FRENCH GUIANA

The French first established their presence in 1763. A Penal Colony was set up in 1854 at St Laurent in the Province of Maroni. Another penal camp on Devils Island off the coast (which became notorious during the Dreyfus Affair) gave the colony a bad reputation.

The administrative centre was at Cayenne, and settlements for logging and for farming tropical produce such as coffee, sugar, cocoa, manioc and (most important of all) sugar cane spread along the coast. Initially, revenues of France were used when required on documents, and may be recognised only by the cancellation.

A cancel "GF" in a roller of dots was used in Guiana.

Also receipt stamps from money orders received the CAYENNE cds of the Post Office. Manuscript cancels may also point to use in Cayenne or elsewhere in the colony. From the 1870s, special issues for Guiana were introduced.

The vast rain forest interior was little explored, but tropical hardwoods, gold and bauxite were brought from the interior. The interior, covering 80% of the territory, was made a separate administrative area known as Inini between 1930 and 1946. Although postage stamps were produced, there have been no reports of special revenues for Inini - an indication of the lack of commerce.

In March 1943 the Free French Government took over control of the colony. Disruption of supplies brought about a number of provisional overprints as old stocks were used up for different purposes from the ones originally intended.

In 1946 Guyane and Inini were combined together as an Overseas Department of France. Some revenues of France continued to be overprinted GUYANE for use there, and several unoverprinted values of French sets were only released in Guyane.

Recently a satellite launching base was established in Guyane and economic activity has increased.

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FRENCH GUIANA FISCAL (GENERAL DUTY)

Before 1934, regular "Fiscal" issues of France were used in French Guiana, and can only be distinguished by the cancel.


1. 1c red-brown, brown & blue ..........2.50
2. 2c red-brown, brown & blue ..........2.50
3. 3c red-brown, brown & blue ..........2.50
4. 4c red-brown, brown & blue ..........2.50
5. 5c red-brown, brown & blue ..........2.50
6. 10c red-brown, brown & blue ......3.50
7. 15c red-brown, brown & blue ......3.50
8. 20c red-brown, brown & blue ......3.50
9. 25c red-brown, brown & blue ......3.50
10. 30c red-brown, brown & blue ....5.00
11. 40c red-brown, brown & blue ....5.00
12. 50c red-brown, brown & blue ....2.50
13. 60c red-brown, brown & blue ....5.00
14. 75c red-brown, brown & blue .....5.00
15. 80c red-brown, brown & blue .....7.50
16. 1F50 green, dark green & red ..5.00
17. 2F green, dark green & red ......5.00
18. 4F green, dark green & red ......5.00
19. 6F green, dark green & red ......5.00
20. 10F blue, dark blue & red ........3.50
21. 12F blue, dark blue & red ......5.00
22. 15F blue, dark blue & red ......5.00
23. 25F blue, dark blue & red ......5.00
24. 200F violet, dark violet & red ...10.00
25. 500F violet, dark violet & red ...10.00
26. 400F violet, dark violet & red ...15.00
27. 500F violet, dark violet & red ...15.00
28. 1000F rose & vermilion .............25.00

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C1940. Provisional overprints TIMBRE/FISCAL (sometimes with missing letters) and new value, on various issues of France or Guiana.

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B) on Connaissances of 1892 of France (illustration reduced).

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C) on Connaissances of 1933 of Guiana.

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D) on Dimension of 1926 of France.

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E) on Quitances of 1892 of France (ovpt reads down).

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F) on Role d’Equipage of 1926 of France. Sideways ovpts, reading up or reading down. Perf 13½.

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C1942. Postage stamps with bar through POSTES and ovpt TIMBRE FISCAL (several types exist, with A) seriffed or B) block letters, noted where known), most also surcharged.

