

# Posta Stamps

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# Unpolished Gemstones



If we take a close look at the gray rock mass of solidified volcanic lava, which makes up the bulk of the Faroese basalt, a plethora of beautiful colourful and exciting minerals opens up. The most conspicuous are the white zeolites and quartz minerals.

The most conspicuous are the white zeolites and quartz minerals. Throughout the ages, these beautiful minerals have been objects of interest in mineral museums around the world. For centuries, scientists and adventurers have travelled to the Faroe Islands for the sole purpose of collecting minerals. The oldest documented scientific journeys date back to the late 18th century, and these journeys continue today.



## New book about Faroese rocks and minerals

On the occasion of the publication of a new book on "Faroese Minerals and Rocks", we focus on two minerals in this stamp series. This new book is the first of its kind to describe in detail Faroese rocks and minerals. However, there are other books from for example the Faroese geologist Jóannes Rasmussen, who presents a selection of rocks and minerals. Likewise, there are many scientific articles that shed light on the distribution of rocks and the geological relevance of minerals.

*Light is being refracted in two directions when shining through calcite. Photo: Finnur Justinussen.*

## The minerals

The two minerals in this first series are Calcite and Copper. What they have in common is that they are so-called secondary minerals. This means that they crystallized after the liquid lava solidi-



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fied. These minerals are secreted in small cavities and cracks in the lava. They crystallize from the mineral-rich groundwater that flows through the solidifying lavas.

The calcite crystal is part of a private collection owned by Edna Einarsson. This distinguished collection originates from her collections from Faroese nature and her many years of work with the contractor NCC in connection with the preparation of the Faroese undersea tunnels.

The copper crystal was found by Johan Virgarsson who worked in a quarry in Suðuroy. His keen sense for details in crushed stones led him to a very special discovery in the summer of 2020 where he came across one of the rarest mineral deposits in the Faroe Islands.

## Calcite (CaCO<sub>3</sub>)

Calcite is a calcium carbonate (CaCO<sub>3</sub>), and one of the more common secondary minerals in the Faroe Islands. The calcite crystals are often translucent or white, very similar to other minerals found in the Faroe Islands. Calcite has the special property of light being refracted in two directions when shining through the crystal. Likewise, the calcite crystals react quite actively with weak hydrochloric acid (HCl), which is used to identify the mineral. Calcite has fluorescent properties and this is seen by exposing the mineral to ultraviolet light in the dark.

