

LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.

43. General Conditions *re* Passengers' Luggage

1. Passengers' luggage received, held, or conveyed by railway will be subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth:—

Luggage shall be designated as follows—

(a) Unchecked luggage—*i.e.*, packages of every description, whether excessed or otherwise, which are conveyed as passengers' luggage and which are not checked as hereinafter provided.

(b) Checked luggage—*i.e.*, packages of every description, whether excessed or otherwise, which are conveyed as passengers' luggage, for which the passenger holds a luggage-check as hereinafter provided.

2. Railway employees are not permitted to act as agents, or to undertake the charge of or accept responsibility in respect to luggage left temporarily at a station, unless the luggage has been booked and placed in the luggage-room.

3. The Department does not undertake to forward luggage of any description by any particular train, and will not be responsible for any luggage or parcels left about the station premises and not duly delivered to the custody of the Department. Luggage left at a station should be placed in the luggage-room.

4. No luggage will be allowed to be taken into the carriages unless it can be placed under the seat or in the rack of the carriage without inconvenience to other passengers; neither shall any person take into or carry in a railway-carriage any luggage which any officer of the Department may deem to be inconvenient or objectionable.

5. No person shall be entitled to send any luggage to any railway-station beyond the station of destination for which his ticket is available; nor, except as may be otherwise provided, shall any person send or carry as luggage any packages containing goods that are for sale or are other than his own *bona fide* property. No luggage will be accepted for transit inter-Island unless checked under the provisions of Regulation 45.

6. The Department reserves to itself the right to refuse any articles which, from their bulky or objectionable character, it is inexpedient to carry as passengers' luggage. Packages exceeding 2 cwt. in weight or 20 cubic feet in measurement will not be accepted for conveyance as passengers' luggage; such packages must be consigned, and will be conveyed and charged for at parcels or goods rates as may be appropriate.

7. Luggage is accepted for carriage or storage only upon the express condition that the luggage is warranted to be fit to be carried or stored in the condition in which it is handed to the Department, and not to be of a dangerous character or liable to damage other goods. Passengers shall make good all damage to railway property or other goods arising from luggage unfit for carriage or storage being handed to the Department.

8. Tins of honey, whether packed or not, shall be deemed to be unfit for carriage or storage as luggage unless the lids of the tins are secured with three or more spots of solder. Tins containing raspberries, loganberries, boysenberries, strawberries, black currants, red currants, and other similar soft fruits shall in all cases be deemed to be unfit for carriage or storage as luggage if packed in suit-cases or in other packages which are not so constructed as to clearly show the contents and the correct side up.

For insurance of luggage—see Regulation 110.

44. Unchecked Luggage

1. Unchecked luggage will be carried solely at the risk of the owner.

2. Luggage to be forwarded from an attended station and not required to be checked must be delivered at the railway-station from which the passenger is proceeding at least ten minutes before the due time of departure of the train by which it is to be conveyed.

3. Luggage to be forwarded from an unattended station must be taken to the guard's van, and be there handed to the guard on the train by which it is to be forwarded, immediately on arrival of the train at the station from which the luggage is to be conveyed.

4. Unchecked luggage (not excess) not claimed immediately on arrival at destination station will be treated as lost luggage, and charged for as provided in Regulation 49. Unchecked excess luggage will be granted free storage on day of arrival and seven consecutive days thereafter, after which period it will be treated as lost luggage.

5. Owners of unchecked luggage for an unattended station must in all cases present themselves at the guard's van while the train is standing at the station, and claim and take delivery of their luggage, failing which the luggage shall be treated as "lost luggage" and be taken to the next officered station and there stored at the risk and expense of the owner.

6. Unchecked luggage will not be delivered at any station short of the destination to which it is addressed and labelled. Passengers who desire to break the journey *en route* must have their luggage addressed and labelled to the station at which they intend to first take delivery.