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COMMISSIONERS

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The Victorian Railways Commissioners in the exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the Railways Act do hereby make the following By-law namely:—

I. The several Rates and Charges which shall be imposed in respect of the carriage of parcels excess luggage etc. by passenger trains over the Victorian Railways and the Classification and Conditions under which parcels luggage etc. will be carried by passenger trains and the Charges and Conditions relative to associated services shall be as follows:—

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE CARRIAGE OF PARCELS, LUGGAGE, ETC.

1. Non-liability of the Commissioners—

(A) The Commissioners will not be liable for the loss of or injury to any article or articles or property of the descriptions following, that is to say:—Gold or silver coin of the realm or of any foreign State, or any gold or silver in a manufactured or unmanufactured state; or any precious stones, jewellery, watches, clocks, or time-pieces of any description; trinkets, gold or silver ore, bills, notes of any Bank; orders, notes or securities for the payment of money; English, Colonial or Foreign stamps; maps, writings, title-deeds, paintings, engravings, pictures, gold or silver plate or plated articles, glass, china, silk in a manufactured or unmanufactured state, and whether wrought up or not wrought up with other materials; furs, lace, or opium; or any of them, contained in any parcel or package, which shall have been delivered for carriage by or to accompany the person of any passenger on the Victorian Railways, when the value of such article or articles or property aforesaid shall exceed the sum of Twenty-Five Pounds (£25), unless at the time of delivery thereof at the station or warehouse for the purpose of being carried, or of accompanying the person of any passenger as aforesaid, the value and nature of such article or articles, or property, shall have been declared by the person sending or delivering the same, and the increased charges hereunder set forth, which are in addition to the freight charges, shall have been paid to and accepted by the employee duly authorized to receive the same.

(B) (i) The following are the increased charges to be paid, except as hereinafter provided, upon any of the said articles which exceed Twenty-Five Pounds (£25), in value:—Table 87.

Distance.	Percentage on Declared Value.
1 to 101 miles	10s.
102 to 251	20s.
252 to 500	30s.
501 to 1,000	50s.
1,001 to 1,500	60s.
1,501 to 2,000	70s.
Over 2,000	80s.

The above charges shall be imposed on the through mileage, Australian Capital Territory Railway (Canberra) excepted, both for Victorian and Inter-system traffic, and in respect to the latter shall be apportioned between the Systems concerned on a mileage basis.

The additional charge on the Australian Capital Territory Railway shall be 2s. 6d. percentage on the declared value.

Attention is directed to the conditions of clause 4, page 246, for Intersystem traffic, when the value of the said articles exceeds £10 and does not exceed £25.

(ii) The exceptions hereinbefore referred to are:—

- (a) Gold or silver coin or bullion, gold or silver in an unmanufactured state, copper coin, or Bank notes, for which the insurance rates shown on page 235 shall apply.
- (b) Silk in a manufactured or unmanufactured state, and whether wrought up or not wrought up with other materials, furs or lace, or any of them, shall be charged for under the following scale, except that when carried as luggage the rates shown on page 213 shall apply:—Table 88.

Declared Value	Additional Charge s. d.
Exceeding £25 but not exceeding £30	1 0
" £30 " " " £40	1 3
" £40 " " " £50	1 6
" £50 " " " £60	1 9
" £60 " " " £70	2 0
" £70 " " " £80	2 3
" £80 " " " £90	2 6
" £90 " " " £100	2 9
Each additional £10 or part thereof up to a maximum liability of £300	0 3

The above charges shall be imposed irrespective of distance and shall apply to Victorian and Intersystem traffic.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.*General Conditions for the Carriage of Parcels, Luggage, etc.—continued.**Non-liability of the Commissioners—continued.*

On Intersystem consignments such charges shall apply separately for each System, except between Melbourne and Adelaide and intermediate stations, where one insurance charge for the through journey shall apply, and in respect to the latter shall be apportioned on a mileage basis.

Attention is directed to the conditions of clause 4, page 246, for Intersystem traffic, when the value of the said articles exceeds £10 and does not exceed £25.

(C) Subject to the provisions of this clause 1, the Alternative rates for the Carriage of Parcels of any description for Intersystem journeys at Owner's risk or Commissioners' risk shall be as shown on page 246.

General Conditions—

The increased charges and the freight must be prepaid.

No parcel declared to be of greater value than Three Hundred Pounds (£300)—Queensland, One Hundred Pounds (£100)—will be carried, except under special agreement.

2. The Commissioners will not, without negligence on their part, be responsible for—

(A) Loss or mis-delivery of any parcels improperly or insufficiently marked, directed, or described nor for loss of or damage to any parcels which are insufficiently or improperly packed or secured; nor will they be responsible for any loss or damage occurring to parcels consisting of a variety of articles in the same package liable by breakage to damage each other or other articles, or arising from leakage due to bad vessels or bad cooperage or to fermentation.

(B) Nor for damage to any articles of a fragile or brittle nature, such as marble ornaments or statuary, musical instruments, furniture, or toys, which are more than ordinarily hazardous, unless they shall be declared in writing, and properly packed and protected. Furniture and fragile articles, simply covered with canvas, or paper, or in frail skeleton frames, will be treated as unprotected.

(C) Nor for damage to fruit, fish, meat, poultry, game, and other perishable commodities arising from the perishable nature of such commodities, or from the same not being taken away forthwith on arrival at the destination station.

(D) Nor for any loss arising from delay in the delivery of parcels which may have been occasioned by flood, storm, tempest, or other unforeseen cause, nor will they be liable for any loss or injury in connexion with the receipt, carriage, or delivery of parcels, unless occasioned by the neglect or default of the Commissioners.

(E) Nor for any loss of or injury to articles, parcels, or things put into wrappers, boxes, packages, cases, baskets or containers of any other description, marked, described, returned, delivered, or represented as "Empties."

3. Contents of Packages to be specified—

The Commissioners will not be bound to receive or forward any package, whether at their risk, or at the risk of the owner; unless the contents thereof be specified, if required, at the time of delivery for carriage, and they reserve the right to inspect all parcels before accepting them for carriage at their risk in order to ascertain that they are in accordance with the declaration, in good order and properly packed. For this purpose, if considered necessary, any package may be opened, which must be done by the consignor at his own expense. The Commissioners further reserve the right to refuse any package which they or their employees may adjudge to be unsafe or unfit for carriage or of a dangerous nature.

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO SECTION 92 OF THE "RAILWAYS ACT, 1958", No. 6355, REPEATED HEREUNDER:—

"The Commissioners may test gauge or open any cask case package parcel or consignment whatsoever of goods delivered or offered to the Commissioners for transmission by railway, and may examine and inspect the contents thereof in order to ascertain and determine whether the description value quantity number nature and character of such contents are correctly described in the consignment note or invoice or bill of lading relating to such cask case package parcel or consignment."