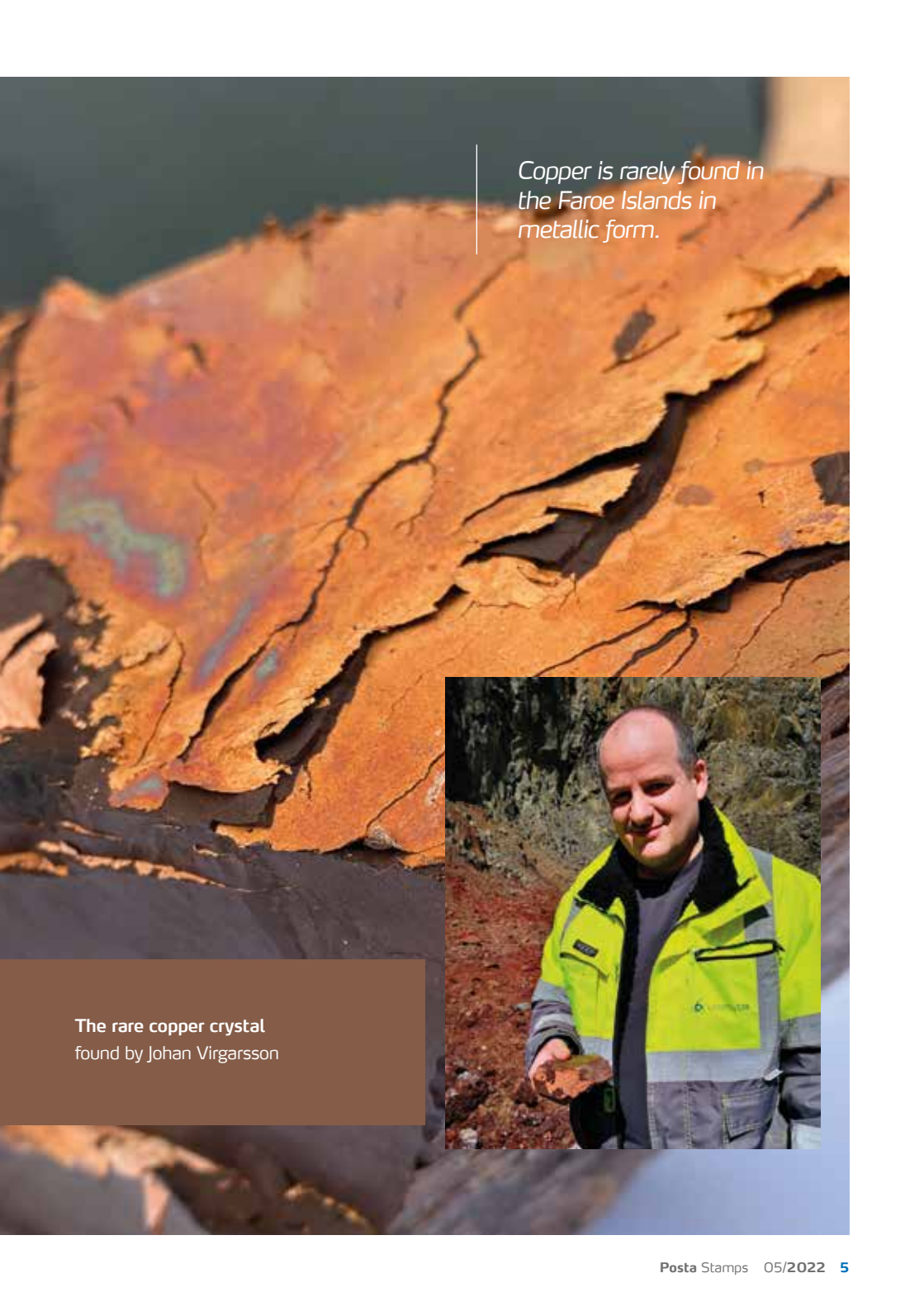
## Copper (Cu)

Copper is an ore mineral consisting exclusively of the element Cu (copper). It is rarely found in the Faroe Islands in metallic form. The growth form is often dendritic, i.e. in thin flakes, which are depicted on the stamp. The colour of copper is often very characteristic and used to identify the mineral.

Copper has previously been found on Nólsoy, Sandoy and Suðuroy, but copper finds in the Faroe Islands in such large quantities as Johan Virgarsson discovered in 2020 are extremely rare.

*Jarðfeingi*  
*Faroese Geological Survey*





*Copper is rarely found in the Faroe Islands in metallic form.*

**The rare copper crystal**  
found by Johan Virgarsson



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## Christmas stamps 2022

# Christmas & Advent



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### The Advent wreath

The first candle in the Advent wreath is lit on the first Sunday in Advent. On the second Sunday of Advent, two candles are lit - three on the third - and finally, on the fourth Sunday of Advent, all four candles have been lit. This is a beautiful and relevant tradition, where the number of candles increase in step with the growing darkness of winter, culminating around winter solstice and Christmas.

However, the Advent wreath tradition is not as old as one might think. It is attributed to the German theologian Johann Hinrich Wichern (1808-1881), the founder of the Inner Mission, who, in addition to his missionary work, performed social work among the poor and vulnerable in urban environments in Germany.



Advent wreath



Christmas tree

Design: Heiðrik á Heygum

When the children in "Rauhes Haus", the Mission School in Hamburg, persistently asked how many days there were left to Christmas, Wichern put four large white candles on an old wagon wheel and placed 20 smaller red candles in between. The large candles symbolized the four Advent Sundays before Christmas - and the small ones the weekdays in between. This became a school tradition and in 1860 J. H. Wichern started covering the wheel with spruce twigs - reportedly because they reminded him of the crown of thorns on Christ the crucified.

The custom spread in Germany and beyond its borders. The Advent wreath became common in Denmark during World War II and from there the custom probably arrived in the Faroe Islands.

