

whether by land, water, or air, or of any harbour board, warehouseman, or other person, notwithstanding that the baggage may have been accepted for checking to a station on a different section of railway, or to a place that is not on the railway, nor will the Corporation be liable for any delay caused by failure to place any such baggage in the possession, custody, or control of any such carrier, harbour board, warehouseman or other person as aforesaid.

11.3 Presenting baggage for checking

Baggage to be checked must (without prejudice to the provisions regarding excess baggage) be delivered at least 15 minutes before the due time of departure of the service by which it is to be conveyed. The person presenting baggage to be checked must obtain a baggage check for each package.

11.4 Rail ferry checked baggage

Passengers embarking at Wellington or Picton for journeys by rail ferry only, may check their baggage at the railway station or wharf office prior to departure of the ship for collection at either the wharf terminal or the railway station at Picton or Wellington as the case may be. Baggage checked under this provision must be delivered to Wellington or Picton railway station as applicable not less than two hours before sailing time. Baggage checked at either wharf terminal office will be accepted up to 30 minutes prior to sailing time.

11.5 Delivery of checked baggage

Except as provided in clause 11.6 no checked baggage shall be delivered until the check has been surrendered. Delivery by the Corporation of any checked baggage to the person surrendering checks and acceptance of delivery by such person shall discharge the Corporation of any liability in respect of the baggage. The Corporation reserves the right to decline to deliver checked baggage at any station other than the original destination station of such baggage.

11.6 Lost checks

Any person claiming delivery of any checked baggage and who is unable to produce the check owing to it having been lost, may be required to make at his own cost, a declaration under the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957, setting forth the number of the baggage check lost, the description of such package and its contents, and such other information as the Corporation may require. Before delivery the claimant may be required to indemnify the Corporation 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 Corporation may require.

11.7 Storage

Checked baggage not claimed within five days of arrival at destination stations will be treated as lost baggage and stored in accordance with the provisions of clause 13.

11.8 Unclaimed baggage

Checked baggage not claimed within three months after arrival at destination may be sold.

12 EXCESS BAGGAGE

12.1 Liability for excess baggage

Excess baggage shall be charged at the rates set out hereunder computed on the distance as provided in the Corporation's published distance tables for the 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 shall be payable in respect of the following:

12.1.1 Articles not entitled to be carried free: Articles which are not entitled to be carried free as a portion of a passenger's baggage allowance (refer to clause 10.3).

12.1.2 Excess articles: All articles in excess of the number entitled to be checked free in accordance with the fares paid (refer to clause 10.2).

12.2 Presentation in advance of departure

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

12.3 Charges to be prepaid

All charges payable on excess baggage must be prepaid and the person presenting 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.

12.4 Payments to guard

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

12.5 Excess baggage receipt

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

12.6 Bicycles, power cycles, motor cycles and dogs

Bicycles, power cycles, motor cycles or dogs (tethered or in boxes) accompanying passengers by rail, rail ferry or road services will not be accepted as excess baggage and must be consigned at "owner's risk" as parcels traffic or in the owner's vehicle on the rail ferry service (refer to clause 16.6) *except that* guide dogs may accompany blind passengers at no additional charge (refer to clause 2.10.3).

12.7 Rates

12.7.1 Rail: Excess baggage on rail passenger services shall be charged at the following rates:

<i>Distance</i>							<i>Charge per Article of Baggage in Excess of Free Allowance</i>
Up to 250 km	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$2.80 per article
251 to 500 km	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$4.10 per article
501 to 750 km	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$5.50 per article
Over 750 km	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$6.90 per article

12.7.2 Rail ferry: Excess baggage on the Cook Strait rail ferry services shall be charged at the following rates:

Canoes	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$6.80 each
Hang gliders	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$6.80 each
Excess baggage n.o.s.	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$1.40 per article