

13. When more parcels than one are consigned by one consignor to one consignee as one consignment they will be charged for separately, except in the case of fish, game, dead rabbits, dead hares, birds in cages, live pigeons in hampers, live and dead poultry, meat, bread, butter, eggs, cheese, vegetables, flowers, plants, shrubs, seeds, fruit, and ice, from one consignor to one consignee, which will be charged upon the total weight of each consignment; with a limit (except where otherwise specified) of 2 cwt. per consignment.

14. Bicycles, pedal, not packed in cases or crates, to seat one rider, each machine will be charged as 28 lb., rate and a quarter. For every seat after the first, on each machine to seat more than one rider, 50 per cent. additional will be charged. Bicycles, pedal, packed in cases or crates, will be charged on actual weight at the foregoing rates.

15. Bicycles with motor-propelling attachment, will be charged rate and a quarter, computed on actual weight.

16. Bicycles, motor, to seat one rider, will be charged rate and a half. Charges will be computed on actual weight in each case.

17. Bicycles, motor, with trailers or side-cars attached, will be charged double the rates for motor-bicycles; charge shall not exceed that for a motor-car.

18. Tricycles, motor, will be charged two and a half times the ordinary parcels rates on actual weight; maximum charge as for a motor-car.

19. Parcels containing or consisting of the following articles will be charged double rate:—

Canoes,
Crackers, Chinese,
Fuze.

In no case shall the charge for a canoe be less than as for 5 cwt. at Class A rate, Part III.

20. The maximum weight of Chinese crackers carried through Parcels Department by any one train will be 14 lb.

21. Dangerous goods other than Chinese crackers, safety small-arm cartridges, fuze, and cinematograph-films, will not be accepted for carriage through Parcels Department.

22. Parcels must be at the station at least thirty minutes before the due time of departure of the train by which they are to be forwarded.

23. Charges on all letter parcels must be prepaid.

11. Coin, Bullion, &c.

1. Packages containing bank-notes, bills of exchange, bullion, gold, silver, and copper coin, gold and silver plate, jewellery, platinum, stamps, and valuable documents are special goods, and will be accepted for conveyance only under the following conditions:—

(a.) When the packages are accompanied by a passenger such passenger must pay the ordinary fare and hold a ticket.

(b.) All risk and responsibility for the safety of the goods shall be taken by the person travelling in charge of them, and with the exception of copper coin, which will be charged for at ordinary parcel rates, double ordinary parcel rates shall be prepaid on the goods, and the Department shall be free from all responsibility.

(c.) When unaccompanied by a passenger packages will, except as provided in the next succeeding paragraph, be conveyed solely at the risk of the owner, and the Department shall be free from all responsibility in respect thereof. Packages containing bank-notes, bills of exchange, bullion, gold and silver coin, gold and silver plate, jewellery, platinum, stamps, and valuable documents will be charged double the rate for ordinary parcels; copper coin will be charged ordinary parcel rates.

2. Packages may be conveyed at the risk of the Department if so required by endorsement by the consignor on the consignment-note, and by his obtaining a receipt as specified in paragraph 1 of Regulation 3, Part VII. The charges will be increased by one-sixth, but unless the goods are insured as hereinafter provided the liability of the Department will be limited to £10 for each package.

3. Packages which are carried at the risk of the Department may be insured as provided in paragraphs 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Regulation 3, Part VII, and, in particular, the following provisions shall apply:—

(a.) The package shall, if the Department so requires, be opened by and at the expense of the consignor for inspection by an officer of the Department, and shall afterwards be securely closed by the consignor in the presence of such officer.

(b.) The charge of 2 per cent. on declared value to be paid for insurance shall be in addition to double parcel rates for conveyance, increased for railway risk as provided in paragraph 2 hereof.

12. Parcels for Distribution at Destination.

1. When more parcels or articles than one are packed in hampers, crates, bags, cases, or other packing or fastening, and are consigned from or to express companies or forwarding agents, and are for distribution at destination, the whole weight will be charged at double rate.

2. The words "forwarding agents" for the purposes of this regulation mean and include any person, firm, or company to whom goods intended to be distributed are sent (whether generally or in the particular case), such person, firm, or company receiving such goods merely as agent for the purpose of distribution.

3. The onus of proving that parcels are not forwarded to an agent for distribution rests with the consignor in each case.

4. Where a *bona fide* trading firm (not being a forwarding agency) consigns goods to itself, its branch, or its representative in the ordinary course of its business, whether such goods are to be held as stock or are for delivery to customers, the ordinary and not the distribution rate will apply. Every such consignment must be handed to the Department and taken delivery of from the Department as a single consignment, and under no circumstances are deliveries to be split to permit of distribution being made direct from the railway premises.