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4. When a truck is only partially occupied by a consignment of live-stock, the Department reserves to itself the right to fill it up to its full carrying-capacity with other stock. If a whole truck is specially required by the consignor the truck rate will be charged.

5. Cattle, calves, sheep, pigs, or goats, in small lots, may be charged at truck-load rate, or (unless the consignor requires the exclusive use of a truck) at the following rates, with a minimum charge per truck of half the classified rate:—

	For any Distance not exceeding 10 Miles.	For every Mile after the First 10 Miles.
	s. d.	s. d.
Cattle, first animal	11 4	0 4½
Cattle, each additional one in the same truck, belonging to the same owner	1 6½	0 1½
Calves (six months old and under), sheep, goats, or pigs, one only, carried loose	3 9	0 3½
Calves (six months old and under), sheep, goats, or pigs, each additional one in the same truck, belonging to the same owner	0 4½	0 0½

6. Pigs will be charged 7½ per cent. less than the classified rates for Class M or the small-lots rates specified in the last preceding paragraph, as the case may be.

7. The Department may decline to extend the benefit of this reduced rate to consignments of pigs consigned to any person or firm utilizing other means of transport than the railway for the carriage of bacon, hams, and other products manufactured from such pigs when the railway is available for the transport of these goods.

8. Where mixed consignments are carried and charged at small-lots scale, the first-animal rate will be charged on the highest rated animal in each truck and the respective rates as for additional animals on the remainder.

LIVE-STOCK IN CRATES.

9. Live-stock properly secured in crates so as to prevent damage to other goods will be charged as follows:—

Calves (not exceeding six months old), sheep, pigs, or goats, provided the gross weight of each crate does not exceed 3 cwt., will be charged Class A; minimum charge, 2s. 6d. per crate from forwarding station to destination station. Where the gross weight of a crate exceeds 3 cwt., the charge will be computed at Class A rate and a half; minimum charge, 3s. 9d. per crate from forwarding station to destination station. The minimum charges provided herein will not be reduced by any local rate.

10. Where the owner desires that live-stock in crates be forwarded in a live-stock wagon, the railage charges on the consignment must not be less than the appropriate charges for such live-stock had the same been forwarded loose in the wagon.

STORE CATTLE AND SHEEP, IN LARGE MOBS, FOR DISTANCES OF 100 MILES AND UPWARDS.

11. For distances of 100 miles and upwards, cattle and sheep from one consignor and forwarding station to one consignee and destination station certified by the consignor to be *bona fide* store stock, not consigned for slaughter, will be charged the classified truck rate for the first fifteen trucks, and for each additional truck £1 per truck less than the classified rate. For distances under 100 miles the charge as for 100 miles will be made if lower than at classified rate.

DROVER'S PASSES.

12. One *bona fide* drover and not more than two dogs will be allowed to accompany each consignment of not less than three trucks of live-stock for journeys of not less than thirty miles. He will be furnished with a free return pass between starting and destination stations for himself and not more than two dogs, available for a week from date of issue. In cases where any consignment of stock is for the convenience of the Department conveyed by more than one train, a return pass will be issued for one drover and his dogs by each train, provided that a pass will in no case be issued in respect of less than three trucks of stock by any train. The drover must travel by the same train as the stock, otherwise a pass will not be issued and the ordinary fare charged. Where a drover travels by goods-train he will be required to take all risk of accident and to indemnify the Department against any responsibility in respect of his travelling on such train.

13. When a consignment of less than three trucks of live-stock is sent by a goods train and a drover desires to accompany it, he may be permitted to do so at his own risk, and on his indemnifying the Department in writing in the form provided, and paying second-class fare for himself and ordinary rates for his dogs.

14. Drivers travelling as provided in this regulation must ride in the guard's van or a second-class carriage, as may be directed by the Department.

15. Drivers' passes will not be issued to attendants travelling with exhibits to or from shows, or to jockeys and trainers travelling in charge of racehorses.

(For general regulations re carriage of live-stock see Regulation 116.)