PARA
CORREOS

TYPE 1

Issued: January, 1881 No. Overprinted: unknown



Red overprint on One Real Green Revenue (APS Cert.)



Inverted Overprint



Inverted Overprint Postally Used manuscript cancel



Inverted Overprint - Right Stamp



Inverted Overprint on Three Right Stamps (APS Cert.)



Inverted Overprint Top Stamp



Double Overprint



Double Overprint Both Inverted



Double Overprint
One Inverted
(Pinchot Cert.)

Largest Recorded Multiple

The first "surcharge" issued was not in fact a surcharge, as it did not alter or restate the face value or denomination of the stamp to which it was applied. The "overprint" applied, "HABILITADO PARA CORREOS," did however alter its use. The overprint effectively translates to "Made Valid for Postage."

It is believed this overprint was set up on a printing press, and was not applied by hand as were all the surcharges. Several basic types have been identified, but the letters used are not always the same type, showing slight variation in shape and size. Early Philippines expert and author J.M. Bartels surmised there might exist as many varieties as there were stamps in the sheet, although review of known multiples does not necessarily bear out the theory.