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114. Livestock

- 1. Conditions of Carriage—Besides delivering with the livestock a consignment note properly completed, every consignor must, before livestock will be accepted for transit, provide any stock-removal permits or other documents necessary in connection with the statutes or regulations (if any) concerning diseases or transportation of animals.
- 2. Consignors of livestock are required to give such notice to consignees regarding dispatch as will prevent delay in delivery at the destination station.
- 3. The department may, at its option, require freight on livestock to be prepaid.
- 4. Loading and unloading must be performed by, and under all circumstances entirely at the risk of, the consignor and consignee respectively.

The department will not be responsible for any particular number of livestock specified as having been loaded into any particular wagon for carriage by rail.

- 5. The department may—
- (a) Refuse the transport of sick, wild, unmanageable, or fierce animals, The department may, however, accept such animals for transportation upon condition that freight is prepaid and that the department is free from all liability in respect thereof.
- (b) Refuse the transport of livestock when the animals, in the opinion of the officer in charge or guard, are not in a fit condition to travel.
- (c) Restrict if necessary the number of animals which may be loaded in any wagon.
- (d) Load other animals, vehicles, or goods from the same or different consignors to the same or different consignees in the same wagon.
- (e) Refuse to accept for transport any livestock that are timed to arrive at their destination between 6 p.m. on Saturday and 6 p.m. on Sunday, unless and until an undertaking in writing shall have been received from the consignee that the livestock will be unloaded and delivery taken thereof within 3 hours after arrival at destination.
- 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.