

GENERAL—*continued.***122. Loading, Unloading, or Tallying of Goods.**

1. When loading or unloading or tallying of goods is not performed by the Department, no responsibility as to quantity or condition will be taken.
2. Except where otherwise specified, when senders who do their own loading, or consignees who do their own unloading, desire the Department to check and give receipts for goods in respect of which loading or unloading charges are prescribed, a charge at 10d. per ton will be made for tallying. Minimum charge, 10d.
3. Where in respect of any goods specified that loading and/or unloading is to be performed by consignors and/or consignees and the loading and/or unloading for any such goods is to be performed by the Department, the charge for such loading and/or unloading will, unless otherwise provided, be at the rate of 1s. 7d. per ton, with a minimum charge of 10d.
4. Except as otherwise provided, in cases where the nature or condition of any goods (or the containers in which such goods are packed) is such that additional charges are incurred in the handling of such goods from railway-wagons into ships, or in any handling incidental thereto, such additional charges will require to be borne by the consignor or consignee as the case may be.

123. Light and Bulky Articles.

1. Except where otherwise provided, the charges for consignments of goods which, by reason of their light and bulky character, or other circumstance connected with the nature of the goods, require the sole use of a truck for their carriage, and which goods if properly loaded will not permit of other goods being loaded in the same wagon, will be computed on a minimum weight of 15 cwt.
2. The Department may decline to accept for carriage, or may accept for carriage only under special agreement, articles which by reason of excessive length, bulk, weight, or other circumstance the Department considers unsuitable for carriage, or suitable for carriage only under special conditions.
3. In the case of consignments of traffic of Classes C, D, E, E plus 25%, or E plus 50%, the units of the consignment must be such as will not impose on the Department unreasonable work in handling the same.

124. Wagons Overloaded or requiring Adjustment of Load.

1. Except as otherwise provided, where goods are loaded by a consignor or where a consignor has incorrectly stated the weight of the goods and the load of a four-wheeled wagon into which such goods are loaded is 10 cwt. or more in excess of the maximum carrying-capacity marked on such wagon, or in the case of a bogie-wagon where the load is 1 ton or more in excess of the maximum carrying-capacity marked on such wagon, the weight in excess of the maximum carrying capacity of such wagon will be charged as a separate consignment. When the excess weight is removed to another truck, the owner will require to pay for such removal at the rate of 3s. 1d. per ton.
2. When the load of a wagon is considered unsafe to travel, the Department will reload or adjust the same. In the case of a wagon loaded by a consignor, a charge of 3s. 1d. per ton will be made for such reloading or adjusting. Minimum charge, 8s. 3d.
3. For the purpose of charging under the provisions of this regulation, the weight of timber will be calculated as follows: Australian hardwood, 350 superficial feet to the ton; all other timbers, 450 superficial feet to the ton.

125. Miscellaneous.

1. Goods which have arrived at destination and are not taken delivery of by the consignees within four working-hours after arrival are thereafter held by the Department as warehousemen at the owner's sole risk, subject to the by-laws and regulations.
2. Except as otherwise provided working-hours shall be deemed to be between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays and days on which goods-sheds are closed for the whole day will be treated as *dies non*.
3. Consignors shall make good all damage to trucks or tarpaulins arising from goods being insufficiently or negligently covered, secured, or protected by consignors.
4. Where cartage, collection, or delivery is undertaken by the Department, either itself or by a contractor for the purpose, the following shall be the maximum weight or measurement of any package that will be carted by the Department:—
 - (a) In the case of cartage by a contractor or in any case whether otherwise specified than in the next following subparagraph, as may be specified in the contract or in such other specifications:
 - (b) In all other cases, 10 cwt. by weight or 60 cubic feet by measurement.
 Any package exceeding the maximum weight or measurement as specified in this paragraph will be carted by the Department only at its option and under special agreement which may provide, *inter alia*, for special rates of charge for such cartage.
5. Fruit, vegetables, fish, meat, and other goods which become, while still in the custody of the Department, offensive through putrefaction or other cause may be buried or otherwise disposed of by the Department without prejudice to the right of the Department to recover railage or other charges that may be payable thereon, and any such goods so dealt with shall be deemed to have been duly delivered to the consignee.