

LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.—*continued.***54A. Parcels, &c., "Owner's Risk" and "Special Goods" Provisions.**

1. (a) All goods mentioned in Regulation 55 and followed by the words "Owner's risk," all such goods carried under the provisions of Regulations 66 and 67, and all goods received, held, or carried under the provisions of Regulations 56 to 64 (both inclusive), shall, unless a request is made that such goods be received, held, and carried at the risk of the Department under and subject to the provisions of Regulation 110, be received, held, and carried at the sole risk in all respects of the owner. (For regulations regarding the carriage of "Owner's risk" goods at the risk of the Department, see Regulation 110).

(b) Every article of goods which exceeds in value the sum of £10, and every parcel, package, or container whatsoever which, together with the contents of such parcel, package, or container, exceeds in value the sum of £10, is hereby declared to be "special goods." Live animals and birds are hereby declared to be "special goods." This subparagraph applies to all goods received, held, and carried under the provisions of Regulations 55 to 67 (both inclusive).

55. Parcels Rates.

1. Parcels will be conveyed at the following rates:—

Weight.	Not exceeding					Over 300 Miles.
	30 Miles.	50 Miles.	100 Miles.	200 Miles.	300 Miles.	
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
3 lb.	0 7	0 7	0 7	0 7	0 7	0 7
7 lb.	0 7	0 7	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2
14 lb.	0 7	0 10	1 2	1 8	2 3	2 3
28 lb.	0 10	1 2	1 8	2 3	3 4	3 4
56 lb.	1 8	2 3	2 9	4 2	5 6	6 8
84 lb.	2 3	3 1	3 11	6 1	8 3	9 11
112 lb.	2 9	3 7	4 5	7 2	11 0	13 3
140 lb.	3 4	4 2	5 0	8 3	13 3	16 6
168 lb.	3 11	4 9	5 6	9 5	15 5	19 10
196 lb.	4 5	5 3	6 1	10 6	17 8	23 2
224 lb.	5 0	5 10	6 8	11 7	19 10	26 5

2. The Department does not undertake to convey packages exceeding 2 cwt. in weight or 20 cubic feet in measurement at parcel rates, but where any such package is tendered for transit it may be accepted provided the dimensions or weight of the package are such as will not cause inconvenience in handling the same. Where any such parcel is accepted for transit the charges for the weight in excess of 2 cwt. will in all respects be treated as a separate consignment.

3. In addition to the above rates a charge of 6d. for each hundredweight or part of a hundredweight will be made upon all parcels consigned to Auckland, Frankton Junction, Hamilton, Wanganui, Hawera, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, or Invercargill.

4. Adhesive stamps for use in prepayment of railage on parcels of the following value—namely, 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 1s., 1s. 6d., 2s., 2s. 6d., 5s., 10s., will be sold at all railway-stations where Stationmasters are in charge.

5. Except where otherwise specified, each parcel will be charged for separately.

6. Stamps may be used when the consignment consists of more than one package, and the charges are computed on the total weight of all the packages. In all such consignments the total amount of stamps are to be affixed to one package.

7. Consignment-notes must be tendered with all parcels, whether stamped or not. Stamps should be securely affixed as nearly as possible to the address on the parcel, but so as not to obliterate any part of the address. Where the nature of the package does not admit of the stamp being securely affixed thereon it should be affixed to a label securely attached to the package.

8. Except in the case of motor-bicycles or a motor-bicycle with a side-car attached, articles or packages conveyed at parcel rates will be allowed free storage for seven days after arrival at destination station. After the expiration of the period named 4d. per week or part of a week will be charged on each package except in the case of parcels conveyed under the provisions of paragraph 13 of this regulation, in which case the charges will be computed on the total weight of each consignment at the rate of 7d. per hundredweight or fraction of a hundredweight per week or part of a week. Parcels not taken delivery of within four working-hours after being available for delivery will be held by the Department as warehousemen. Parcels not claimed within six months may be sold.

9. A motor-bicycle or a motor-bicycle with a side-car attached will be allowed free storage for the day of arrival at the destination station and the following day, and after that period storage charges will be enforced as follows: For each motor-bicycle, 7d. per day or part of a day; for each motor-bicycle with side-car attached, 1s. 2d. per day or part of a day.

10. Fresh cut flowers, foliage, or ferns, not made up into wreaths, &c., packed in baskets, hampers, or uncrushable boxes, will be conveyed at owner's risk at half parcel rates; minimum charge, 7d. per consignment.