## The Christmas tree

One of the most iconic Christmas traditions is the decorated Christmas tree - most often the evergreen spruce, which is placed in the living room and embellished with the family's Christmas decorations - candles, braided hearts, paper cones, coloured balls, stars and maybe a few angels and angel hair, usually with a large star at the top - the Tree of Life, as it were, crowned by the Star of Bethlehem.

Just like the Advent wreath, the tradition of the Christmas tree in its present form originates in Germany. Artisans' guilds in Germany began arranging Christmas parties for children in the 16th century, possibly with an eye on older traditions. The centrepiece of the party was a decorated spruce tree with gifts for the children. The custom spread and soon the bourgeoisie began placing a decorated Christmas trees in their living rooms during the festive season. In 1632, a mention of lighted candles on Christmas trees can be found for the first time in a written source - a custom which is still retained and revered. However, due to the peril of fire lighted candles have been replaced with electric light sources.

The Christmas tree spread its branches beyond Germany's borders. According to sources the first Danish Christmas tree was probably introduced in 1808 at the Holsteinsborg estate in South Zealand. The custom spread among the clergy and bourgeoisie in the 19th century and was disseminated widely around World War I.

In the Faroe Islands, the first Christmas tree reportedly found its way to the *Sandagerð* Rectory in Tórshavn, just before the turn of



the 20th century. Here, too, the custom slowly spread among the clergy and the bourgeoisie, perhaps especially among Danish officials in Tórshavn. In an advertisement in the newspaper "*Dimmalætting*" in 1912, the florist Trond-Hansen offers Christmas trees for sale at 35 øre pr. tree.

During World War II, it became difficult to obtain Christmas trees, so people had to use their imagination. Artificial Christmas trees, composed of various items, fallen branches and other available material, were commonly used. Only after the war in the 50's, the Christmas tree tradition had a breakthrough among the general population.

## The motives

This year's Christmas stamps depict the Advent wreath (19KR) and the Christmas tree (29KR), respectively, both with lit candles. The artist, Heiðrik av Heygum, explains his inspiration for the motifs:

*"I received a request to design two Christmas stamps inspired by the story of the Faroese Advent wreath and the Christmas tree. The Christmas tree and the Advent wreath are relatively recent traditions in the Faroe Islands, almost as fresh to us as the Faroese visual arts.*

*The Faroese embraced these beautiful Christmas traditions - the Advent wreath around the 1940's and the Christmas tree in the early 1900's. A few years later, Faroese visual art began to flourish in earnest. Artists such as William Heinesen and Elinborg Lützen attracted attention and have immensely influenced Faroese visual identity. All Faroese have grown up and become thoroughly acquainted with their two-dimensional illustrations of Faroese legends and adventures in clips and prints.*

*Christmastide is a traditional, reflective and nostalgic celebration and very close to our hearts. Therefore, I thought it would be appropriate to depict our Christmas traditions in a traditional way, while also paying tribute to William's and Elinborg's visual styles."*

Anker Eli Petersen



Set of maximum cards

Price: 62,- DKK



Selfadhesive booklet

Price: 144,- DKK



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FO 973



FO 974



FO 971



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FO 987



FO 975



FO 976



FO 979



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FO 972



FO 977-978



FO 988-989

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24 October 2022

# Year collections

This year, the yearbook and year packs will be shipped together with the last stamp issue of the year - on 24th October.

## Yearbook 2022

The Yearbook is our most exclusive product. Together with the stamps and mini-sheets it recounts the fascinating stories behind every stamp issue in text and images.

A selection of this year's stamp issues includes, among others: Queen Margrethe's regent's anniversary, Northern Lights, Kalsoy - a 007 filming location, the first Faroese book and other interesting themes.

The high quality hardcover book is filled with beautiful imagery, fascinating stories, and placeholders throughout the pages for mounting and preserving the stamps. The articles are in Danish, English and German.

As in previous years, a black print is inserted in the yearbook, which you receive free of charge. The black print is of the mini-sheet, which was published in connection with Queen Margrethe's 50th anniversary as a reigning Danish Monarch.

The value of the black print is 150.00 DKK.

## Year pack 2022

Would you like to receive all of this year's stamps at once - easily and conveniently? Then the year pack is a good alternative - it is a superb way of collecting all the stamps of the year.

