

16. RESTRICTIONS**16.1 Transport Act 1962**

The Corporation may refuse to accept or carry any vehicles on the rail ferry service which at the time of embarkation on any rail ferry is a passenger service or taxicab service or rental service or goods service vehicle within the meaning of the Transport Act 1962, which is being used to carry on any such service or which is being used to carry on a service deemed to be a goods service for the purposes of that Act, and which is being used for any such service otherwise than pursuant to the authority and in conformity with the terms of a passenger service licence or a taxicab service licence or a rental service licence or a goods service licence or is being used otherwise than in conformity with provisions of the Transport Act 1962 and the regulations made thereunder.

16.2 Unsafe vehicles

The Corporation may refuse to accept or carry any vehicle considered by the Corporation or the Master of a vessel to be insecurely loaded or in any other way not safe for transit.

16.3 Loose containers of hazardous substances

No loose containers of petrol or other flammable or hazardous substances are to be loaded in any vehicle.

16.4 Fuels other than petrol or diesel

When a vehicle is powered by fuels other than petrol or diesel it must be certified as safe and roadworthy by the appropriate authority. Any such vehicles may be subjected to inspection prior to shipment.

16.5 Livestock

The carriage of livestock in motor vehicles on the Cook Strait rail ferries is subject to the terms and conditions set out in clause 44.

16.6 Dogs, cats, birds, etc.

Dogs, cats, birds in cages, or other small domestic animals, the property of motor vehicle owners who are passengers on the vessel, will not be accepted for carriage, *except that* domestic pets of this kind may be left in the owner's motor vehicle free of charge at the owner's risk and must not be removed from the vehicle during the voyage.

16.7 Hazardous substances

The carriage of hazardous substances in motor vehicles on the Cook Strait rail ferries is subject to the terms and conditions set out in clause 74. With the exception of petrol carried in the fuel tanks, hazardous substances shall not be accepted for conveyance on any road vehicle without the prior authority of the Corporation's Manager, Air/Sea Services.

16.7.1 Empty road tankers: Empty road tankers, and similar vehicles used for the transport of motor spirit, or like commodity, shall not be conveyed on the Cook Strait rail ferries unless accompanied by a certificate, issued by a qualified industrial chemist, to the effect that the vehicle is gas free. Empty road tankers, and similar vehicles used for the transport of motor spirit or like commodity, not accompanied by a certificate issued to the effect that the vehicles and tanks are gas free, shall be treated as hazardous substances and conveyed on *Arahanga* only and subject to the approval of the Corporation's Manager, Air/Sea Services.

17 METHOD OF CHARGING**17.1 Rental vehicles**

The Corporation may require the contract of hire to be produced in cases where motor vehicles hired from a rental company are to be charged at table A rates (refer to clause 18.3).

17.2 Commercial vehicle measurement

Commercial vehicle charges shall be determined from declared measurements or, if practical, shall be measured.

17.2.1 Pantechincons and trailers: The measurement of pantechincons to be taken on overall length, bumper to bumper. If a trailer is towed, the overall length shall be measured from the front of the towing unit to the rear of the trailer (including any projection) and including the drawbar.

17.2.2 Average height of load: The formula for ascertaining the average height of load on a vehicle is:

$$\frac{\text{cubic measurement of load on tray}}{\text{square measurement of tray}} \quad (\text{i.e.: } m^3 \div m^2)$$

17.3 Motor car, station wagon, utility, and van lengths

Motor cars, station wagons, utilities and vans with projections such as baggage carriers and extra bumpers fitted additionally to standard models shall be charged on factory specification lengths.

17.3.1 Caravan and trailer couplings: Caravan and trailer couplings fitted to such vehicles will not be regarded as projecting fixtures. However, for charging purposes, the measurement of caravans and trailers shall include the towbar fitted to the front of the caravan or trailer.

17.3.2 Factory length unknown: If the factory specification length of a motor car, station wagon, etc., is not known, such vehicle shall be charged on either the declared overall length or, if practical, it shall be measured and charged on the actual overall length.

17.3.3 Attachments: Canoes, small boats, rowing shells, baggage, etc. attached to the top of a vehicle but not protruding beyond either end of the vehicle may be conveyed without any additional charge. However, if the attachment protrudes beyond either end, the charge for the carrying vehicle shall be based on the overall length of the vehicle and attachment.

17.4 Classification of motor vehicles on own wheels**17.4.1 Definition of commercial vehicles:**

Furniture pantechincons,
Goods trailers,
Refrigerated lorries,
Semi trailers,
Stock transporters,
Trade vehicles—Any vehicles forwarded on "D" plates and new vehicles registered in private ownership (and still to be delivered to the purchaser),
Any vehicle or machine (other than a motor car or station wagon), loaded or empty, being used in association with any business or revenue earning undertaking.