

99. Weighing

1. The department may accept consignor's declared weights for rail freight charging purposes but reserves the right to check weigh. Where the weight is not declared and it is necessary for the department to weigh the traffic for the purpose of calculating the railage charges no charge will be made for weighing unless the consignor or consignee requests a weight certificate.

2. **Weighing Charges**—The charges for each wagon weighed by the department at the request of the consignor, consignee or their agents will be as follows:

(a) Goods weighed in railway wagons—

	\$
Four-wheeled wagons	1.30 each
Bogie wagons	2.60 each

When more than one copy of a weight certificate is required by the same person or firm for goods weighed on the department's wagon weighbridges a charge of 50c will be made for each certificate in addition to the first.

(b) Goods weighed on cart weighbridges will be charged 75c per vehicle.

The charges for other goods weighed by the department will be as follows:

Wool, and sheep skins, in bales	50c per bale
Sheep skins in bundles	25c per bundle
All other goods (minimum charge 25c per package)	50c per 100 kg.

5. **General**—The department will, at stations where weighing facilities exist, and when reasonably convenient, weigh goods at the special request of consignor or consignee. No liability shall rest on the department for any omission to weigh any goods. Consignors should declare on the consignment note whether they require the goods weighed by the department. The reweighing of goods in truck loads will be at the option of the department.

6. The department may decline to supply weights.

7. In no instance will the department accept responsibility for or guarantee its weighing as between buyer and seller.

100. Cranage

1. **Charges**—Except as otherwise provided, cranage charges for the use of the department's cranes, forklifts, and similar mechanical lifting devices will be made as follows:

Goods (except timber) for which a loading or unloading charge is prescribed	Under the provisions of section 122, paragraph 1.
Timber (all types)	Under the provisions of section 75, paragraph 14.
Goods, not otherwise specified	At the following rates:

	Charge for Cranage
Up to 1.5 tonnes per article	Free.
Exceeding 1.5 tonnes per article	\$2 per tonne (for unusual lifts see also section 125, paragraph 3 (b)).

2. **Haulage of Steam Cranes**—When the weight of the consignment to be handled is beyond the lifting capacity of a crane at a station and a crane is, at the request of the owner of the goods, hauled from another station the haulage and hire charges will be by special arrangement.

3. **Hire of Mobile Cranes and Forklifts**—Where a departmental mobile lifting appliance is hired for lifts outside the station yard, the following hire charges will apply—

- Lifting capacity up to 3 tonnes, \$14.50 per hour including the wages of the crane driver only.
- Lifting capacity over 3 tonnes but not exceeding 6 tonnes, \$17.30 per hour including the wages of the crane driver only.
- Lifting capacity over 6 tonnes but not exceeding 10 tonnes, \$21.60 per hour including the wages of the crane driver only.

The hire charges will accrue during the whole period the crane is absent from its headquarters and in every case will be subject to a minimum as for one half hour.

The foregoing charges will also apply for the time a mobile crane is absent from its home station performing lifts at other stations at the request of a consignor or consignee. Area Traffic Managers and Goods Managers will authorise the movement of cranes for this purpose.

Mobile cranes on hire from the department are not to be operated by any person other than the operator provided by the department.

4. **General**—(a) No article which requires for its carriage a specially constructed wagon, or any alteration to a wagon, shall be received and carried except under special arrangements.

(b) The department does not undertake to supply cranes, forklifts, or any other mechanical lifting appliance, nor does it guarantee the lifting capacity thereof, or of any equipment used in connection therewith.

(c) The loading and unloading of heavy articles at stations or sidings not provided with suitable lifting appliances for the handling of such packages must be undertaken by the owners at their own risk and expense, and such articles will not be received for carriage from or to such stations or sidings, unless satisfactory arrangements shall first have been made by the owners for loading or unloading, as the case may be.