RECARGO DE CONSUMOS (SURTAX FOR CONSUMPTION)

During the first semester of 1888, various stamps overprinted 'Recargo de Consumos' (Surtax for Consumption) were affixed to the Cedulas Personales (Poll Tax Receipts) and the Patentes de Capitacion (Poll Tax Certificates of Chinese) in payment of a tax on consumption of tobacco which was collected as a surtax of five percent on the cost of Cedulas Personales and Patentes de Capitacion. Slightly more than one million of these stamps, of various denominations, were used for this fiscal purpose. The use of these stamps for revenue purposes was discontinued on July 1, 1888, because new forms for the Cedulas Personales and the Patentes de Capitacion had been received which included the five percent surtax in the price printed on the face of each Cedula Personales and Patentes de Capitacion. The use of the remainder of the Recargo de Consumos stamps for postal and telegraph purposes was authorised from January 29, 1889 to August 1, 1889.

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INVERTED SURCHARGE







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