

LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.

43. Passengers' Luggage: General Conditions

1. Passengers' luggage received, held, or conveyed by railway will be subject to the following conditions:

Luggage shall be designated as follows:

(a) **Unchecked Luggage:** Packages of every description, whether excessed or otherwise, which are conveyed as passengers' luggage and which are not checked as provided in section 45.

(b) **Checked Luggage:** Packages of every description, whether excessed or otherwise, which are conveyed as passengers' luggage, for which the passenger holds a luggage check as provided in section 45.

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 railway carriages unless it can be placed in the rack without inconvenience to other passengers, nor shall any person take into or carry in a railway carriage any luggage which any official of the Department may deem to be inconvenient or objectionable.

5. Except as otherwise provided, no person shall send any luggage to any railway station beyond the destination station for which his ticket is available, nor 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 section 45.

6. The Department may 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 cu. ft. 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. Each package must be in good order and, when presented for carriage, be distinctly addressed with the name of the passenger and the station to which he is proceeding. All old labels must have been removed and each package locked or otherwise properly secured. The Department may refuse to accept for carriage any package of luggage that does not comply with the foregoing conditions. Trunks, suitcases, bags, and other luggage containers must be such as, in the opinion of the Department, will enable the packages to withstand the ordinary incidence of transport without sustaining damage. Packages of a dangerous character or liable to damage other goods will not be accepted for storage or carriage as luggage.

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 berries and other soft fruits shall in all cases be deemed to be unfit for carriage or storage as luggage if packed in suitcases or in other packages which are not so constructed as to clearly show the contents and the correct side up. 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.

For insurance of luggage see section 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 10 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 section 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.