

BAGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.

check lost, the description of such package and its contents, and such other information as the department may require. Before delivery the claimant may be required to indemnify the department against any loss or claim that may arise as a result of delivery and to furnish such other proofs of title to delivery of the baggage as the department may require.

6. **Storage**—Checked baggage not claimed within 5 days of arrival at destination stations will be treated as lost baggage and stored in accordance with the provisions of section 49 hereof.

7. **Unclaimed Baggage**—Checked baggage not claimed within 3 months after arrival at destination may be sold.

46. Excess Baggage

1. The department reserves the right to levy additional charges for light bulky packages of passengers' baggage.

2. Baggage on which excess charges are payable must be presented at the railway station at least 30 minutes before the due time of departure of the train by which it is to be forwarded.

3. All charges payable on excess baggage must be prepaid and the person delivering such baggage must obtain an excess baggage ticket as a receipt for the charges paid, such ticket to be given up when the baggage is claimed. Passengers who fail to produce excess tickets for baggage on which excess charges are payable may be required to pay such charges before the baggage is delivered.

4. In the case of baggage, on which excess charges are payable, forwarded from a station where no provision is made for the excessing of such baggage, the excess charges must be paid to the guard who will issue a ticket for the amount received.

5. An excess baggage ticket is only a receipt for charges paid.

6. **Free Allowance**—Subject to the provisions of the Carriage of Goods Act and to the succeeding provisions of this section, "baggage" for the purpose of this paragraph means wearing apparel and other similar personal belongings designed and usually carried by travellers for their personal use, and contained in a bag, box, portmanteau, suitcase, trunk, valise, or any other receptacle commonly used for the purpose, but shall not include merchandise or other goods or chattels which, though carried with the passenger's baggage, are not designed and carried for such use.

Passengers will be granted free conveyance (subject to the provisions of section 45, checked baggage) of their bona fide personal baggage as follows:

- (a) Per adult paying passenger—two items of baggage.
- (b) Per child travelling at half fare—one item of baggage.
- (c) Families travelling on family tickets (section 22)—maximum of five items of baggage.

7. (a) **Articles Not Accepted as Free Baggage**—The following articles shall not be included in a passenger's free baggage allowance and will be treated as excess baggage:

Any package exceeding 100 kg in weight or 0.5 m³ in measurement.

Bedsteads, mattresses, and stretchers.

*Bicycles (pedal or motor).

Bulky musical instruments.

Carpets.

*Dogs (on chains or in boxes).

Furniture.

Glassware.

House fittings.

Kerosene and similar mineral oils.

Linoleum.

Liquor.

Live poultry or livestock.

Sewing machines.

Surf boards.

Tents and poles.

*Refer paragraph 9 hereof.

(b) The department reserves the right to determine whether any package or article (other than bona fide personal baggage) may be carried free as baggage under the provisions of this section.

8. (a) **Excess Baggage**—Excess baggage will be charged at the rates set out hereunder computed on the distance as provided in the published distance tables North and South Islands, between the points of travel covered by the ticket(s) held. In the case of inter-island travel each island will be charged for separately.

Excess baggage charges will be payable in respect of the following:

- (i) Articles not entitled to be carried free as portion of a passenger's baggage allowance.
- (ii) All items in excess of the number entitled to be checked free in accordance with the fares paid (refer paragraph 6).

(b) Rates:

Distance	Charge Per Item of Baggage in Excess of Free Allowance
Up to 250 km	\$2.00 per item
251 to 500 km	\$3.00 per item
501 to 750 km	\$4.00 per item
Over 750 km	\$5.00 per item

An additional charge of \$1.00 per item of baggage will be made in respect of any rail/ferry journey, in accordance with the provisions of section 139 hereof.

9. Bicycles (pedal or motor), dogs (on chains or in boxes) accompanying passengers by rail or railway road services will not be accepted as excess baggage and must be consigned as parcels traffic.