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<td>2F</td>
<td>on 55c ultramarine &amp; rose A</td>
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1942. Timbre Fiscal of 1934 of Guiana, old value deleted by one thick bar, and surcharged. Perf 13½.
80. 5c on 1c bistre, brown & blue ... 25.00
81. 50c on 3c bistre, brown & blue ... 25.00
82. 5c on 4c bistre, brown & blue ... 25.00
83. 50c on 5c bistre, brown & blue ... 25.00
85. 50c on 25c bistre, brown & blue ... 35.00

1945. Timbre Fiscal of France, old value deleted by two thin bars, and surcharged. Prf 13½.
86. 5F on 3F pale green, green & red ... 10.00
87. 10F on 3F pale green, green & red ... 10.00
88. 15F on 3F pale green, green & red ... 10.00

90. 5c bistre, brown and blue .......... 5.00
91. 10c bistre, brown and blue .......... 5.00
92. 15c bistre, brown and blue .......... 5.00
93. 20c bistre, brown and blue .......... 5.00
94. 25c bistre, brown and blue .......... 5.00
95. 30c bistre, brown and blue .......... 5.00
96. 40c bistre, brown and blue .......... 5.00
97. 50c bistre, brown and blue .......... 5.00
98. 75c bistre, brown and blue .......... 5.00
99. 80c bistre, brown and blue .......... 5.00
100. 1F bistre, brown and blue ........ 5.00
101. 2F bistre, brown and blue ........ 5.00
102. 4F bistre, brown and blue ........ 7.50
103. 5F bistre, brown and blue ........ 7.50
104. 10F bistre, brown and blue ...... 7.50
105. 20F bistre, brown and blue ...... 10.00

From about 1960, normal Timbre Fiscal stamps of France were used in Guiana. However, certain values were prepared for exclusive use in Guiana and are listed below.

1963. Timbre Fiscal of France, values in NF, these values issued exclusively for use in Guiana. Blush paper.
106. 0,01 orange, brown & blue ........ 5.00
107. 0,02 orange, brown & blue ........ 5.00
108. 0,03 orange, brown & blue ........ 5.00
109. 0,04 orange, brown & blue ........ 5.00

1964. Timbre Fiscal of France value in F, Type Daussy redrawn with background of small stars, this value issued mainly or exclusively for Guiana. Rose paper.
110. 0,04 rose, red & black ........... *200.00
Several other values of this set (0F02, 0F40, 3F45, 7F45) were also printed in very small quantity and may have been intended for use in Guiana. Can any reader give further information?

c1967. Same Timbre Fiscal of France, values in F, background of small stars, these values issued exclusively for use in Guiana. Wmk AGT. Blush paper.
111. 0,01 orange, brown & blue .......... 5.00
115. 0,07 orange, brown & blue .......... 5.00
116. 0,60 orange, brown & blue .......... 5.00
117. 6F00 blue, deep blue & black ...... 7.50
118. 25F00 violet, deep violet & black 10.00

1969. Similar design but without stars.
119. 0,02 orange, brown & blue ........ 5.00
120. 0,03 orange, brown & blue ........ 5.00
121. 0,06 orange, brown & blue ........ 5.00

FRENCH GUIANA
ABONNEMENTS
(SHARES)

1873. Inscribed "Action". Double stamp, to be used on two parts of share subscription forms. Most surviving stamps are mint double stamps, and are priced as such. Litho. Imperf. No gum.
1. (-) red-brown on buff ................. *10.00

2. (-) red-brown on buff .................. 15.00
FRENCH GUIANA AUTOMOBILES

All are rare. Prices are nominal.

c1959 Automobile Tax of France ovpt GUYANE.
1. 3960F green & blue on rose .......... 75.00

1965. Same design, without ovpt. Same type as used in mainland France, but these values were issued specifically for use in French Guiana only.
2. 32F50 green & blue .................. 50.00
3. 35F green & blue ..................... 50.00
4. 37F50 green & blue .................. 50.00
5. 40F green & blue ..................... 25.00
6. 42F50 green & blue .................. 25.00
7. 45F green & blue ..................... 25.00
8. 47F50 green & blue .................. 25.00
9. 50F green & blue ..................... 25.00
10. 130F green & black ................ 25.00
11. 140F green & black ................ 25.00
12. 150F green & black ................ 25.00
13. 160F green & black ................ 25.00
14. 170F green & black ................ 25.00
15. 180F green & black ................ 25.00
16. 190F green & black ................ 25.00
17. 200F green & black ................ 25.00

1872. Typeset ornaments. Imperf.
1. 2F blue ........................................ 20.00

1933. Issue of France ovpt GUYANE. No wmk. Stamps printed in two halves, A) with the value for retention by the taxpayer, B) inscribed ESTAMPILLE DE CONTROLE for retention in official records.
2. 3F50 rose & black ............... 25.00 10.00
3. 7F20 green & black ............. 20.00 10.00
4. 7F20 lilac & black ................ 25.00 10.00
5. 14F40 blue & black .......... 50.00 35.00

