

Republik Österreich

As previously explained, the use of "Deutschösterreich" (German-Austria) on postage stamps was considered by the Allies as indicating the intention of a union with Germany, and hence infringing the Treaty of St Germain. Eventually acquiescing, on 21 October 1919 the Austrian National Assembly passed Law 1919 SGB 484, which begins rather grumpily "*Deutschösterreich as constrained by the Treaty of St Germain is a democratic republic called Republik Österreich*". In 1921 a competition was held for stamp designs to incorporate the word "Österreich"; the submitted designs typify the Modern or New Art of that period.