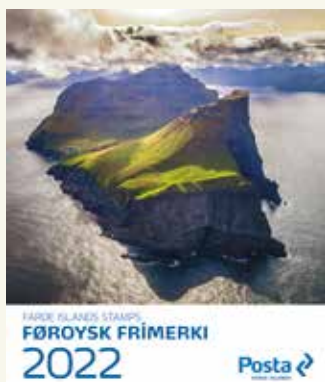
The year pack contains all the stamps and mini-sheets of the year and is sold at face value.



### Yearbook 2022

incl. free blackprint.

Price: 665,- DKK



### Year pack 2022

Price: 634,- DKK



### Booklet folder 2022

The folder contains the three self-adhesive stamp booklets of the year.

The motifs are Kalsoy - filming location, Europa 2022 and Christmas & Advent.

Price: 432,- DKK



### FDC folder 2022

The folder contains all the FDC's with series of stamps and mini-sheets issued this year - a total of 10 FDCs.

Price: 684,- DKK

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## Christmas seals 2022

# Support children

Christmas seals and Christmas cards will also be shipped together with the last stamp issue of the year - on 24th October.

### Christmas seals

Bárður Dal Christiansen is the artist behind this year's Christmas seals entitled *Jólaleikur\_v.22a* (Christmas Game). *Jólaleikur* is a collage consisting of historical images, drawings and graphics quirkily describing the classic Christmas game.

Bárður is one of our most active artists. He exhibits regularly in the Faroe Islands and around the world. Bárður works mostly with figurative painting, drawing, linoleum cuts and graphics. Bárður also works as an architect and is the founder of the art project "Gøtulist", which among other things works with Street Art, urban art and building decorations.

The profit from the Christmas stamp sale goes to the Faroese Christmas Stamp Fund, which aims to provide support for various initiatives for children and young people in the Faroe Islands.

There are 15 seals per sheet and the price is 30.00 DKK.

### Christmas cards

Posta Stamps also issues three double Christmas cards. The cards are sold with envelopes in sets of three and the price is 30.00 DKK per set.





## Christmas Game\_v.22a

Time flies by like megabytes in a LAN cable. We are where it seeps from the future into the past. We download culture, knowledge and traditions from the cloud drifting ahead of us, like rapid breackwaters from the digital world and into our abstract, analog world.

Christmas clips, mouse clicks, burnt CDs and almonds tell us that the Holiday Season is approaching and that we are joining

via 5G and the fiber-optic network in the Faroe Islands. It is 2022 years since our Saviour was born in the world, and we rejoice in this time of fellowship, swipes, and song.

The star lights up like an 8K screen on the beautiful green Christmas tree and reminds us to be grateful for the past year and rejoice in what the universe has in store.

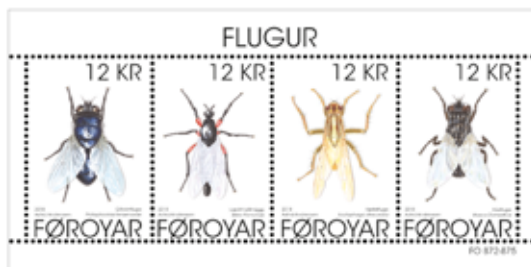
*Bárður Dal Christiansen*

# Order before July 2022

## End sale

The last sale date for these stamps and products is **July 3, 2022**.

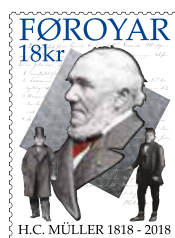
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Flies. PPS000218



Actors' Association. PPS000418



H.C. Müller  
PPA000876



National costumes III. PPA010918\*  
\*Booklet with six self-adhesive stamps.  
PPN000918.



Fuglaðjorður Municipality. PPA020418



Europa 2018: Bridges. PPA010418\*  
\*Booklet with six self-adhesive stamps. PPN000418.



Norden 2018: Mackerel.  
PPA000884

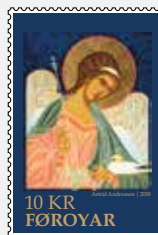


Lakes: Sandsvatn & Toftavatn. PPA010218\*

\*Booklet with six self-adhesive stamps. PPN000218.