4. Time of arrival or delivery not guaranteed—

The Commissioners do not guarantee under any circumstances the arrival or delivery of any parcels (perishable or otherwise) at any particular time, by any particular train, or for any particular market; neither do they undertake to advise consignees of the arrival of parcels.

5. Receipt of Parcels—

All parcels must be delivered to the Commissioners not less than 30 minutes before the time fixed for the departure of the train by which it is desired they should be carried, but the Commissioners do not undertake to despatch parcels at any particular time or by any particular train.

At such places as may be determined the Commissioners reserve the right to accept any parcel offered for despatch only at such times as may be fixed for the conduct of parcels business.

6. Addressing—

All parcels must be fully and distinctly addressed.

The addresses on parcels for Melbourne, Metropolitan suburbs and country cities and towns must include the number of the house (where numbered), the name of the street and the locality, together with the words "Rail to.....station". If it be desired that the parcel shall not be delivered by carrier, the words "to be called for" must be added.

7. Consignment Notes—

The acceptance of a consignment note by or on behalf of the Commissioners shall not be regarded as evidence that the parcels or live stock specified therein have been received by them unless the whole of the consignment is delivered to them at the same time with the consignment note, and a receipt therefor has been given by the proper employee of the Commissioners.

In such cases where a satisfactory undertaking be given by any consignor on the form approved by the Commissioners, the consignment note supplied by such consignor may, if considered suitable, be accepted in lieu of the consignment note provided by the Commissioners for the despatch of explosives and goods of a dangerous nature and parcels for carriage to intersystem stations.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

General Conditions for the Carriage of Parcels, Luggage, etc.—continued.

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO SUB-SECTIONS (1) AND (2) OF SECTION 35 OF THE "RAILWAYS ACT, 1958", No. 6355, REPEATED HEREUNDER:—

"(1) Every person who makes a false or misleading statement as to the description value quantity number measurement or weight of live stock or goods delivered or offered for carriage on any railway or with respect to any consignment note or invoice or bill of lading, or who refuses or neglects to give an account of any live stock or goods upon any railway or to produce his consignment note or invoice or bill of lading to any officer or employee of the Commissioners or servant of the company demanding the same, or who gives a false account or removes interferes with or conceals or attempts to remove interfere with or conceal any part of such live stock or goods with intent in any such case to avoid the payment or to conceal the non-payment of any rates payable in respect thereof, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than Twenty pounds."

"(2) If any consignment note or invoice or bill of lading in connexion with live stock or goods is presented having the value measurement quantity number or weight of such live stock or goods understated or the description misstated to the prejudice of the Commissioners or company on such consignment note or invoice or bill of lading, the person responsible for the payment of the freight for such live stock or goods shall be liable to the payment of double the ordinary freight charges otherwise payable on such live stock or goods."

8. Determination of weight—

All parcels shall, unless otherwise provided, be charged according to their actual gross weight.

9. Consignees to give receipt—

A written receipt must be given by consignees for all parcels received from the Commissioners. The Commissioners may demand proof of the right of the person applying for parcels to receive the same, or an indemnity note signed by two approved sureties, if there be any reasonable doubt as to the person applying for the parcels being entitled to receive same.

10. Delivery of Parcels and Luggage—

The Commissioners reserve the right to deliver any parcel or luggage at the address of the consignee of the parcel or owner of the luggage and to charge for such delivery in all cases in which the consignor or the consignee of such parcel or luggage does not give notice to the proper employee of the Commissioners that delivery will be taken at the railway station by the consignee of the parcel or the owner of the luggage.

11. Freight and other charges to be paid on demand—

The authorized charges on all parcels must be paid on demand, and, in default, the Commissioners reserve the right to detain and sell the parcels on which such charges are payable, or to detain and sell any other property which they may then or at any future time have in their possession belonging to the person by whom such charges are payable, in order to realize the amount due. If the amount realized be insufficient to cover all charges, the Commissioners may take legal proceedings to recover the deficiency.

The Commissioners may require the charges in respect of any parcels to be paid at the forwarding station, or they may permit the charges to be collected at the destination station.

12. Consignments for Caretaker Stations and unattended Stations or Sidings—

The Commissioners accept parcels for carriage to caretaker or unattended stations or sidings, only on condition that all charges in respect of such parcels are prepaid unless otherwise specially provided and that the Commissioners shall not be liable for any loss or damage arising from any cause whatever after arrival at the destination.

13. Consignments, small or specially valuable—

The Commissioners do not accept for carriage by goods trains any consignment weighing less than 14 lb., unless the package measures not less than 9 inches x 6 inches x 4 inches, nor any consignment of gold or silver plate, gold or silver in a manufactured state, watches, jewellery, precious stones, gold or silver coin or bullion, bills, bank notes, orders, notes or securities for, the payment of money, stamps, or title deeds, but such consignments must be forwarded by passenger trains at rates provided for carriage by passenger train.

14. Claims—

Claims for detention or loss of, or damage to, parcels will not be allowed unless lodged in writing with the Commissioners within fourteen days after the date on which such parcels were or should have been delivered, and no claim will be allowed if lodged after the parcels alleged to have been damaged have been removed from the premises of the Commissioners and a clear receipt given.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.*General Conditions for the Carriage of Parcels, Luggage, etc.—continued.***15. Sale of Lost or Unclaimed Property—**

Any parcel, goods, luggage, or thing of any description whatsoever on railway premises, or stored elsewhere by the Commissioners, which is not claimed and removed by the owner, may be sold by the Commissioners after the expiration of the time hereinafter specified, and, after deducting any amount which may be due thereon for freight, storage and other charges, including the expenses of sale, the Commissioners will pay the surplus (if any) to the owner on demand—

- (a) Any parcel, goods, luggage, or thing likely to deteriorate may be sold forthwith.
- (b) All empties may be sold after the expiration of seven days.
- (c) All other parcels, goods, luggage, or things may be sold after the expiration of three months.

16. Storage Charges, Table 89—Parcels, luggage, bicycles, perambulators, motor cycles, &c., carried by rail shall be allowed free storage as under:—

- (i) Luggage, also bicycles, perambulators, &c., carried at the accompanied rate 24 hours.
- (ii) Other packages or articles—
 - (A) Spencer-street, Flinders-street, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, and metropolitan suburban stations Two clear days (not including Sundays and Public Holidays), i.e., storage on a parcel which arrived on a Saturday would commence to accrue on the following Wednesday.
 - (B) All other stations ... One week, irrespective of the distance the consignee resides from the railway station, i.e., storage would commence to accrue on the same day in the week following the day of arrival.

