

shall be accepted only upon the express condition that the goods are warranted to be fit to be stored in the condition in which they are handed to the Corporation and not to be of a dangerous character. The Corporation may refuse to accept any goods for carriage.

**20.13.2 Packing of goods:** 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 Corporation reserves the right to decide whether any goods are packed within the meaning of this clause.

**20.13.3 Insecure packing:** The Corporation may decline to accept broken, damaged, leaky, defective, insecure, insufficient or improper packages or containers.

**20.13.4 Hazardous goods:** Poisonous, dangerous, or injurious substances may be refused for carriage unless securely packed. Without limiting the right of the Corporation to refuse to accept any goods for carriage, hazardous substances or dangerous goods will only be accepted for carriage subject to the completion of a dangerous goods declaration as prescribed from time to time by the General Manager of the Corporation.

#### 20.14 Nature of goods

**20.14.1 Extra charge:** In any case where the nature or condition of any goods is such as to require the payment by the Corporation either of a special wage rate exceeding the ruling rates of pay, or of special allowance in addition to the ruling rates of pay, for the handling, sorting, or carriage of such goods, then in addition to the charges that would ordinarily be payable to the Corporation there shall be payable the extra cost incurred by the Corporation as a result of the payment of the aforesaid special rate or, as the case may be, special allowance.

**20.14.2 Cost in lieu of charges:** In any case where the nature or condition of any goods is such that the charges prescribed are insufficient to meet the cost incurred by the Corporation in the receipt, sorting, handling, crantage, or delivery of the goods, the cost so incurred by the Corporation will be payable in lieu of the charges prescribed.

**20.14.3 Perishable goods:** Fruit, vegetables, fish, meat, and other goods which become, while still in the custody of the Corporation, offensive through putrefaction or other cause may be buried or otherwise disposed of by the Corporation without prejudice to the right of the Corporation to recover railage or other charges that may be payable thereon, and any such goods so dealt with shall be deemed to have been delivered to the consignee.

#### 20.15 Time of acceptance

**20.15.1 Working hours:** Except as otherwise provided, working hours shall be deemed to be between 0800 hours and 1700 hours Monday to Friday inclusive. Sundays and other days on which goods sheds are closed for the whole day shall be treated as *dies non*.

**20.15.2 Holidays:** Except where inconsistent with the context or otherwise specially provided, the following days or any day declared by the General Manager of the Corporation to be a public holiday and publicly notified as such, shall be public holidays:

New Year's Day,  
Good Friday,  
Easter Monday,  
Anzac Day,  
Sovereign's Birthday,  
Labour Day,  
Christmas Day,  
Boxing Day,  
Provincial Anniversary Day: the day so recognised in each provincial district.

#### 20.16 Delivery

**20.16.1 Delivery not taken:** Goods which have arrived at destination and are not taken delivery of in terms of the Carriage of Goods Act 1979 are thereafter held by the Corporation at the sole risk, in all respects, of the owner.

**20.16.2 Responsibility of Corporation:** The Corporation shall not be responsible for the delivery of goods by any particular or specified service or time, or in time for any particular market or sale (whether held daily or at intervals or otherwise), show, or exhibition.

**20.16.3 Wharf sorting:** Where goods for delivery to different consignees or destinations are delivered to the Corporation, from any vessel at any wharf in such a condition that the goods require to be sorted, before delivery to the various consignees or destinations can be effected, such goods shall be carried to the nearest station or place at which the Corporation provides labour and facilities for the sorting of cargo, will be there sorted, and carried thence to destination. In addition to any other charges, which may be payable in respect of such goods, there shall be payable charges for the carriage of such goods from the wharf at which they are received to their destination via the station or place at which the goods are sorted.

#### 20.17 Cartage

Where cartage, collection, or delivery is undertaken by the Corporation, either itself or by a contractor for the purpose, any package exceeding the maximum weight or measurement as follows shall be carted by the Corporation only at its option and under special agreement which may provide, *inter alia*, for special charges for such cartage:

**20.17.1** In the case of cartage by a contractor, or in any other case where the maximum is specified, as may be specified in the contract or in such other specifications.

**20.17.2** In all other cases, 500 kilograms by weight or 2.5 cubic metres by measurement.

#### 20.18 Fractional parts

**20.18.1** Except where otherwise provided, in computing charges, fractions of one cent less than a half a cent in the final result shall be omitted; and half a cent or more in the final result shall be taken as one cent.

**20.18.2** Where charges are prescribed to be increased or decreased and a fraction of one cent occurs in the charge as so increased or decreased, such fractions shall if less than half a cent, be omitted; and if half a cent or over shall be taken as one cent.

**20.18.3** In computing charges at tonne rates, weights of less than ten kilograms shall be taken as ten kilograms.

**20.18.4** In computing distance related charges, fractions of a kilometre amounting to 100 metres and over shall be taken as an additional kilometre; and fractions of less than 100 metres shall be omitted.

**20.18.5** In computing measurement, the cubic content of any package shall be calculated accurately and the final result shall be rounded up to an accuracy of two decimal places.