Sepac 2018.  
PPA000883



Religious icons. PPA020918



Regin Dahl. PPA000893



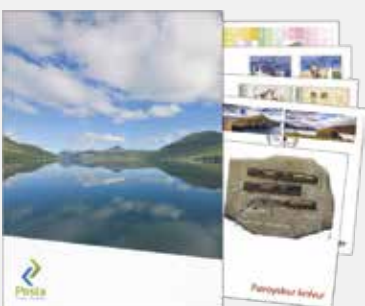
Yearbook 2017



Booklet folder 2017



Year pack 2017



FDC folder 2017



**New issue:** Faroe Minerals  
**Issue date:** 24.10.2022  
**Value:** 29,00 and 43,00 DKK  
**Number:** FO 988-989  
**Size, stamp:** 30 x 40 mm  
**Size, mini-sheet:** 100 x 70 mm  
**Photos / artist:** Jarðfeingi  
**Printing method:** Offset  
**Printer:** bpost, Belgium  
**Postal use:** Inland letters and large inland letters, 0-100 g.  
**Other products:**

**Christmas & Advent**  
 24.10.2022  
 19,00 and 29,00 DKK  
 FO 990-991  
 30 x 40 mm  
 Heiðrik á Heygum  
 Offset  
 bpost, Belgium  
 Inland letters and letters abroad, 0-100 g.  
 Selfadhesive booklet with 2x3 stamps + 2 postcards

**Christmas Seals**  
 24.10.2022  
 30,00 DKK  
 30 x 35 mm  
 165 x 130 mm  
 Bárður Dal Christiansen  
 Offset  
 Cartor Security Printers, France



**New issue:** Year Pack 2022  
**Issue date:** 24.10.2022  
**Value:** 634,00 DKK  
**Number:** FO 971-991  
**Size:** 235 x 202 mm  
**Printer:** Trykteam, Denmark

**Yearbook 2022**  
 24.10.2022  
 665,00 DKK  
 FO 971-991  
 240 x 220 mm  
 Føroyaprent, Faroe Islands  
 Incl. free blackprint

The stamps are only proofs and not necessarily the final version

**Pre-order available from our webshop [en.stamps.fo](https://en.stamps.fo) 1 month before the issue date.**

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**Photo:** Finnur Justinussen  
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## New elegant franking labels folder #3

This is the third franking labels folder and it contains 5 sets of franking labels from the years 2018-2022 with the following motifs: lighthouses, coastal fishing, hay harvest, storytellers and public transport. The folder is sold at face value.

NB - issue date is 01.08.2022, which means that the folder will not be sent until after this date.

**Price:** 276,00 DKK



## Davo Luxury stamp album with pages 2015-2022

This is a luxury stamp album with a high quality cassette with clip pockets that provide protection and ensure a presentable storage of your stamps. The album is bound in navy blue imitation leather and has an imprint of the Faroese coat of arms on the back.

Contains pre-printed sheets with black and white prints of the stamps as well as guiding text for Faroese stamps and minisheets published in 2015-2022.

**Price:** 840,00 DKK



### Posta Stamps will be attending the following exhibitions:

Frimerke, Brev & Postkort Show 2022, Valby Hallen,  
12-13 November, Valby, Denmark