After the expiration of the free storage period referred to the following storage charges shall be imposed provided that cloak room charges, see page 220, shall be imposed in respect of luggage, also bicycles, perambulators, etc., carried at the accompanied rate.

	Charge per day for first three days for which storage is due.	Charge per week or part thereof after the first three days.
For each—	s. d.	s. d.
Package not exceeding 56 lb. weight ...	0 6	0 11
Package exceeding 56 lb. weight ...	0 11	1 0
Bicycle, Tricycle, Perambulator or Go-cart	0 11	1 0
Motor Cycle (a) ...	1 3	8 4
Side car ...	1 3	8 4

(a) The provisions of By-law No. 351, section 59, must be complied with.

17. Explosives and Goods of a Dangerous Nature—

(A) The Commissioners are not common carriers of explosives or of goods of a dangerous nature and hereby give notice that they do not undertake the carriage thereof except on the following special conditions.

Explosives and goods of a dangerous nature will only be received and carried subject to the Railways Acts and any Act relating to explosives or goods of a dangerous nature and to the Regulations and By-laws made under any of the foregoing Acts and upon the express condition that the Commissioners shall be:—

- (i) exempt from all liability of whatsoever nature howsoever arising in respect of loss of or damage to the explosives or goods of a dangerous nature, and
- (ii) compensated by the sender for any loss or damage in any way caused by the said explosives or goods of a dangerous nature to the Commissioners' property and shall be indemnified by the sender against any claim in respect of loss damage or injury in any way caused by the said explosives or goods of a dangerous nature to any person or the property of any person unless such loss damage or injury arises from wilful misconduct on the part of the Commissioners' servants.

The Commissioners may at any time during the conveyance of explosives or goods of a dangerous nature, or while they are on the premises of the Commissioners, detain and stop further handling and delivery of packages which appear defective or incorrectly described. The Commissioners may require the owner, sender or consignee to remove the goods forthwith from their premises or may remove and store such packages at the cost and risk of the owner.

Any package or vehicle containing explosives or goods of a dangerous nature which is in a leaking condition, or unfit for transit, shall be removed immediately from the railway premises by the owner, sender or consignee on instructions issued by the Commissioners' servants.

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO SECTION 34 OF THE "RAILWAYS ACT, 1958" No. 6355, REPEATED HEREUNDER:—

"Every person who knowingly sends by any railway any goods of a dangerous nature and neglects at the time of sending them to mark distinctly their nature on the outside of the package containing the same or otherwise to give notice in writing to the officer or employee with whom the same are left shall be liable to a penalty of not more than Twenty pounds."

Explosives and goods of a dangerous nature shall not be accepted for carriage by passenger or mixed train except limited quantities of the commodities specified in the following clauses (a) to (j), which must be packed and marked in accordance with the provisions and subject to the conditions shown in clause B hereafter.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.*General Conditions for the Carriage of Parcels, Luggage, etc.—continued.*

Consignment note (G.F. 5), for the conveyance of explosives and goods of a dangerous nature, endorsed by the sender "By Passenger train", must be lodged with each consignment.

- (a) **Safety cartridges.**
Weight of any package shall not exceed 112 lb. and the number of packages in any one consignment shall not exceed 12.
- (b) **Cinematograph films. (Nitro-Cellulose base).**
Weight of any package shall not exceed 2 cwt.
- (c) **Ether Ethyl, Sulphuric (Anaesthetic).**
Weight of any package shall not exceed 3 lb.; the maximum quantity on any one passenger or mixed train shall be 12 lb.
- (d) **Compressed gases in cylinders.**
(i) For medical purposes. The maximum number of cylinders on any one passenger or mixed train shall be five.
(ii) **Ammonia—**
On permit from the Chief Traffic Manager, the terms of which are to be shown on the consignment note; one cylinder only may be accepted for conveyance on any one passenger or mixed train.
(iii) **Refrigerant gases—**
Low pressure, liquefiable, non-poisonous, non-inflammable. The number of cylinders on any one passenger or mixed train shall not exceed five.
- (e) **Inflammable Liquids (Including Thinners).**
(i) True flash point less than 73 degrees Fahrenheit—In metal containers not exceeding one quart each in capacity; the maximum quantity on any one passenger or mixed train shall be eight gallons of which not more than four gallons shall be accepted from any one consignor.
(Exceptions: Carbon Bisulphide (disulphide), Nickel Carbonyl, Spirits of Nitro-Glycerin and Zinc Ethyl shall not be accepted).
(ii) True flash point of not less than 73 degrees Fahrenheit—In metal containers not exceeding one gallon each in capacity; the maximum quantity on any one passenger or mixed train shall be twenty gallons of which not more than ten gallons shall be accepted from any one consignor.
- (f) **Accumulators and Charged Batteries.**
Maximum weight of any package shall be 60 lb. and the maximum number of packages forwarded by any one passenger or mixed train shall be six, except that the maximum number of packages of dry charged batteries packed together with polythene bottles of electrolyte (acid) on any one passenger or mixed train shall be twelve.
- (g) **Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers.**
(i) **Paints and varnishes—**In tins not exceeding one gallon capacity packed as a neat fit, or well cushioned with sawdust or other absorbent material, in a strong wooden case or fibreboard container—the quantity in any one package not to exceed four gallons; or in sealed metal pails not exceeding five gallons capacity. The maximum quantity on any one passenger or mixed train shall be forty gallons of which not more than twenty gallons shall be accepted from any one consignor.
(ii) **Lacquers—**In tins not exceeding one gallon capacity packed as a neat fit, or well cushioned with sawdust or other absorbent material, in a strong wooden case or fibreboard container—the quantity in any one package not to exceed one gallon. The maximum quantity on any one passenger or mixed train shall be eight gallons of which not more than four gallons shall be accepted from any one consignor.
- (h) **Radio-Active Substances.**
Radio-active substances shall be accepted only on the authority of the Chief Traffic Manager.
- (i) **Medicines, Drugs and Medicinal Chemicals** not otherwise specified, which are inflammable, corrosive, poisonous or otherwise dangerous, packed in cases containing mixed lots of medicines and chemists' goods weighing not more than 14 lb.
- (j) **Safety matches,** in sealed tins, each tin to be packed in a strong wooden case; the maximum number of cases on any one passenger or mixed train shall be six.
- (B) Explosives and dangerous goods shall be accepted by passenger train in limited quantities under the conditions shown herein and when packed and marked in accordance with the following provisions, viz.—

Name of Explosives or Dangerous Goods	Must be packed as follows	Must be marked as follows	Maximum quantity or weight to be accepted
(a) Safety Cartridges	In substantial wooden case	"SAFETY CARTRIDGES" and name of manufacturer or sender	Maximum weight of package 112 lb.; not more than twelve cases per consignment.
(b) Films, cinematograph (Nitrocellulose base).	(1) in closed metal cans, each holding not more than 2,000 feet, the metal cans to be packed in a metal box lined with material which is a non-conductor of heat. The gross weight of each metal box must not exceed 2 cwt., or	Name of contents, name and address of sender and have affixed a red label with black lettering not less than 4 inches square, thus—	Weight of any package must not exceed 2 cwt.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

General Conditions for the Carriage of Parcels, Luggage, etc.,—continued.
Explosives and Goods of a Dangerous Nature—continued.

