

## GENERAL

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 or tallying same.

## 124. Wagons Overloaded or Requiring Adjustment of Load

**Wagons Overloaded.**—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 more than 10 cwt. in excess of the maximum carrying-capacity marked on such wagon, or in the case of a bogie wagon where the load is more than 1 ton 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—viz., freight charges for the whole consignment will be computed as though an additional wagon had been used for the whole journey. Any quantity of overweight Class E goods will be charged Class E plus 50 per cent. in all cases, even although such overweight quantity is 30 cwt. or more. When the excess weight is removed to another wagon, the owner will require to pay for such removal at the rate of 6s. per ton.

2. The maximum load of Lb wagons is 6 tons 10 cwt., but a tolerance of 5 cwt. will be allowed above this maximum: Provided, however, in the case of coal traffic a maximum weight of 7 tons may be loaded in such wagons.

3. **Wagons Unsafe.**—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 6s. per ton will be made for such reloading or adjusting. Minimum charge, 16s.

4. **Minor Timber Adjustments** which may be undertaken by the Department, such as cutting off excess length of uprights and cross-ties, nailing insecurely fastened cross-ties, levelling off the top of a load, closing wagon doors, &c., in order to facilitate the prompt despatch of wagons, will be charged for at a rate of 4s. 10d. per half man-hour or part thereof involved.

5. **Computation.**—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. **Working-hours.**—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*.

2. **Acceptance of Goods.**—Goods are accepted for carriage or storage only upon the express condition that the same are warranted to be fit to be carried or stored in the condition in which they are handed to the Department and not to be of a dangerous character.

3. **Nature of Goods.**—(a) In any case where the nature or condition of any goods is such as to require the payment, either of a special rate exceeding the ruling rates of pay, or of special allowance in addition to the ruling rates of pay, for the handling, sorting, or carriage of such goods, then in addition to the charges that would ordinarily be payable to the Department there shall be payable, the extra cost incurred by the Department as a result of the payment of the aforesaid special rate or, as the case may be, special allowance.

(b) In any case where the nature or condition of any goods is such that the charges prescribed are insufficient to meet the costs incurred by the Department in the receipt, sorting, handling, or delivery of the same, the costs so incurred by the Department will be payable in lieu of the charges prescribed.

4. **Poultry.**—The Department will not receive live poultry for carriage except in properly constructed coops, cases, or crates of a suitable size.

5. **Delivery.**—(a) 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.

(b) The Department will not be responsible for the delivery of goods by any particular or specified train or time, or in time for any particular market or sale (whether held daily or at intervals or otherwise), show, or exhibition.