

2. (a) **Liability**—In accordance with section 23 (b) of the Government Railways Act 1949, the liability of the department for loss of or damage to or in connection with any goods shall be subject to the following provisions:

If the consignor of any goods—

- (i) Delivers to the department with such goods a declaration in writing of the nature and value of such goods (which declaration shall, in the case of goods consigned, be made on the consignment note delivered with such goods); and
- (ii) Requests in writing that the goods be insured with the department against loss or damage during the transit of such goods over the railways to the extent of the value so declared; and
- (iii) Obtains a receipt from the officer in charge of the station at which such goods are delivered to the department for transit by rail specifying the nature and value of the goods so declared; and
- (iv) Pays the charge for insurance as hereinafter provided;

the maximum amount which the department may be liable to pay in respect of damage to or loss of such goods during such transit shall be the value of the goods declared as aforesaid.

(b) No person, unless he shall have made such declaration and request, and obtained such receipt and paid such charges, shall be entitled to recover for any loss of, or damage to, or in connection with goods, any greater amount than \$40 per package or unit, \$60 for any horse, \$35 for any one head of cattle, \$20 for any dog, \$10 for any pig, \$5 for any one sheep, goat, or other quadruped not otherwise specified, or \$2 for any bird.

(c) **Insurance Charges**—The following are the charges to be made for insuring goods other than animals and birds:

Distance in Kilometres	Percentage on Declared Value	Minimum Insurance Charge
	\$	c
1 to 160 km	0.50	25
161 to 400 km	0.75	40
401 to 800 km	1.00	55
801 to 1600 km	1.25	65
Over 1600 km	1.50	80

In the case of animals and birds a charge of 5 percent of the declared value will be made for insuring the same; minimum charge, 25c.

(d) All charges on insured goods will require to be prepaid, except in cases where the consignee is a ledger-account holder and the consignor guarantees payment.

(e) For the purposes of the declaration required by clause (i) of subparagraph (a) of paragraph 2 hereof, the value of every article of goods which exceeds in value the sum of \$40 must be stated; and, in the case of packages or units as aforesaid, the total value of each shall be given, together with a list of the contents and the values of any items which exceed in value the sum of \$4. The values of animals and birds must be separately stated.

111. Sale of Goods

1. Whenever any goods are sold under any of the provisions of this Scale of Charges the proceeds of such sale shall be applied in payment of any sums payable in respect of any such goods and the expense of selling the same, and the balance (if any) remaining after such payment shall be paid to the owner on application.

112. Reserved for Future Use

113. Charges and Refills for Chemical Fire Extinguishers

1. Packages containing charges and refills for chemical fire extinguishers in which sulphuric acid forms part of the charge will be accepted for conveyance by rail only when packed in cardboard cartons or containers, the interior of which must be packed on top and bottom with cotton wool or other suitable absorbent material and on the sides with corrugated cardboard packing. Such cartons or containers must in turn be placed in strong wooden cases, and packed with not less than 50 mm of wood-wool or other suitable packing material between the various packages and between the packages and the interior sides of the wooden case.

2. The sulphuric acid must be contained in securely stoppered bottles of glass, containing in each such bottle not more than 115 millilitres of acid. The accompanying charge of bi-carbonate of soda may be placed in the same carton or container in which the sulphuric acid charge is placed.