(2) Metal cases, lined throughout with hard-faced fibreboard at least .125 inch thickness, hinged and fastened in accordance with standard specifications. Where metal partitions are used, they are to be the same thickness as the body of the case and lined the same as the case,

or

(3) A metal can with a securely fitting, lapped, detachable cover packed singly in a strong fibreboard container. When not more than 500 feet of film is in the can, a lap of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch will be permitted, but when the quantity exceeds this, and up to the permitted maximum of 2,000 feet of film, the lap shall be $\frac{3}{8}$ inch. Each fibreboard container must be securely bound with a strong cord.

Films must be kept cool and dry and away from Acids, Batteries and Electrical equipment.



Name of Explosives or Dangerous Goods	Must be packed as follows	Must be marked as follows	Maximum quantity or weight to be accepted
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(c) Ether Ethyl, Sulphuric (Anaesthetic)

In glass bottles securely stoppered, each containing not more than one quart, surrounded with sawdust or other cushioning material, in closed tins and packed in a strong wooden box. Ether Ethyl must be kept well ventilated and cool and away from Batteries, Acids, and Sunlight.

Name of contents, name and address of sender and have affixed a red label with black lettering not less than 4 inches square, thus—

Maximum weight of consignment 3 lb. and maximum quantity on any one train 12 lb.



In addition, outer packages must be marked in conspicuous type "HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE".

(d) Gases—

(1) For medical purposes, such as Oxygen, Nitrous Oxide, Carbon Dioxide, Compressed Air, when consigned to Doctors or Hospitals.

In cylinders complying with Australian standard specifications. Cylinders must be kept well ventilated and cool and away from Acids, Oil, Combustibles and Batteries.

Green label 4 inches square with black lettering, thus—

Five cylinders only permitted on any one train. Cylinders shall not exceed 52½ lb. water capacity.



(2) Refrigerant—Low Pressure, liquefiable, non-poisonous, non-inflammable.

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(3) Ammonia.

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Labels shown in clause (d), (1), and clause (j).

One cylinder only permitted on any one train. Chief Traffic Manager's permission must be obtained.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

General Conditions for the Carriage of Parcels, Luggage, etc.—continued.

Explosives and Goods of a Dangerous Nature—continued.

Name of Explosives or Dangerous Goods	Must be packed as follows	Must be marked as follows	Maximum quantity or weight to be accepted
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(e) Inflammable Liquids, Including Thinners—

(1) True Flash Point* below 73°F

In metal containers not exceeding 1 quart capacity, each not less than 30 B.G. (.012 inch) thickness, solder sealed, tightly fitting in individual cases or approved fibreboard containers or packed with sawdust or other cushioning material in individual cases. Maximum one gallon per outer container. Inflammable liquids must be kept well ventilated and cool.

Name of contents, Not more than 8 gallons on any one train, and not more than 4 gallons from one container. Not less than 4 inches square with black lettering thus—

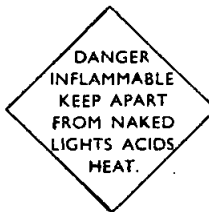


In addition, outer packages must be marked in conspicuous type "HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE".

(2) True Flash Point* not less than 73°F

In metal containers not less than 30 B.G. (.012 inch) thickness and not exceeding 1 gallon capacity each, positively sealed against leakage by screwed cap and gasket or solder sealed, tightly fitting in a wooden case or approved fibreboard container or packed in sawdust in a wooden case. Inflammable liquids must be kept well ventilated and cool.

Name of contents, Not more than 20 gallons on any one train, and not more than 10 gallons from one container. Not less than 4 inches square with black lettering thus—



* True Flash Point must be declared on consignment note.

The following inflammable liquids must not be accepted by passenger train or parcels coach:—

Carbon Bi-Sulphide (Di-Sulphide), Nickel Carbonyl, Spirits of Nitro-Glycerin, Zinc Ethyl.

Name of Explosives or Dangerous Goods	Must be packed as follows	Must be marked as follows	Maximum quantity or weight to be accepted
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(f) (1) Accumulators and wet charged batteries

Cells constructed of glass or other material must be sealed around the top edges with pitch or other suitable material, and the filling holes securely plugged with approved splash-proof stoppers. Cells must be well insulated to prevent short circuits, and packed as a neat fit in strong wooden cases with gable tops or in strong double walled corrugated or solid fibreboard containers with gable tops, of sufficient strength to withstand the weight of the contents. Any packing material or dunnage used must be of a non-conductive nature. Under no circumstances shall any article or articles other than the batteries and packing material or dunnage be packed within the cases or fibreboard containers.

Batteries must be kept away from inflammables and Explosives.

"BATTERY—CONTAINING CORROSIVE ELECTROLYTE. THIS SIDE UP" and have affixed a blue label not less than 4 inches square with white lettering, thus—

60 lb. per package; the number of packages on any one train shall not exceed six.



PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

General Conditions for the Carriage of Parcels, Luggage, etc.—continued.

Explosives and Goods of a Dangerous Nature—continued.

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| (2) Dry charged batteries and electrolyte (acid) packed together | In wooden cases or in strong double walled corrugated or solid fibreboard containers without gable tops. The electrolyte must be contained in approved polythene bottles.
The quantity of electrolyte (acid) must not exceed that required for the dry charged batteries with which it is packed.
Electrolyte must be kept away from Inflammables and Explosives. | As shown in clause (f), (1). | 60 lb. per package; the number of packages on any one train shall not exceed twelve. |
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Name of Explosives or Dangerous Goods	Must be packed as follows	Must be marked as follows	Maximum quantity or weight to be accepted
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(g) Paints, Varnishes and Lacquers—

(1) Paints and Varnishes

(i) In tins, sealed with at least three spots of solder or approved type metal clips, not exceeding 1 gallon capacity, packed in a strong wooden case or strong fibreboard container, well cushioned with sawdust or other absorbent material. Tinplate to be not less than 30 B.G. (.012 inch) thickness. Quantity in any one package not to exceed 4 gallons.
(ii) In sealed metal pails not exceeding 5 gallons capacity, constructed of sheet steel. Not to be less than 24 B.G. (.025 inch) thickness.
Full open head drums are acceptable provided the head is securely fastened and leak proof.