Internationale-Briefmarkenbörse, ULM,  
27 - 29 October, Sindelfingen, Germany

No.	Item		Price DKK	Price Euro	Qt.	Total
<b>Issue 24.10.2022 – Faroese Minerals – FO 988-989 (2-stamp mini-sheet)</b>						
PPS001022	Minerals, mini-sheet mint	*	72,00	10,00		
FFT001022	Minerals, fdc.	⊙	72,00	10,00		
DDT001022	Minerals, rdc.	⊙	72,00	10,00		
FFU001022	First day cover w/mini-sheet	⊙	77,00	10,80		
<b>Issue 24.10.2022 – Christmas &amp; Advent – FO 990-991 (2 stamps + booklet)</b>						
PPA011022	Christmas & Advent, set mint		48,00	6,70		
FFG011022	Christmas & Advent, set fdc.		48,00	6,70		
DDG011022	Christmas & Advent, set rdc.		48,00	6,70		
PPN011022	Stamp booklet, mint	*	144,00	20,15		
FFO011022	Stamp booklet, fdc.	*	144,00	20,15		
DDO011022	Stamp booklet, rdc.	*	144,00	20,15		
PPJ011022	Postcard (2)	⊙	14,00	1,95		
FFJ011022	Maximum card (2)	⊙	62,00	8,70		
FFK011022	First day cover w/set of stamps	⊙	53,00	7,40		
FFL011022	Set of FDCs w/single stamps	⊙	55,00	7,70		
FFM011022	Set of FDCs w/blocks of four	⊙	199,00	27,80		
FFP011022	First day cover w/booklet	⊙	149,00	20,80		
PPB011022	Set of top plate bloks of four, mint	*	192,00	26,90		
PPC011022	Set of bottom plate bloks of 4, mint	⊙	192,00	26,90		
PPD000990	Christmas & Advent, sheet 19KR (20)	⊙	380,00	53,20		
PPD000991	Christmas & Advent, sheet 29KR (20)	⊙	580,00	81,20		
<b>Issue 24.10.2022 – Christmas products</b>						
WPPE02022	Yearbook 2022	*	665,00	93,00		
PPY002022	Year pack 2022	*	634,00	89,00		
PPX002022	Christmas seals 2022	*	30,00	4,20		
WJOJ02022	Christmas cards (3 incl/ envelopes)	*	30,00	4,20		
<b>Booklet folders</b>						
WHEM02022	Booklet folder 2022	*	432,00	60,50		
WHEM02020	Booklet folder 2020	*	327,00	45,80		
<b>FDC folders</b>						
WFDM02022	FDC folder 2022	⊙	684,00	95,80		
WFDM02021	FDC folder 2021	⊙	625,00	87,50		

\* = mint, ⊙ = cancelled

No.	Item		Price DKK	Price Euro	Qt.	Total
<b>Pre-printed DAVO albums and supplement pages</b>						
LUA002022	Luxe album with pages 2015-2022		840,00	117,60		
LUA002014	Luxe album with pages 2001-2014		975,00	136,50		
LUA000003	Luxe Album without pages		225,00	31,50		
LUS002022	Pages for Luxe album 2022		130,00	18,20		
LUS002021	Pages for Luxe album 2021		130,00	18,20		
LUS002020	Pages for Luxe album 2020		130,00	18,20		
JOS002022	Page for Christmas seals 2022		30,00	4,20		
JOS002021	Page for Christmas seals 2021		30,00	4,20		
JOS002020	Page for Christmas seals 2020		30,00	4,20		
<b>End sale - 3rd July 2022</b>						
PPS000218	Flies, mini-sheet	*	48,00	6,70		
PPA000876	H.C. Müller 200 years	*	18,00	2,50		
PPA010218	Sandsvatn & Toftavatn	*	30,00	4,20		
PPN000218	Sandsvatn & Toftavatn, <i>booklet</i>	*	90,00	12,60		
PPS000418	Actors' Association 100 yrs, <i>mini-sheet</i>	*	38,00	5,30		
PPA000883	Sepac 2018: Spectacular views	*	20,00	2,80		
PPA000884	Norden 2018: Mackerel	*	18,00	2,50		
PPA010418	Europa 2018: Bridges	*	28,00	3,90		
PPN000418	Europa 2018: Bridges, <i>booklet</i>	*	84,00	11,70		
PPA020418	Fuglafjörður Municipality 100 years	*	36,00	5,00		
PPA000893	Regin Dahl 100 years	*	28,00	3,90		
PPA010918	National costumes III	*	38,00	5,30		
PPN000918	National costumes III, <i>booklet</i>	*	114,00	16,00		
PPA020918	Religious icons	*	28,00	3,90		
PPY002017	Year pack 2017	*	445,00	62,30		
WPPE02017	Yearbook 2017	*	475,00	66,50		
WFDM02017	FDC folder 2017	⊙	515,00	72,00		
WHEM02017	Booklet folder 2017	*	270,00	37,80		
<b>Miscellaneous</b>						
WPMAMAP03	Franking labels folder #3		276,00	38,60		
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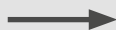
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