

## Toilet Paper (Covid-19) Stamps

On the issue date of Oct 30, 2020, Austria released toilet paper stamps. The Covid-19 semi-postal stamps were released to commemorate Hamsterkäufe (hamster (panic) purchases) which included panic purchases of toilet paper.

The souvenir sheet, which is printed on 3-ply toilet paper, has the same dimensions as a standard sheet of toilet paper. The perforations between souvenir sheets are also the same perforations as standard toilet paper. To avoid tearing (and to allow it to be used as a stamp) there is a self-adhesive, natural fiber paper film laminated on the back. The semi-postal stamp is on the right-hand side of the sheet.

Different animals for comparisons are illustrated on the souvenir sheet. There is an insect, a flying animal (larger Insect), a mouse and a baby elephant (printed in foil). The length of a baby elephant (1 m) is the recommended physical distance to stand apart from one another in public. Lining up 10 souvenir sheets end to end would also be 1 meter.

The semi-postal portion of this stamp (2.75 Euros) is provided to charity.

Distanz die uns verbindet translates in English as "distance that connects us."