1938. Same design, new values. Figure of value in second colour stated; inscription in black for all. With wmk. The 10F control stamp (green) can only be distinguished from previous issue by the watermark.
6. 5F orange & blue ........... 5.00 3.50
7. 10F green & black ........... 5.00 3.50
8. 20F lilac & green ........... 5.00 3.50

1952. Same design, with wmk. GUYANE ovpts are placed a little lower on the main stamp, and at the base on the control stamp.
9. 75F orange & black ............. 3.50 3.50
10. 150F green & black .......... 7.50 5.00
11. 300F violet & black .......... 10.00 7.50

1954. Same design, new values. GUYANE is A) high or B) low. Control stamps are identical to A) 1933 or B) 1952 issues.
12. 30F + 150F green & black ...... 7.50
13A. 60F + 300F violet & black A ...... 7.50
13B. type B ................................ 15.00
14A. 180F green & black A .......... 7.50
14B. type B ................................ 15.00
15. 360F violet & green B ........... 15.00

1958. Without GUYANE ovpt. Same design as for mainland France, but these values were only issued in Guiana (special tax tariff at 50% of the mainland France rate). Controls indistinguishable from those of France (as the same colours were used for other values regularly issued in France).
16. 7F + 130F orange & black ........ 2.50
17. 15F + 200F green & black ........ 3.50
18. 15F + 260F green & black ........ 3.50
19. 30F + 400F violet & black ........ 3.50
20. 32F + 75F orange & black .......... 3.50
21. 50F + 500F violet & black .......... 5.00
22. 125F orange & black ........... 5.00
23. 250F green & black .......... 7.50
24. 437F orange & black .......... 7.50
25. 500F violet & black .......... 10.00
1939. Same design, but with wmk, new values.
9. 5F bistre & blue ......................... 2.00
10. 7F50 blue & red ........................ 2.00
11. 10F orange & blue .................... 3.50
12. 15F yellow-green & black ............ 3.50
13. 20F red & blue .......................... 3.50
14. 30F lilac & green ....................... 5.00

1942. Locally surcharged on 1933 issues, thick black bar (sometimes faint) through previous value.
15. 5F on 3F60 blue & black ............. 5.00
16. 5F on 7F20 green & black ............ 5.00
17. 7F50 on 14F40 orange & black ...... 15.00

1942. Locally surcharged on Dimension stamps of France (unoverprinted), thick black bar (sometimes faint) through previous value. These were only issued in French Guiana.
18. 5F on 5F40 lilac & black ............. 10.00
19. 5F on 10F80 red & black ............ 15.00
20. 7F50 on 10F80 red & black .......... 20.00

1944. Timbre Fiscal of 1925 of France, locally overprinted TIMBRE DE DIMENSION and new value, two bars over previous value.
21. 7F50 on 3F green & red ............. 25.00

1945. Similar key type design to 1939, inscribed DIMENSION, but figure of value and FRANCS in smaller, more condensed type. Printed in Brasil. Wmk wavy lines. Perf 12½.
22. 5F bistre, sepia, blue & black ..... 10.00
23. 7F50 bistre, grey & blue ............... 10.00

FRENCH GUIANA DOUANES (CUSTOMS)

1872. Typeset ornaments. Shades and degree of wear of the background lines vary widely. Imperf.
1. 5c green ........................................ 2.00
2. 25c green ....................................... 3.50
3. 75c green ...................................... 10.00
The 25c is known with DOUANES deleted by pen, for general tax use.

1875. Same design, printed in black on coloured paper (thick or thin). Shades of paper and degree of wear of the background lines vary widely.
4. 5c black on dull cream ..................... 20.00
5. 5c black on green ................................ 10.00
6. 25c black on green .......................... 10.00
6a. background lines totally omitted (very worn impression) ............................... 20.00
7. 75c black on green ........................... 75.00

c1883. Manuscript "douanes" on Tresor issue of 1878.
8. 20c red ........................................... 20.00

FRENCH GUIANA PASSEPORTS (PASSPORT)

1954. Issue of France, ovpt GUYANE.
1. 500F rose & blue ........................... 50.00
2. 1000F rose & black ........................ 100.00
### French Guiana

#### Proportionnel (Bills of Exchange)

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