

## GENERAL

2. Freight on goods consigned to a station or a siding where there is no Stationmaster in charge must be prepaid unless the consignee has a ledger account with the department.
3. Explosive goods will not be accepted at, or delivered to, a station or a siding where there is no Stationmaster in charge unless by special arrangement with the department.

**121. Packing of Goods**

1. Where goods are described as "packed" it is intended that they shall be properly and securely packed in cases, casks, crates, or otherwise, for safe transit by rail in the manner in which such goods are usually packed in the trade. The department reserves the right to decide whether any goods are packed within the meaning of this section.
2. Poisonous, dangerous, or injurious substances may be refused for carriage unless securely packed.
3. The department may decline to accept broken, damaged, leaky, defective, insecure, insufficient, or improper packages or containers.

**122. Loading, Unloading, Tallying, or Covering of Goods**

1. **Loading and Unloading**—Where in respect of any goods it is specified that loading and/or unloading is to be performed by consignors and/or consignees and the loading and/or unloading is performed by the department, the charge for such handling, except where otherwise provided, will be as follows:

(a) For each loading or unloading (without lifting appliances)	†\$5.96 per tonne. Minimum charge \$2.15.
(b) Where department's lifting appliances are used	*\$4.27 per tonne, including crantage. Minimum charge \$4.27.
(c) Where ships' lifting appliances other than the department's are used:	
Goods not otherwise specified	... .. *\$3.74 per tonne. Minimum charge \$3.74.
Coal	... .. \$1.07 per tonne. Minimum charge \$1.07.

\*Lifting appliances for loading or unloading scrap iron or steel will be provided only under special arrangement.

†The department will not undertake to load or unload scrap iron or steel.

2. **Tallying**—Except where otherwise specified, when senders who do their own loading, or consignees who do their own unloading, desire the department to check and give receipts for goods in respect of which loading or unloading charges are prescribed, a charge at \$2.38 per tonne will be made for tallying. Minimum charge, \$2.38. The department reserves the right to decline to undertake the tallying of goods.

3. **Covering**—If covering of any goods referred to in paragraph 2 hereof is performed by the department a labour charge of \$3.88 per tarpaulin will be made irrespective of whether such goods are loaded by owners or the department. The department will not accept responsibility in respect of such goods on account of their not being covered by tarpaulins.

Consignors who undertake the covering of any goods shall make good all damage to tarpaulins arising from such goods being insufficiently or negligently covered, secured, or protected.

4. **Additional Charges**—Except as otherwise provided, in cases where the nature or condition of any goods (or the containers in which such goods are packed) is such that additional charges are incurred in the handling of such goods from or to railway wagons, or in any handling incidental thereto, such additional charges will require to be borne by the consignor or consignee as the case may be.

5. **Acceptance and Delivery at Private Sidings and Unattended Stations**—The department will not accept goods consigned to or from private sidings and unattended stations unless the goods are consigned at either "owner's risk" or on "declared terms" in accordance with the provisions of the Carriage of Goods Act 1979.

**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., 2.5 tonnes.  
Per bogie wagon, 7.5 tonnes.

The charge for Class G goods which require the sole use of a wagon will not be less than the charge computed in the above minima for Class C.

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.

NOTE—The provisions of this paragraph will not apply to goods which owing to their length require the use of a bogie wagon. Such goods will be chargeable under the provisions of section 106, paragraph 2 (b).

Where, however, sole use of a wagon is allowed at a specific request of a consignor, the minimum weight listed above for the type of wagon concerned will apply.

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 Classes, A, B, C, D, E plus 25 percent, E plus 50 percent, or G, the units of the consignment must be such as will not impose on the department unreasonable work in handling or tallying same.