

GOODS—continued.

79. Class Q.

1. The minimum load of goods chargeable at the Class Q rate will be as follows:—

	Per Four-wheeled Truck, n.o.s.	Per 10-ton L Truck.	Per MA Truck.	Per LA or RD Truck.	Per R or U Truck.	Per RB or UB Truck.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons cwt.	Tons.	Tons.
Boulders, bricks, gravel, metal, sand, shingle, stone (rough)	6	8	10	11 0	15	20
Concrete or earthenware roofing tiles	6	6	9	10 0	15	20
Chaff	6	6	..	7 15
Hay	6	6	..	6 10
Lime, limestone ..	6	6	9	10 0	15	20
Goods in Class Q, not otherwise specified	6	6	8	8 0	13	18

2. Except where otherwise specified, any less quantity than the minimum specified in each case for house-blocks, fencing-posts, fencing-battens, droppers and stakes; timber pole blocks not exceeding 10 ft. in length, for use as strengthening supports for telegraph poles; mangolds, turnips, and wood-ash will be charged at such minimum weights or at Class E, whichever is the cheaper. Other goods of Class Q in quantities less than the minimum specified in each case will be charged at such minimum weights or on actual weight at Class E plus 50 per cent., whichever is the cheaper.

3. The Department may require loading or unloading to be performed by the owner. For each loading or unloading performed by the Department, 1s. 7d. per ton will be charged. Except as provided in Regulation 100, paragraph 1, subparagraph (d), where cramage is provided 10d. per ton only will be charged for each loading or unloading performed by the Department, together with the proper charge for cramage where such service is performed by the Department's cranes. In the case of scrap iron or steel, for each loading or unloading performed by the Department irrespective of whether cramage is provided or not, the charge will be 1s. 7d. per ton.

4. Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this regulation, the Department may require all wagons containing goods of Class Q to be loaded to their full carrying capacity, provided the gauge-limit is not exceeded.

5. Loose hay will not be accepted for carriage.

80. Class R.

1. The minimum load of New Zealand brown coal chargeable at the Class R rate will be as follows:—

Per M Truck.	Per Four-wheeled Truck, n.o.s.	Per LA or RD Truck.	Per R Truck.	Per RB Truck.
Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
5	6	9	14	20

2. Except where otherwise specified, any less quantity than the minimum specified in each case will be charged at such minimum or on actual weight at Class E plus 50 per cent. if cheaper.

3. The Department may require loading or unloading to be performed by the owner. For each loading or unloading performed by the Department 1s. 7d. per ton will be charged. Where cramage is provided 10d. per ton only will be charged for each loading or unloading performed by the Department, together with the proper charge for cramage where such service is performed by the Department's cranes.

81. Horses (Racehorses, Hunters, Polo-ponies, &c.).

1. The Department does not undertake to forward horses by any particular train. The owners of horses must provide means of securing them in the horse-box, and the Department will not be responsible for any injuries sustained through their breaking loose or otherwise, nor will it undertake to carry unbroken or vicious horses.

2. Horses must be loaded and unloaded by the owners at their own risk and responsibility. Except as may be otherwise arranged by the Department they must be loaded and consigned not less than half an hour before the due time of departure of the train by which they are intended to be conveyed in each case.

3. Requisition for trucks for horses must be made at least twenty-four hours before the vehicles are required.

4. The Department reserves the right to load or have loaded into any truck the full number of horses which such truck is designed to carry. Where the owner desires and is allowed the exclusive use of a G wagon for one horse, pony, foal, mule, or ass, such animal will be charged at one-and-a-half times the rate that would otherwise be applicable thereto.