

GENERAL

4. **Liability**—The Department will not be responsible for loss of or damage or delay to goods where loading or unloading or covering or securing or tallying of same is not performed by the Department.

5. **Covering**—For the use of tarpaulins and sheeting charge, see section 98, paragraph 1.

123. Light and Bulky Articles

1. Except where otherwise provided, the charges for consignments of goods which by reason of their bulk in relation to weight or other circumstances connected with the nature of the goods, require the sole use of a wagon for their carriage, and which goods if properly loaded will not permit of other goods being loaded in the same wagon, will be computed at the appropriate rate for the commodity on the following minimum weights:

Per four-wheeled wagon, n.o.s., 1 ton 10 cwt.
Per Kc, Kp, Lc, Mc, or Xc wagon, 1 ton 15 cwt.
Per bogie wagon, 4 ton 10 cwt.

The minimum weight will not apply to consignments which do not require the sole use of a wagon and which, if properly loaded, permit of other goods being loaded in the same wagon, even though in the particular case the consignment may in fact have the sole use of a wagon.

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 plus 25%, E plus 50% or G, 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

1. **Wagons Overloaded**—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. When the excess weight is removed to another wagon, the owner will require to pay for such removal at the rate of 8s. 6d. per ton.

2. **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 8s. 6d. per ton will be made for such reloading or adjusting. Minimum charge, £1 5s. 6d.

3. **Minor Timber Adjustments** which may be undertaken by the Department, such as cutting off excess lengths of uprights and cross-ties, nailing insecurely fastened cross-ties, levelling off the top of a load, closing wagon doors, etc., in order to facilitate the prompt dispatch of wagons, will be charged for at a rate of 7s. per half man-hour or part thereof involved.

4. **Computation**—For the purpose of charging under the provisions of this section, the weight of timber will be calculated as follows: hardwood, 350 super. ft. to the ton; all other timbers, 450 super. ft. 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. Monday to Friday inclusive. Sundays and other 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 cost incurred by the Department in the receipt, sorting, handling, craning, or delivery of the same, the cost 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.