

## 1 – THE PROVISIONAL REFUGEE STAMPS

Stocks of the 1971 definitive 5 mil value (SG359) were overprinted by Aspioti-Elka the stamps original printer. It has been stated that 3,675,000 stamps were actually overprinted and were placed on sale during the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 1974 to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1974. Usage continued until mid 1975 when stocks were exhausted.



The correct format of the overprint is shown left in both mint and used form.

*The lowest sheet number seen so far is 124680*

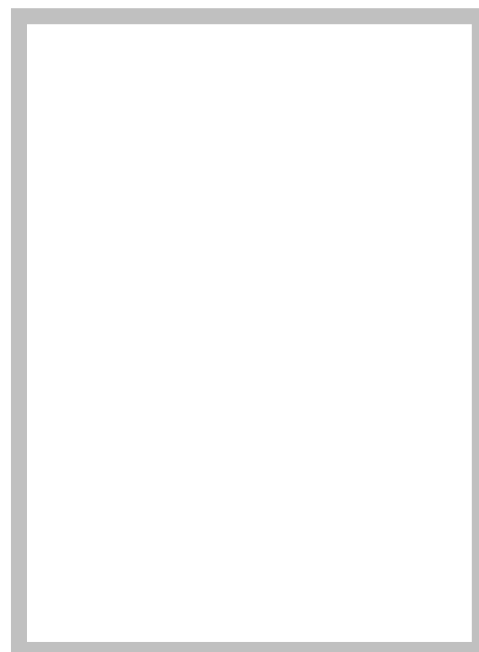
It was obviously very difficult to maintain registration during the overprinting process and various shifts can be found.



*High vertical shift*



*Shift high and right*



*Shift high and left*

Other overprint shifts of a similar nature to those shown are known to exist.