

11.2 Liability

Subject to the Carriage of Goods Act 1979, the Corporation will not be liable for loss of or damage or delay to any checked baggage, if such loss, damage, or delay occurs after the same has been placed in the possession, custody, or control of any carrier other than the Corporation 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 The Interislander checked baggage

Passengers embarking at Wellington or Picton for journeys by The Interislander only, may check their baggage at the Railway Station or Interislander Terminal prior to departure of the ship for collection at the Railway Station or Interislander Terminal 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 2 hours before sailing time or delivered to the Wellington or Picton Interislander Terminals as applicable not less than 30 minutes before 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 3 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 tickets(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: 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 (not exceeding 25 kilograms in weight) or dogs (tethered or in boxes) accompanying passengers by rail, or road services will not be accepted as excess baggage and must be consigned as parcels traffic and charged accordingly. Guide dogs are excluded from this ruling and may accompany blind passengers at no additional charge (refer to clause 2.10.3). Motor cycles and power cycles exceeding 25 kilograms in weight will not be accepted as excess baggage and must be consigned as goods traffic.