

## The DWI Mystery

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I recently read an article by Michael Rogers, a well-known dealer of stamps from China, who now is with a big auction house named Kelleher-Rogers. In the article about his career he stated that his business originally included DWI. I did not know what that abbreviation stood for. I am familiar with the term "Driving While Intoxicated — DWI" but I was pretty sure that was not what he did.

After a couple days of consternation, I decided to phone him. The nice lady who answers at Kelleher Rogers said he was away, but maybe she could help me. I asked her if she knew what he meant. She explained she had worked there only a month, and had no idea what DWI stood for, but she would try to find out for me phone me back with her findings. And she did. It refers to a group of islands, formerly colonies of the Netherlands, located in the Caribbean. (Not close at all to China.) The country is NOT listed in Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue ("Scott"). It never issued stamps as such, and no stamps ever appeared with DWI on them. DWI went out of existence in 2010 with the independence of the Dutch West Indies, also known as Netherlands Antilles or Curacao or Dutch Antilles. You can find it in Scott under Netherlands Antilles. Careful to not confuse Dutch West Indies (DWI) with Dutch Indies, now no longer a colony of Netherlands and known as Indonesia. Now you know.

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