

LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.—*continued.*

## 66. Cash on Delivery ("C.O.D.") Parcels Traffic.

1. Subject to the following conditions, the Department undertakes to collect from the consignee the price or value of any parcel or parcels, as specified by the consignor, but not exceeding the sum of £25 in respect of any one consignment. Parcels consigned under the provisions of this regulation are hereinafter referred to as "C.O.D." parcels.

2. "C.O.D." parcels will be conveyed between any two officered stations (including stations between which the system of through booking between separate sections of railway is in operation) in this regulation referred to as "the forwarding station" and "the destination station" respectively.

3. The consignor must hand the parcel or parcels (legibly marked with the name and full address of the consignee) to the receiving officer at the forwarding station, together with the Department's form of consignment note properly filled in, showing on its face, in addition to the usual particulars, the sum which the consignee shall pay to the Department before he shall be entitled to obtain delivery of the consignment. The consignor must also at the same time furnish to the receiving officer a statement of accounts in duplicate showing—

(a) The name, occupation, and address of the consignee.

(b) A general description of the goods comprised in the consignment, and the price to be paid therefor.

4. The railage and other charges must be paid either by the consignor or the consignee.

5. The consignee of any "C.O.D." parcel will be entitled to obtain delivery thereof only on payment of the price as stipulated by the consignor as endorsed on consignment note, together with the proper railage and other charges (if any) payable thereon. Delivery will be given at the destination-station premises, except at places where the Department delivers parcels at the consignee's address under a delivery system. Under no circumstances will the consignee be permitted to examine any parcel or parcels before paying to the Department the value of same as specified by the consignor.

6. Commission on the sum collected from the consignee will be charged at the following rates:—

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(a) Up to and including £1 .. .. .	1	0
(b) Each additional £1 or fraction thereof .. .. .	0	6

The amount of such commission will be deducted from the sum so collected, and the Stationmaster at the forwarding station or other officer of the Department will with all convenient speed, after payment has been made by the consignee, pay over the balance to the consignor.

7. "C.O.D." parcels not taken delivery of by the consignee within one month (or such less period as may have been specified by the consignor) from the date of their arrival at the destination station will be returned to the forwarding station for redelivery to the consignor, who shall pay to the Department 1s. in respect of each consignment in addition to the proper railway charges. "C.O.D." parcels will be allowed free storage for seven days after arrival at destination station. After the expiration of that period 3d. per week or part of a week may be charged on each parcel.

8. Except as herein provided, any by-laws and regulations made under the Government Railways Act, 1926, and the conditions printed on the consignment note will apply to the carriage of "C.O.D." parcels.