

CHAPTER EIGHTY**PERFINS.**

Perfins are defined as stamps perforated with the initials of a firm or society. They were originally introduced to allow the organisations to restrict the possession and use of stamps purchased by them to official mail and thus prevent pilfering.

After World War Two, use of perfins in Malaya was largely restricted to Singapore, but four examples are known from mainland Malaya. Very few post-war examples are seen on the market.

The listing below is largely based on the relevant listings contained in "Perfins of Malaysia" by Mr. M. Lavender, which is recommended to readers seeking a handbook on Malayan perfins of all periods.

CBI **Chartered Bank of India, Kuala Lumpur.**

Known used circa 1949 to circa 1955 on 48D.12.9/11-12/14/18-19. (Listed by Lavender as C6).

CCGT **City Council, George Town, Penang.**

Known used circa 1955 to circa 1979 on 57D.1.1, 57D.11.8, 57D.12.4, 65D.8.4, 66.2.1, 70D.9.4-5, 75.6.1, 76.2.1, 79D.9.5. (Lavender C9a/b/c).

CCP **[unknown user]**

Known used on 63.5.1. (Lavender C10).

LYS **L. Y. Swee & Co., Penang.**

Known used circa 1922 to circa 1967 on 48.7.1, 48D.8.2-4/7-10/12/14/17/19, 48D.9.4-5/7/9-10/13, 49.7.1/3-4, 57D.1.1/3-4, 57D.11.4/6-8, 57D.12.4/8, 61.1.1, 62.3.3, 64.1.3, 65.2.3, 65.3.2, 65D.1.1, 67.2.1-2. (Lavender L2c).

MC **[unknown user]**

Known used on 48D.13.27. (Not listed by Lavender).

MCM **Municipal Commissioners, Malacca.**

Known used circa 1954 on 48D.5.5. (Lavender M11).

MCP **Municipal Commissioners, Penang.**

Known used circa 1940 to circa 1960 on 48.7.1, 48D.8.3-4/6/9/17, 48D.9.5/14, 49.7.1, 57D.12.1. (Lavender M13c).

SHELL **Shell Oil Co., Singapore.**

Known used circa 1945 to circa 1950 on 48.11.1, 48D.13.1/3/5-7/9/11/13/16/21. (Lavender S3b).

SIT **Singapore Improvement Trust.**

Known used circa 1950 to circa 1974 on 48D.13.1/10/14/19/22 and later Singapore stamps. (Lavender S4).

SMC **Singapore Municipal Commissioners.**

Known used circa 1947 to circa 1974 on 48D.13.1-5/7/10/13-14/17/21-22/27, 53.11.1, 64.1.3 and later Singapore stamps. (Lavender S8a).