



GREEK POST OFFICE

		Q U A N T I T Y	
DRACHMAE			PIECES
1)	0.10	. . . . .	3.000.000
2)	0.20	. . . . .	10.000.000
3)	0.50	. . . . .	5.000.000
4)	0.70	. . . . .	5.000.000
5)	1.—	. . . . .	10.000.000
6)	1.50	. . . . .	19.000.000
7)	2.50	. . . . .	35.000.000
8)	4.50	. . . . .	5.000.000
9)	6.—	. . . . .	7.000.000
10)	8.50	. . . . .	1.000.000

ORDINARY SET OF STAMPS ILLUSTRATING ANCIENT GREEK COINS

TECHNICAL DETAILS

SIZE : 26 X 42 m. m

METHOD OF PRINTING : Offset litho, 3 colours.

VALUE OF COMPLETE SET: 25.50 drachmae.

The set will circulate in sheets of 40 and 50 stamps.

The set will be issued on the 24th March 1959.

RATE OF EXCHANGE : \$ 1.00 = 29.90 drachmae

The First Day Covers will bear one of the designs (of one side) of the Ancient Greek coins and will be cancelled by a special commemorative postmark.

DESIGNS : By the engraver Mr. A. Tassos

PRINTED : By " O. Pervolarakis - B. Lycoyannis ,, Graphic Arts Co., - Athens.



CRETE - 3rd Cent. B. C.
APOLLO - LABYRINTH



DELPHI - 5th Cent. B. C.
RAMS' HEADS - INCUSE
SQUARES



PAPHOS CYPRUS - 4th Cent. B. C.
VENUS - APOLLO



ABDERA THRACE - 5th Cent. B. C.
GRIFFIN - SQUARE



CHALCIDICE - MACEDONIA - 4th Cent. B. C.
APOLLO - LYRE



SYRACUSE SICILY - 5th Cent. B. C.
NYMPH ARETHUSA - CHARIOT



RHODES - 4th Cent. B. C.
HELIOS - ROSE



COIN OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT
4th Cent. B. C.
HEROULES - JUPITER



OLYMPIA - 4th Cent. B. C.
JUPITER'S HEAD - EAGLE



ATHENS - 5th Cent. B. C.
ATHENE'S HEAD - OWL

The theme for the designs of this set was taken from the abundance of Ancient Greek coins.

The first coins appeared in the 7th Century B. C. and were used as a means of transaction to replace the old system of bartering.

Most of them are exquisitely artistic and they reflect or symbolize the spirit of their age. Their designs are Gods, Heroes, legendary animals, and a variety of symbols relating to History, Mythology and the legends of each city.

The General Directorate of Greek Posts has had the set printed with an accurate illustration of the coins, the choice of which is justified by the fact that, from an artistic standpoint, they are characteristic of Ancient Greek Art and Civilization. All the coins illustrated are silver.

The subject of each design as well as the Century in which each coin was minted are indicated below each of the stamps pictured in this folder.