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6. The Department does not under any circumstances accept any responsibility whatever for animals before they are placed into the wagon; for the consequences resulting from animals falling in wagons; for animals injured by other animals in wagons, or after the animals arrive at the station to which they are transported; nor is the Department liable for loss caused by livestock jumping out of wagons whilst in transit.

7. The Department will not be bound to receive any livestock for carriage to or from any railway station which is not equipped with platforms, yards, and other suitable facilities for loading and unloading livestock: Provided that at the option of the Department livestock may be received for carriage to or from such places if the owners accept all the risk.

8. **Feeding and Watering**—Livestock must be adequately fed and watered immediately prior to being tendered to the Department for transport, and a certificate may be required from the consignor that this has been done. Livestock may not be accepted for transport where this condition has not been complied with.

9. Owners of livestock must in all cases make their own arrangements for feeding, watering, or tending stock. The Department does not accept any responsibility in regard thereto.

10. If desired by the owners, livestock may be off-loaded for feeding and watering at a station convenient to the Department between that from which they are forwarded and their destination, but they must not be detained more than 24 hours, otherwise the journey will be regarded as a new journey from the point where the stock was detained, and charges will be payable thereon accordingly.

11. The Department may, whenever it considers it necessary, provide livestock whilst in its charge with food or water, or both (when practicable), at the expense of the consignees or consignors (as the case may be), and for such purpose the livestock may be off-loaded. In no case will any charge be made for the water supplied to such stock.

12. In either of the cases referred to in paragraphs 10 and 11 the Department may, whenever it performs the work of reloading, make an additional charge of 10s. 6d. per four-wheeled wagon and £1 1s. per bogie wagon.

13. **Loading and Unloading**—The consignor shall be responsible and shall pay for damage done by animals to wagons, enclosures, or other railway property while such animals are on the premises of the railway, unless he can prove that the damage is to be ascribed to the bad conditions of such wagon, enclosure, or railway property.

14. Animals which have died during their transport or before delivery to consignees, must be accepted by the consignor or consignee (as the case may be) if the carcass is tendered by the Department, and such carcass must be removed forthwith from railway property, failing which the Department will take steps to have it removed at the cost of the consignor or consignee (as the case may be). If any animal has died whilst in transit and has been removed from the wagon the consignor or consignee (as the case may be) shall pay the cost of such removal and burial as hereinafter provided.

15. Livestock received by rail at stations must be removed within three working hours after their arrival, otherwise such stock will be unloaded and held at the sole risk and expense of the owner.

16. A charge of 9s. 6d. per four-wheeled wagon and 19s. per bogie wagon will be made for loading or unloading stock.

17. Except as may be otherwise provided, a charge of 1s. 6d. per head of cattle or horses, and 6d. per head of sheep, goats, calves (under six months old), pigs, or other small stock, will be made for every eight hours or portion thereof after the expiry of the first three hours after arrival at destination station that the stock so remains in the custody of the Department, in addition to any charge that may have been incurred for food, water, veterinary surgeon's charges, and the like. Should it be considered necessary, the livestock may, if practicable, at the option of the Department, be sent for stabling or grazing at the sole risk and expense of the consignee, and any expense incurred by the Department in connection with the feeding, maintenance, or custody of such livestock shall be deemed to be charges payable in respect of the carriage of such livestock.

18. Any animal that, through sickness or through injury received from other animals in a wagon or through animals in a wagon being unduly crowded or other similar circumstances, is taken out of a wagon and subsequently transported to destination in another wagon will be charged as a separate consignment from the station at which it was removed from the original wagon to such destination station, and in addition any other necessary expenses incurred in connection with such sickness, injury, or removal.

When livestock is unloaded and reloaded by the Department, owing to the wagons being overcrowded or the animals being down in the wagon, the charges for the services of unloading and reloading will be based on the actual cost to the Department of the services performed.

19. The cost of removing and burying animals dying in wagons or railway enclosures and in circumstances where it is found impossible or, in the opinion of the Department, not reasonably practicable to tender the carcass of such dead animals to the consignee as provided in paragraph 14 hereof, must be paid by the consignor (or consignee) at the following scale:

	£	s.	d.
For each head of cattle, including calves (exceeding six months old), or horses ..	2	0	0
For each sheep, goat, dog, pig, or calf (under six months old) ..	0	10	0
Plus cartage charges (if any).			