Name of contents, name and address of sender and have affixed a red label not less than 4 inches square with black lettering thus—



In addition, outer packages containing inflammable liquids having a true flash point of less than 73° Fahrenheit must be marked in conspicuous type—
"HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE."

(2) Lacquers

In tins, sealed with at least three spots of solder or approved type metal clips, not exceeding 1 gallon capacity, packed in a strong wooden case or strong fibreboard container, well cushioned with sawdust or other absorbent material. Tinplate to be not less than 30 B.G. (.012 inch) thickness. Quantity in any one package not to exceed 1 gallon.
Paints, varnishes, and lacquers must be kept well ventilated and cool and away from Acids, Foodstuffs and Batteries.

Name of contents, name and address of sender, and have affixed a red label not less than 4 inches square with black lettering, thus—



In addition, outer packages containing inflammable liquids having a true flash point of less than 73° Fahrenheit must be marked in conspicuous type—
"HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE."

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.*General Conditions for the Carriage of Parcels, Luggage, etc.—continued.**Explosives and Goods of a Dangerous Nature—continued.*

Name of Explosives or Dangerous Goods	Must be Packed as follows	Must be marked as follows	Maximum quantity or weight to be accepted
(h) Safety matches	In a sealed tin, packed in a strong wooden case. Each tin to contain not more than three gross books of book safety matches or one gross of ordinary safety matches. Safety matches must be kept dry and away from Inflammables and Acids.	Red label not less than 4 inches square with black lettering, as shown in sub-clause (g).	Not more than six packages on any one train.
(i) Radio-Active Substances	Must not be accepted for carriage by rail without the authority in writing of the Chief Traffic Manager, who will prescribe the conditions of transport.		

(j) Medicines, drugs and medicinal chemicals, which are inflammable, corrosive, poisonous or otherwise dangerous, when consigned by druggists in a case containing a mixed lot of medicines and chemists' goods, shall only be accepted for carriage by passenger train under the following conditions, viz.:-

- (1). The maximum gross weight of each case must not exceed 14 lb. and all containers in the case must be adequately cushioned. Such consignments must be kept dry and cool.
- (2). **Liquids.**—The requisite air space must be allowed in each container. Glass and earthenware bottles must be securely stoppered, sealed and tied down, and cushioned with sawdust or other cushioning material to prevent containers coming in contact with each other or the sides of the case. Tins must be effectively closed to prevent leakage and must be packed in cushioning material. The contents of any one container must not exceed 1 quart.

Solids.—Glass, earthenware or tin containers, securely stoppered to prevent leakage of contents or the admission of moisture, must be packed in cases in sawdust or other cushioning material. Paper bags must be double thickness, new, and of heavy quality paper; the inner bag is to be made of waxed paper. The contents of any one container must not exceed 10 lb.

Special care must be taken to see that substances which react dangerously are not packed in the same case.

No case shall contain more than 1 lb. of 1 per cent. solution of nitro-glycerin in ethyl alcohol or 1 lb. of picric acid, dry.

Exceptions.—Over 4% hydrofluoric acid, commercial or concentrated nitric, perchloric, sulphuric or hydrochloric acids, sodium peroxide, carbon bisulphide, phosphorus, metallic barium, calcium, potassium or sodium, and 100 volume hydrogen peroxide, must not be included in such mixed consignments as these dangerous goods must not be carried by passenger train.

Marking.—Each case must be conspicuously marked "DANGER," "CHEMICALS," "HANDLE WITH CARE," "THIS SIDE UP," and have affixed a white label with red lettering not less than 3 inches square, thus:—



18. When two or more parcels are consigned to one person a separate charge will be made for each parcel, except where otherwise provided.

19. Packed Parcels—Any container or package which contains more than one package addressed to two or more persons shall be charged quadruple parcels rates, and the onus of proving that parcels are not so packed shall rest with the consignors or consignees.

20. Poultry—

The Commissioners will not receive live poultry for carriage, except in properly constructed coops, cages or crates of a suitable size, neither will they accept mixed consignments, i.e., birds of different species crated together.

21. Delivery of Parcels to Road Motor Services—

Parcels for outlying places which require to be sent forward from railway stations by road motor services should be addressed accordingly.

22. Freight Stamps—

For the convenience of traders freight stamps of the following respective values for use in payment of parcels charges are issued:—

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| 1. One penny | 7. Sevenpence | 13. One shilling and sixpence. |
| 2. Twopence. | 8. Eightpence. | 14. Two shillings. |
| 3. Threepence. | 9. Ninepence. | 15. Three shillings. |
| 4. Fourpence. | 10. Tenpence. | 16. Five shillings. |
| 5. Fivepence. | 11. Elevenpence. | 17. Ten shillings. |
| 6. Sixpence. | 12. One shilling. | |

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

General Conditions for the Carriage of Parcels, Luggage, etc.—continued.

The freight stamp or stamps to the value of the freight charge shall be affixed by the sender in all cases as nearly as possible in the same relative position on the parcel as a postage stamp is affixed to a letter, that is, on the right-hand side and close to the address. When the nature of the package, i.e., a bag, crate, &c., does not permit of this, a separate address label must be securely attached to the package and the freight stamp or stamps affixed to the back thereof.

The minimum number of stamps shall be used on each parcel and under no circumstances are the stamps to be overlapped. Freight stamps shall not be used when the freight on any package exceeds 30s.

Freight stamps shall be used in payment of rail freight only on consignments for despatch from their station of issue; except that freight stamps, bearing the word "Melbourne", shall be accepted at Spencer Street or Flinders Street.

Franked Parcels—Franking machines may be used in lieu of freight stamps by approved consignors for the prepayment of freight on parcels on which the charges would ordinarily be paid by freight stamps.

Each franked parcel accepted for despatch shall have affixed a special address label on which the amount of the freight charge, the date of despatch and the station at which it is consigned, shall be printed. A parcel franked with a date other than the date on which it is consigned shall not be accepted. The value of a frank stamp shall not exceed 80s.

Freight stamps shall not in any circumstances be placed on a parcel already bearing a franked label. The list of firms licensed to use franking machines is shown in the Addenda to the Passenger Fares and Coaching Rates Book.

23. Carriers' charges—

The Commissioners will not recognise carriers' charges whether for cartage or other services either by cash payment, or by account as "paid on", in respect of parcels which are already stamped when brought to a station for carriage.

GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING LUGGAGE

I. (i) Luggage shall consist of wearing apparel and other similar personal belongings of the passenger contained in a trunk, portmanteau, kitbag, valise, suit-case, tea chest, carton, case, parcel, or in any other receptacle commonly used for the purpose.

If there be any doubt that the contents are *bona fide* luggage, passengers shall be requested to open the container for inspection.

Luggage in parcels shall not be carried in the brake-van.

(ii) Except where otherwise provided, the free allowance of *bona fide* luggage which may accompany passengers by the same train is as follows:—

	1st Class.	2nd Class.
Intrastate (local) journeys (including Albury and Tocumwal)	112 lb.	84 lb.
Intersystem journeys...	168 lb.	112 lb.
Visitors from overseas for any journey (local or intersystem) undertaken within three months of arrival in Australia*	336 lb.	224 lb.
Australian tourist, between his home and place of departure or arrival, when travelling (local or intersystem) to or returning from overseas within one month of departure or arrival*	336 lb.	224 lb.
Settlers and immigrants from overseas for the first journey (local or intersystem) from the place of arrival*	336 lb.	224 lb.
Child four (4) and under fourteen (14) years of age, and passengers under sixteen (16) years of age holding concession tickets	Half the above weight.	

Theatrical luggage, see page 236.

(iii) The following articles when accompanied by the owners or users and required for immediate personal use subject to the conditions mentioned, may be accepted as free luggage at owner's risk provided that in each instance the weight when included with *bona fide* luggage does not exceed the authorized allowance, viz.:—

- Apliarists' hive tools, smokers, honey knives, &c., (maximum weight 28 lb.).
- Artisans' tools of trade (large or awkward sizes and dangerous articles excepted).
- Artists' equipment.
- Books for personal use, accompanying students or Ministers of Religion.
- Camp equipment.
- Deck chairs—collapsible canvas (applicable only to steamship passengers).
- Dentists' instruments.
- Empty suit cases, trunks, portmanteaux, kit bags, valises or similar articles (Victorian, New South Wales and Commonwealth Systems only. Ordinary parcels rates apply on other Systems).
- ‡ Go-cart, push cart, or stroller, weight not exceeding 14 lb., when required for a child accompanying a passenger making a country journey including Victorian portion of an intersystem journey.

* Special authority for overseas passengers' allowance is issued by the Stationmaster, Spencer Street; the Manager, Victorian Government Tourist Bureau; or other booking stations concerned, on production of a ticket, certificate or suitable evidence from the Shipping or Airways Company, in support of the application for the increased allowance.

‡ Not applicable in respect of travel by Electric Trains to or from Frankston, Upper Fern-tree Gully, Lilydale or Hurstbridge or any other suburban journey.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.*General Regulations Regarding Luggage—continued.*

Package or parcel for delivery, with messenger in carriage, maximum weight 56 lb. (Suburban lines only).
 Packages or parcels, for personal use and not for disposal, with passenger in carriage (maximum weight 14 lb.).
 Photographer's camera and stand.
 Picnic hampers.
 Portable radio set.
 Portable gramophone.
 Rabbit traps (maximum weight 28 lb.).
 Riding saddle (other than new).
 Samples of wool, tallow, and wheat with employee of Wool, Skin, or Grain Merchant (North Suburban lines only).
 Sporting material such as cricket bats, tennis racquets, &c.
 Sporting tackle, including live ferrets in approved boxes, and dead game and fish when enclosed in bags so that no inconvenience may be occasioned other passengers (maximum weight, First Class, 56 lb., Second Class, 42 lb.).
 Tape recorder, magnetic.
 Typewriter, not more than one for each passenger.

(iv) No article of an offensive or objectionable nature shall be taken in a carriage.

(v) No article shall be taken in a carriage unless it be of such a size as to admit of it being put under the seat or in the rack without danger or inconvenience to other passengers and without encroaching on the space to which other passengers are entitled. Go-carts, push carts or strollers must not be taken into a passenger compartment of a country train unless collapsed, whether conveyed as passenger's luggage or otherwise.

(vi) The following is a list of some of the articles which must not be accepted for free carriage and on which the prescribed charges shall be paid, except as provided in sub-clause (vii) hereof.—

Animals.
 Bird cages.
 Birds in containers.
 Cinematograph films.
 Fish in baskets or otherwise (other than when enclosed in approved bags carried by sportsmen).
 Fruit in cases.
 Machines, other than those specified.
 Motor tyres.
 Piping, &c., lengths of.
 Rabbits, in baskets, bundles, or otherwise (other than when enclosed in approved bags carried by sportsmen).
 Timber in awkward lengths.
 Vehicles.
 Wares accompanying hawkers.

(vii) Persons travelling in the suburban area to the monthly shows of Canary and Cage Bird Societies, may be permitted to take into the compartment, free at owner's risk, one or two small cages, containing small birds for exhibition purposes.

(viii) The free luggage allowance does not apply in the case of any Road Motor or Boat journeys for which the Commissioners issue either combined or separate Road or Boat tickets, and passengers will require to make their own arrangements as to luggage with the Motor or Boat Proprietors, as the case may be.

2. In the event of any loss, miscarriage, detention, non-delivery of, or damage to a passenger's luggage during or in connection with the carriage of such luggage on the Victorian Railways, the Commissioners, in the absence of negligence on the part of their servants or agents—

(a) shall not be liable to pay any compensation therefor unless—

- (i) the articles carried are contained in a suit-case, bag, or other receptacle which is securely locked,
- (ii) the name and address of the destination of the passenger has been legibly and distinctly marked on the portion of the luggage concerned, or indicated on a suitable label securely attached thereto,
- (iii) the luggage has been handed into the custody of a servant of the Commissioners and a luggage check obtained therefor, for each suit-case, bag, or other receptacle,
- (iv) the excess luggage charge (if any) imposed upon luggage in excess of the weight carried free has been paid at the time of booking; and

(b) shall not be liable in any case to pay compensation exceeding the sum of Ten pounds for luggage comprising a suit-case, bag or other receptacle, including the contents thereof, unless the value has been declared, in writing, at the time of booking, and the appropriate additional charge specified hereafter has been paid at such time.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.*General Regulations Regarding Luggage—continued.***(i) Local Journeys—Table 90.**

The appropriate additional charge in respect of luggage, for journeys commencing at and terminating at Man-in-charge stations on the Victorian Railways System shall be as follows:—

Declared Value not exceeding £	Additional Charge s. d.
10	Nil.
20	1 0
30	1 6
40	2 0
50	2 6
60	3 0
70	3 6
80	4 0
90	4 6
100	5 0
Over £100 and up to £300	6d. for each £10 or part thereof over £100, in addition to the charge for £100.
Over £300	Not accepted, except under special agreement with the Claims Agent at such special insurance rates as may be determined.

