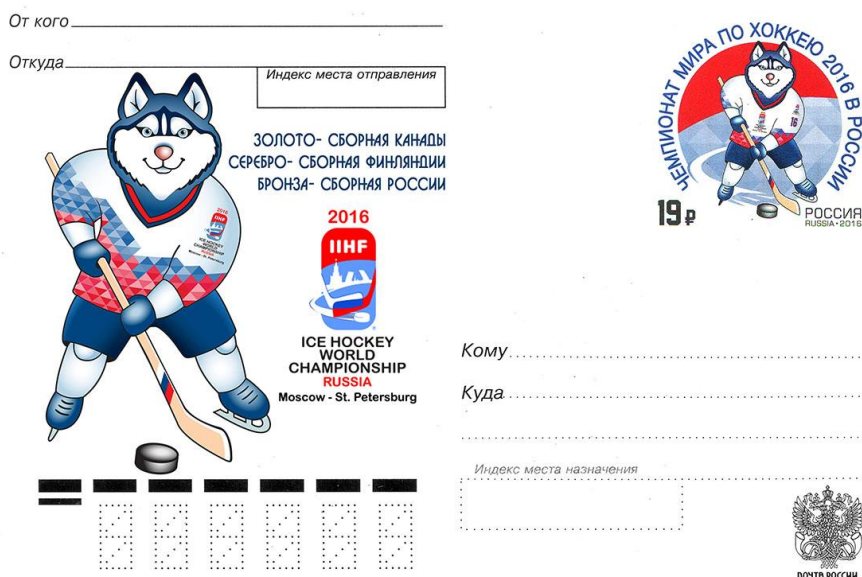


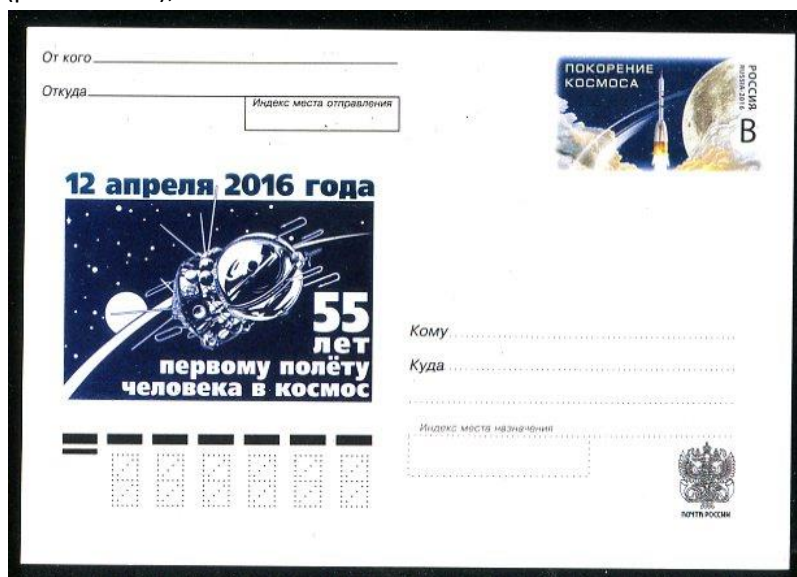
Рис.6

- pictorial postal card with an imprinted commemorative stamp (picture 7) with face value RUR 19 which is not appropriate to the official postage for a postal card<sup>2</sup>;



Pic.7

- pictorial postal card with an imprinted unique stamp “Space Conquest” with “2016” year on it (picture 8-11);



Pic.8

<sup>2</sup> RUR 14 from 17/04/2016 to 03/06/2017, now RUR 16 (on 07/11/2017)



Рис.9

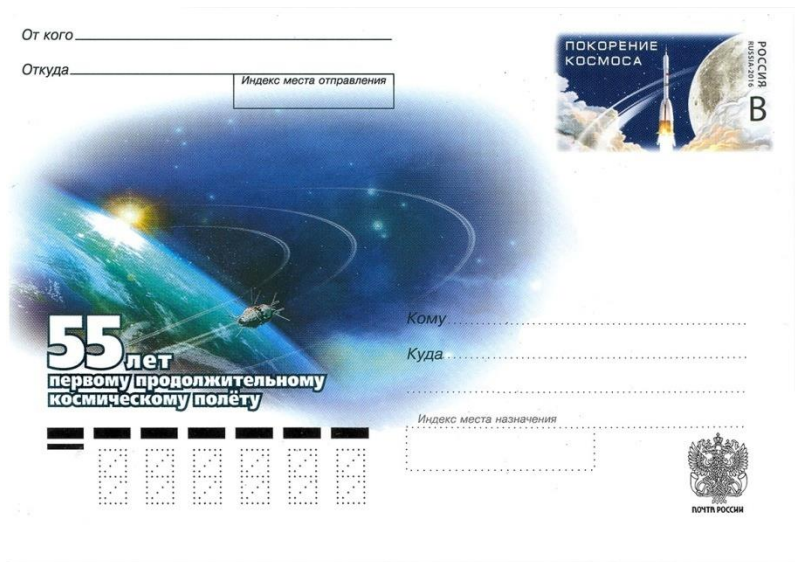


Рис.10



Рис.11

- pictorial envelopes “From the President, The Executive Office of the President of the Russian Federation” with an imprinted unique stamp of “A”-type with “2011” year on it (picture 12). The size of the officially issued “window” envelope is 229\*162, and the fake one is 220\*110 (with “window”) and 229\*169 without “window”.



Pic.12

It is quite possible that other similar forgeries exist. In case the philatelists have amendments to the list of fake postal stationeries mentioned above, we would ask to send such an information to the editor’s office.

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