

GOODS—*continued.*

99. Weighing.

1. The consignor shall declare the weight of traffic handed to the Department for transport. If, however, the weight is not declared, and it is necessary for the Department to weigh the traffic for the purpose of calculating the railage charges, a charge may be made for weighing at the rates set forth hereunder.

2. Consignments of goods are weighed solely for the purpose of arriving at railway charges, and in no instance will the Department accept responsibility for or guarantee its weighings as between buyer and seller.

3. The Department will, at stations where weighing facilities exist, and when reasonably convenient, weigh goods at the special request of consignor or consignee. No liability shall rest on the Department for any omission to weigh any goods. Consignors should declare on the consignment-note whether they require the goods weighed by the Department. The reweighing of goods in truck loads will be at the option of the Department.

4. In cases where either the consignor or consignee requests in writing that the goods be weighed and there is no wagon weighbridge either at the forwarding or the destination station, or on the direct route between such forwarding and destination stations, the goods will be forwarded to the nearest weighbridge station and the railage will be calculated via such weighing-station. The usual charge for the weighing will be imposed. In addition, a shunting charge of 2s. 9d. per wagon will be made when a wagon has to be specially shunted at a station (not being the starting or destination station of the goods to be weighed) to enable the weight to be ascertained for the purposes of the consignor or consignee.

5. The charges for each wagon weighed on a wagon weighbridge will be as follow:—

Four-wheeled wagons	1s. 7d. each.
Bogie wagons	3s. 1d. each.

When more than one copy of a weight-certificate is required by the same person or firm for goods weighed on the Department's wagon weighbridges a charge of 7d. will be made for each certificate in addition to the first for each four-wheeled or bogie wagon.

6. Goods weighed on cart weighbridges will be charged as follow:—

Goods conveyed by rail	6d. per load.
Goods not conveyed by rail	7d. per load.

7. The charges for other goods weighed by the Department will be as follow:—

Wool, rabbit, and sheep skins in bales	6d. per bale.
Sheep-skins in bundles	1½d. per bundle.
Grain, onions, potatoes, and seeds	1½d. per bag.
All other goods	1½d. per cwt.
Minimum charge		1½d. per package.

8. The Department may decline to supply weights.

100. Cranage.

1. Except as otherwise specified, cranage will be charged for the use of the Department's cranes for lifts exceeding 10 cwt. at the following rates, based on the aggregate weight of the overweight goods in one consignment:—

(a) For goods not otherwise specified, 9d. per ton; minimum charge, 9d. For timber, 2½d. per 100 superficial feet; minimum charge, 9d.

(b) When the weight of any package for which a crane is used exceeds 30 cwt. cranage will be charged for at the rate of 3s. 1d. per ton, plus the cost to the Department of providing labour and supervision.

(c) Except in the case of scrap iron and scrap steel, when cranage is charged for under subparagraph (a) hereof in respect of the handling of any goods for which loading, unloading, or handling charges are payable, half the ordinary charges will, unless otherwise provided, be made for such loading, unloading, or handling (in addition to the charge for cranage).

(d) Except in the case of scrap iron and scrap steel, where cranage is charged for, plus the actual cost of labour and supervision as provided for in subparagraph (b) hereof, no charge will be made for loading, unloading, or handling.

(e) Where the weight of the individual packages in a consignment of goods does not exceed 10 cwt. and a crane is used for the convenience of the Department during loading or unloading operations no cranage charge will be made.

2. When the weight of the consignment to be handled is beyond the lifting-capacity of the crane at the station, or where there is no crane provided, and a crane is, at the request of the consignee (or consignor), hauled from another station to the station at which the crane is required, a charge at the rate of 2s. 2d. per mile (mileage counted one way only) will be made for such haulage, with a minimum charge of 15s. 5d.

3. The Department does not undertake to supply cranes, nor does it guarantee the lifting-capacity thereof, or of any appliances used in connection therewith.

4. The loading and unloading of heavy articles at stations or sidings unprovided with suitable lifting appliances for the handling of such packages must be undertaken by the owners at their own risk and expense, and such articles will not be received for carriage from or to such stations or sidings unless satisfactory arrangements shall first have been made by the owners for loading or unloading, as the case may be.

5. No article weighing more than 10 tons or the weight of which exceeds the lifting-capacity of the crane at either the receiving or forwarding station, or which requires for its carriage a specially constructed truck, or any alteration to a truck, shall be received and carried except under a special agreement.