A special Commissioners' Risk luggage check shall be issued in respect of each receptacle, whether carried free or as excess luggage.

(ii) Intersystem Journeys—Table 91.

The appropriate additional charge in respect of luggage, forwarded between Man-in-charge stations on other Railway Systems and Man-in-charge stations on the Victorian Railways System shall be as follows:—

Distance Miles.	Percentage on Declared Value s. d.	Minimum Additional Charge s. d.
1-101	5 0	1 0
102-251	10 0	2 0
252-500	15 0	3 0
501-1000	25 0	5 0
1001-1500	30 0	6 0
1501-2000	35 0	7 0
Over 2000	40 0	8 0

No luggage declared to be of greater value than Three Hundred Pounds (Queensland—One Hundred Pounds) will be carried, except under special agreement.

The charge shall be computed on the through mileage for such Intersystem traffic and apportioned on a mileage basis between all the Railway Systems concerned in the carriage of the luggage.

For luggage to or from Canberra, 2s. 6d. per cent. (minimum charge 6d.) for carriage over the Australian Capital Territory Railway, shall be added to the above rates.

Luggage checks shall not be issued.

(c) "Luggage" shall include any suit-case, bag, or other receptacle, in addition to the contents thereof.

(d) A passenger who desires to declare the value of luggage, and pay the additional charge specified in clause (b) hereof, must specify the value of each suit-case, bag, or other receptacle at the time of booking. Such declaration may be made and the charge paid in respect of portion only of the luggage. Consignment note (P.L.I.E.) shall be used.

(e) If the luggage of two or more passengers comprises one suit-case, bag, or receptacle, such luggage shall be treated in all respects and be subject to the same conditions as luggage carried for one passenger.

(f) The omission of a passenger to satisfy the requirements of the By-laws shall not be excused by reason of an insufficiency of time, or any other cause not attributable to the default of the Commissioners, their servants, or agents.

3. Passengers must have their names, and the name of the station to which they are proceeding, distinctly marked on their luggage; and if the luggage be left behind and forwarded by a subsequent train through neglect of this precaution, ordinary parcels rates shall be charged. To prevent mistakes, passengers should also have all old labels and addresses removed from their luggage.

4. Booking Luggage In Advance.

Luggage may be checked and waybilled one day in advance of the day on which the owner is travelling provided a railway ticket for the journey is produced.

When the passenger is travelling on a Sunday the luggage may be booked on the previous Friday.

In respect of luggage for a suburban journey, lodged on the day prior to the day of travel, a Travel Order shall be issued for the fare and exchanged for the rail ticket or tickets on the day of travel.

5. Luggage shall not be accepted, unless otherwise provided (see clauses 6 and 7)—

(i) to any station other than a station to which the ticket held by the passenger is available;

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.*General Regulations Regarding Luggage—continued.*

(ii) for more than one station in respect of one ticket, i.e., it shall not be divided by sending part to one station and part to another;

(iii) to any station other than the station at which the passenger intends to alight. If a passenger has luggage labelled or checked to any station and breaks or terminates the journey at a station short thereof, the Commissioners will not undertake to discharge the luggage at the latter station, and shall charge for such luggage at parcels rates for the distance for which the passenger is not entitled to free luggage allowance.

6. Passengers breaking the journey at an intermediate station on the Victorian Railways System may have their luggage checked and waybilled to their final destination station; or the luggage may be booked to an intermediate station where the journey is to be broken.

7. (a) Luggage may be checked and waybilled from any country or Intersystem station to any suburban station. A ticket to Melbourne only is required.

(b) Luggage may be checked and waybilled from any suburban station to any country or Intersystem station when the passenger holds—

(i) A through ticket for the journey;

(ii) A suburban ticket to Melbourne or the junction station and a ticket from Melbourne or the junction station to the country destination station; or

(iii) A suburban ticket to Melbourne or the junction station and a Travel Order for the ticket from Melbourne or the junction station to the country or Intersystem destination station.

(In the case of a passenger holding a Travel Order the weight of luggage booked at the suburban station must be indicated on such Travel Order and when the Travel Order is exchanged for a ticket the weight is to be shown on the ticket).

If the owner is travelling the same day, the luggage is to be booked at the suburban station, not less than three (3) hours prior to the scheduled time of departure of the country train, but if the owner is travelling by an early morning country train, the luggage is to be booked not later than 9 p.m. the previous evening, on production of the country ticket only. If a suburban ticket to Melbourne or junction station only is presented, the luggage is to be labelled to such metropolitan or junction station from which the country or Intersystem journey is to be commenced, where it must be claimed and re-booked on production of a country or Intersystem ticket to the final destination station.

Intersystem luggage (if a ticket to Melbourne only is produced) shall be waybilled to Spencer Street where it must be claimed and re-booked to the final destination station.

(c) Luggage may be checked and waybilled from a suburban station to any other suburban station or to Melbourne, when the passenger holds a ticket for the journey.

8. Luggage checks are issued for each package of free luggage which a passenger is entitled to carry with him when the quantity is within the free allowance, but luggage checks shall not be issued—

(i) for any articles specified in Clause "1", sub-clause (iii), page 211, which, in limited quantities, passengers are entitled to carry with them without charge;

(ii) for any package when the weight of luggage exceeds the free allowance, except luggage consigned at Commissioners' Risk for local journeys;

(iii) for any article or package in respect of which it is provided that freight shall be paid;

(iv) for Commercial Travellers' Samples or Theatrical paraphernalia;

(v) to stations where there is no official in charge, except on the condition that the passenger claims delivery immediately on arrival of the train, and that if delivery be not taken, luggage will be carried on to the nearest station where there is an official in charge.

It is optional for passengers to require checks for luggage according to these regulations, but should they omit to do so their luggage will be received entirely at their own risk.

Luggage belonging to passengers holding combined rail and road or rail and boat tickets shall be checked to the terminal point of the rail journey only, Mt. Buffalo Chalet excepted.

Luggage checks for luggage shall be issued provided it is lodged thirty (30) minutes or more prior to the scheduled time of departure of the train by which the owner is travelling.

Ordinary luggage checks shall not be issued for luggage consigned at Commissioners' Risk.

9. **Excess Luggage.**—If the quantity exceeds the free allowance, parcels rates on the bulk weight must be prepaid for the excess weight, (7 lb. or under shall not be charged for) and a receipt showing the amount paid, the number of packages, and the destination, shall be given to the passenger. The receiving porter shall affix an "excess" luggage label, also the ordinary luggage label showing the passenger's destination, to each package of luggage. The receipt takes the place of the luggage check or checks in respect of the whole of the passenger's luggage for portion of which excess rates have been paid.

