

## GOODS.

## 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. No charge, however, will be made for weighing wagons of goods of Classes E, F, N, P, Q, or R for the purpose of computing railage charges unless such goods are weighed at the request of the consignor or consignee.

**Weighing Charges.**—2. The charges for each wagon weighed on a wagon weighbridge will be as follow:—

Four-wheeled wagons	.. .. .	3s. each.
Bogie wagons	.. .. .	6s. 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 1s. will be made for each certificate in addition to the first for each four-wheeled or bogie wagon.

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

Goods conveyed by rail	.. .. .	1s. per load.
Goods not conveyed by rail	.. .. .	1s. 3d. per load.

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

Wool, rabbit, and sheep skins in bales	.. .. .	1s. per bale.
Sheep-skins in bundles	.. .. .	3d. per bundle.
Grain, onions, potatoes, and seeds	.. .. .	3d. per bag.
All other goods (minimum charge, 3d. per package)	.. .. .	3d. per cwt.

**General.**—5. 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.

6. 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 5s. 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.

7. The Department may decline to supply weights.

8. 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.

## 100. Cranage

1. **Charges.**—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 each consignment. Where the weight of individual packages in a consignment does not exceed 10 cwt. and a crane is used for the convenience of the Department, no cranage charge will be made. Cranage charges on timber will be as shown in subparagraph (c) hereof:—

	Charge for Cranage.	In Addition to Cranage the Following Handling Charges Will be Made in Respect of Goods for Which a Handling Charge is Prescribed.
<b>Goods—</b>		
(a) Any package or article, exceeding 10 cwt. but not exceeding 30 cwt.	1s. 6d. per ton. Minimum charge, 1s. 6d. per consignment	*Except in the case of scrap iron or scrap steel, handling charges will be 1s. 6d. per ton. Minimum charge, 1s. 6d.
(b) Any package or article exceeding 30 cwt.	6s. per ton, plus the cost to the Department of providing labour and supervision.	
<b>Timber—</b>		
(c) All types of timber	5d. per 100 superficial feet. Minimum charge, 1s. 6d. per consignment	9d. per 100 superficial feet. Minimum charge, 1s. 6d.

\* Scrap iron and scrap steel will be charged full loading, unloading, or handling charges in addition to cranage.