

GOODS—*continued.*

3. Except as provided in paragraphs 4 and 5, the charges for returned empties will be as follows:—

Miles.						Rate per Ton.
Not exceeding	25	..	..	..	..	s. d. 11 0
"	50	..	..	..	..	16 6
"	100	..	..	..	..	24 4
"	150	..	..	..	..	32 1
"	200	..	..	..	..	39 11
"	250	..	..	..	..	47 8
"	300	..	..	..	..	55 6
"	350	..	..	..	..	63 3
"	400	..	..	..	..	71 1
"	450	..	..	..	..	78 10
"	500	..	..	..	..	87 7
For each additional 50 miles or portion thereof in excess of 500 miles, will be added						7 10

Quantities of less than 1 ton will be charged *pro rata* of the tonnage rates, subject to a minimum charge as for 1 cwt.

4. Textile coverings for fresh meat which has been conveyed by rail will, when being returned to the original consignor and sending-station from the original consignee and the original receiving-station, be conveyed free up to 100 miles and at the rates prescribed in paragraph 3 for the balance of the journey.

5. Returned empty butter, cheese, egg, eskimo-pie, fish, fresh-meat, cooked ham, fruit, ice-cream, ice-cream mix, nut, vegetable, carbon dioxide snow (dry ice), and casein curd packages, other than textile coverings for fresh meat, which comply with the provisions of paragraph 1, will be charged as follows:—

Miles.						Rate per Ton.
Not exceeding	25	..	..	..	..	s. d. 5 6
"	50	..	..	..	..	8 3
"	100	..	..	..	..	12 2
"	150	..	..	..	..	19 11
"	200	..	..	..	..	27 9
"	250	..	..	..	..	35 6
"	300	..	..	..	..	43 4
"	350	..	..	..	..	51 1
"	400	..	..	..	..	58 11
"	450	..	..	..	..	66 8
"	500	..	..	..	..	74 6
For each additional 50 miles or fraction thereof in excess of 500 miles, will be added						7 10

Quantities of less than 1 ton will be charged *pro rata* of the tonnage rates, subject to a minimum charge as for 1 cwt.

6. Returned empties must be certified by consignors to have passed over the railway full as provided herein.

7. Carriage must be prepaid, unless there be an arrangement between the Department and the consignee to the contrary.

8. Owners may be required to perform all handling of returned empties. Returned empties handled at ship's side and not carried under the provisions of Regulation 96, will be charged 1s. 7d. per ton for such handling. Minimum charge, 7d.

9. Consignments under this regulation will be carried at owner's risk.

10. Empty tank wagons which on the outward journey have been used for the conveyance of benzine, kerosene, or similar mineral oils, and fuel oil, will, when being returned from the original consignee and the original receiving-station to the original consignor and the original forwarding-station, be carried free. Where the empty tank wagon is not returned to the original forwarding-station, but is forwarded to another station for filling, and where the mileage, when the empty tank is railed, is in excess of that for which it is entitled to free return, the excess mileage will be charged at the rate of 2s. 2d. per mile.

89. Seeds returning from Seed-cleaning Establishments.

1. New-Zealand-grown seeds forwarded by the grower direct by rail to seed-cleaning establishments to be cleaned will, if returned within six months from the original consignee to the original sender, be carried back to the original sending-station at half-rates, provided that such seed was grown in the vicinity of the original forwarding-station and is for use by the grower in the locality where grown, and that a certificate in the following form is endorsed on the consignment-note when the seed is being forwarded to the seed-cleaning establishment: "I hereby certify that the seed entered hereon is New Zealand grown; that it was grown in the vicinity of Station, and is being forwarded to for the purpose of being cleaned, and will, when returned, be used by me in the locality where grown."

2. When seed is returned under this regulation the consignment-note must be endorsed as follows: "The seed entered hereon is New Zealand grown, and was consigned from Station to Station on for cleaning, and is entitled to be carried back at half rates."