

**16.5.1 Documentation:** Before livestock will be accepted for transit every consignor must provide a consignment note properly completed and any stock removal permits or other documents necessary in connection with the status or regulations (if any) concerning diseases or transportation of animals.

**16.5.2 Condition of Livestock:** The Corporation may refuse the transport of sick, wild, unmanageable, or fierce animals.

**16.5.3 Feeding and watering responsibility:** Livestock must be adequately fed and watered immediately prior to being tendered to the Corporation for transport, and a certificate may be required from the consignor that this has been done. Livestock may not be accepted for transport where this condition has not been complied with. Owners of livestock must in all cases make their own arrangements for feeding, watering, or tending stock. The Corporation does not accept any responsibility in regard thereto.

**16.5.4 Sickness, injury or death in transit:** The Corporation accepts no responsibility for the effect of the sea journey on the animals in transit. Any sickness, injury or death which may occur during the journey are solely the responsibility of the consignor.

**16.5.5 Stoppage in transit:** Should the transport of any livestock be stopped by order of any Government official at any point either before, during, or after transit and whilst still in the possession of the Corporation in consequence of any breach by the consignor or consignee of any regulations concerning diseases of animals, or in consequence of any law or regulation prohibiting importation of such livestock or the like, the Corporation shall, on receiving such order to stop, be taken and considered to have fulfilled its obligations to deliver the said livestock and may deal with the same accordingly. In such cases the Corporation shall not be liable to make any allowance of freight paid, and the consignor or consignee shall not be relieved from his obligation to pay freight.

**16.5.6 Vehicle specifications:** Containers used for the carriage of livestock on The Interislander service will be accepted subject to the following requirements being complied with:

1. Fully enclosed and ventilated.
2. Constructed with sides and floor that are leakproof and the floor covered with suitable material to absorb any animal excreta for the duration of the sea voyage.
3. Constructed with the means of access to allow the animals to be attended to if necessary.
4. Robust in construction and have sufficient lashings and hold bolts used to ensure their safe carriage.
5. A person competent to attend animals during the sea voyage may be required to accompany them.

**16.5.7 Right of refusal of carriage:** The Corporation reserves the right to give the Master of the vessel or other Corporation representatives the right to refuse to convey livestock whether ticketed or not if either weather conditions or other circumstances endangers the well being of the stock or any other passenger or vehicle on the vessel.

## 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 Interislander service is subject to the terms and conditions set out in clause 72. With the exception of petrol, L.P.G. or C.N.G. 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 Director of Shipping.

**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 Interislander service 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 Director of Shipping.

## 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 the rates set out in clause 18.3.

### 17.2 Commercial and heavy vehicle measurement

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

**17.2.1 Motor lorries and trailers:** Motor lorry charges are to be calculated 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.

### 17.3 Private and lightweight vehicle measurement

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 drawbar 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 vehicles