

GOODS—*continued.*

**97. Haulage between Sheds and Sidings and Handling Charges.**

1. Where the loading or unloading of traffic is performed by consignors or consignees at private stores and sidings, the Department will take no responsibility for the condition of the goods or for delivery of quantities or weights as declared by consignors or consignees.

2. Goods hauled between a private siding and a public siding or Government shed, or between two private sidings at the same station, will be charged haulage as follow :—

	s.	d.
Goods not otherwise specified, per ton .. .. .	1	7
Live-stock per four-wheeled wagon .. .. .	11	7
Timber, not otherwise specified, per 100 superficial feet .. 0	7	
Australian hardwood exceeding 6 in. by 6 in. in breadth and thickness (or the equivalent) for sawn timber, 7 in. in diameter for round timber, and in the case of either sawn or round timber, exceeding 15 ft. in length, per 100 superficial feet .. .. .	0	10

When any such goods are handled by the Department at a public siding, Government shed, or private store or siding the following charges will be made for handling :—

	s.	d.
Goods not otherwise specified, per ton (minimum charge 10d.)	1	7
Goods charged at Class E, single rate, per ton (minimum charge 10d.) .. .. .	1	2
Timber (Class K), per 100 superficial feet (minimum charge 10d.) .. .. .	0	9½

Provided that where crane charges are incurred the provisions of Regulation 100, paragraph 1, subparagraphs (c) and (d) will apply.

3. Where goods conveyed under this regulation are tallied at the request of the owners, but not handled by the Department, the following charges for tallying will be made :—

	s.	d.
Goods not otherwise specified, per ton (minimum charge 10d.)	0	10
Timber, per 100 superficial feet (minimum charge 10d.) .. 0	4	¾

4. For the purpose of this regulation the minimum load for a truck of timber will be 700 superficial feet, and any less quantity will be charged at this minimum.

5. In the case of wool the minimum load will be eight undumped or four double-dumped bales per four-wheeled wagon ; any less quantity will be charged at this minimum.

6. Except where wagons are fully loaded, the minimum load of any wagon delivered to a private siding, or of a wagon lifted from a private siding, will be 30 cwt. Any less quantity will be charged as 30 cwt.

7. The Department reserves the right to fill up at its sheds or yards any wagon not loaded to its full carrying-capacity consigned to or from a private siding.

8. Holders of private sidings are held responsible for the safe custody of railway property of any kind while in their sidings, and must return such property to the Department in the same condition as when placed in the private siding.

**98. Tarpaulins.**

1. Consignors who undertake the covering of any goods shall make good all damage to tarpaulins arising from such goods being insufficiently or negligently covered, secured, or protected.

2. The Department does not undertake to provide tarpaulins for goods of Classes F, K, M, N, P, Q, or R, nor labour for covering such goods when loaded by consignor, and will take no responsibility in respect of these classes of goods on account of their not being covered by tarpaulins. Tarpaulins, if supplied for these classes of goods, will be charged for as follow :—

Distance.	Rate per Tarpaulin.
	s. d.
Not exceeding 100 miles .. .. .	1 7
Over 100 miles and not exceeding 250 miles .. .. .	3 1
Over 250 miles .. .. .	4 7

3. When tarpaulins are provided to cover goods of Classes F, K, M, N; P, Q, or R, from one consignor to various consignees, or from various consignors to one or several consignees, the consignor who requires the goods to be covered will be called upon to pay the charges for the tarpaulin.

4. Tarpaulins not released within eight working-hours from time of arrival will be charged demurrage at the rate of 1s. 7d. per tarpaulin per day or part of a day after the first eight hours. Working-hours shall be deemed to be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and days on which goods-sheds are closed for the whole day will be treated as *dies non*.

5. When owners of goods do their own loading, and require the use of tarpaulins, they must provide the labour for covering the truck. If covering is performed by the Department 1s. 7d. per tarpaulin will be charged.

6. Private tarpaulins supplied by consignors for the protection of their consignments during transit by rail will be conveyed free of charge on both the outward journey and when being returned from the original destination station to the original forwarding-station.