10. **After Luggage Checks are Issued,** or a receipt for excess rates given, for luggage about to be carried, no package may be delivered, even temporarily, at any station, to the owner thereof, unless the check or checks or excess luggage receipt is surrendered.

11. **Delivery at Station.**—Luggage must be delivered at the station not less than thirty minutes before the time fixed for the departure of the train by which the passenger desires the luggage to be carried.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.*General Regulations Regarding Luggage—continued.*

12. **Passengers' Tickets** must be presented to the proper employee of the Commissioners before luggage will be checked or labelled, and if luggage nippers are provided the letter "L" shall be nipped on the tickets, and if special nippers are not provided the letter "L" shall be written on the back of the ticket in ink or indelible pencil.

13. **Passengers should claim their luggage** at the place of destination on arrival of the train and prove the ownership by giving up the numbered check for each article or the receipts for the excess rates that have been paid, or give such other proof of ownership as may be considered necessary.

14. **For all purposes of proving ownership or obtaining delivery of luggage** carried free or at excess rates, the checks issued represent the articles carried free, one check for each, and receipts for excess rates represent the whole of the passenger's luggage, for portion of which excess rates have been paid. Both checks and receipts are transferable, and passengers are not bound personally to deliver their luggage for despatch or take delivery on arrival at their destination station. No employee of the Commissioners is however, authorized to act as an agent of the passengers in collecting checks or "excess" receipts at a station for the purpose of obtaining luggage from the guard, and the passengers, personally or by their agents, must give up the checks or receipts and claim delivery.

15. **Luggage for which Checks or Receipts for Excess Rates have been issued** shall not, except as provided hereunder, be delivered unless such checks or receipts are produced. Any passenger losing his checks or excess receipts will be required, before he can obtain his luggage, to make a statutory declaration to that effect, giving the numbers of the checks and a description of the luggage; also to indemnify the Commissioners against any loss or claim from wrong delivery, and, should the evidence of ownership appear to the Commissioners insufficient, it will be in the power of the Commissioners to detain the said luggage. A charge of 2s. 2d. shall be made in cases where luggage is released on receipt of a statutory declaration on account of luggage checks or excess receipts having been lost.

16. **No employee of the Commissioners** has any authority to undertake charge of or any responsibility in connection with luggage left temporarily at a station unless each package has been booked at the cloak-room charges; or to place luggage in the brake-van at the risk of the Commissioners, or to take any responsibility whatever, unless the luggage has been checked or paid for at excess rates as prescribed in these regulations.

17. **All luggage kept at a station twenty-four (24) hours** after its carriage by railway will be charged cloak-room rates for each package and if unclaimed the luggage will be subject to the conditions of clause I, Cloak Room charges, on page 220.

18. **Passengers' Luggage intended for despatch by rail** which is left at a station more than two hours previous to the time fixed for the departure of the train, shall, unless otherwise authorized, be charged cloak-room rates, shown on page 220, for each package, except that passengers arriving at country stations by road services from outlying places may leave their luggage at Owner's Risk at such station at any time during the day on which the journey is to be commenced without payment of such rates. Passengers must produce their tickets when leaving the luggage.

LICENSED LUGGAGE PORTERS.

Porters are licensed to assist passengers with their luggage at Spencer Street and Flinders Street stations.

Charges.—Each porter shall be entitled to claim and be paid by the person employing him in respect of his services at the following rates, and no more:—

(i) When a single article of luggage only has to be transported	...	...	1s.
(ii) For each additional article	...	...	6d.
(iii) Maximum charge for luggage for any one passenger	...	...	3s.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' SAMPLES**1. Definition—**

Commercial travellers' samples shall mean articles of merchandise for exhibition as samples and not for sale or disposal, consigned by—

- (i) Commercial travellers representing exclusively wholesale firms or companies, who hold a permit issued by the Chief Commercial Manager or a current certificate issued by the Commercial Travellers' Association;
- (ii) Commercial travellers representing combined wholesale and retail firms or companies who have signed an approved undertaking and whose travellers hold a permit from the Chief Commercial Manager or a current certificate issued by the Commercial Travellers' Association; or
- (iii) Commercial travellers canvassing on commission or fixed payment for one or more principals who have duly executed the approved undertaking and hold a permit from the Chief Commercial Manager or a current certificate issued by the Commercial Travellers' Association.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.*Commercial Travellers' Samples—continued.***2. Containers—**

The samples must be contained in approved tins, hampers or leather sample trunks, each weighing not more than 2 cwt., and measuring not more than 30 cubic feet (see clause 3 regarding suit cases).

3. Labelling and Branding—

Each tin, hamper or leather trunk must have the name of the firm or company and home station legibly painted thereon in 2-inch letters and the name of the traveller in 1-inch letters at each end.

In the case of tins and leather trunks a painted space measuring not less than five inches square or a space of similar dimensions enclosed by painted lines shall be provided at one end to accommodate the railway parcels label, to be placed at the right hand corner under the names of the firm or company and traveller.

For the same purpose hampers must be provided with a tin or leather plate of the above dimensions to be attached in the position indicated in the preceding paragraph.

If samples be contained in paper or fabric coverings or suit cases, or other receptacles usually used for personal luggage, or in containers in which articles of merchandise are generally packed, ordinary parcels rates shall be charged, provided that commercial travellers holding the permit or certificate specified in clause 1 may carry not more than two suit cases. If both suit cases be used for the carriage of samples the name of the firm or company and home station and name of traveller must be legibly painted on the side or end of each suit case; if one of the suit cases be used for the carriage of luggage the information regarding name of the firm, &c., is not necessary on the case so used.

Only one suit case containing samples may be taken by the traveller in the compartment in which he is travelling; the second suit case, if used for the carriage of samples, shall be carried in the brake-van.

4. Permits—

Upon production of an authority from the firm or company concerned, the Chief Commercial Manager will issue samples permits, which will be available for the duration of the travellers' tickets in respect of commercial travellers who are not members of the Commercial Travellers' Association engaged in the exclusively wholesale trade, and also in respect of commercial travellers engaged in the combined wholesale and retail trade on the approved undertaking being signed by the principals of the firms or companies which the travellers represent, and the deposit as security of a sum of One hundred pounds, in cases where samples are carried Interstate, and the sum of Fifty pounds in cases where samples are carried in one State only. A deposit of 5s. will be collected on each permit and this deposit less 1s. booking fee will be refunded if the permit be surrendered to the issuing officer during its currency, or within seven days of its expiry. Unless the permit be returned or satisfactorily accounted for another permit will not be issued.

5. Free Allowance—

Commercial travellers who are in possession of permits or certificates (as prescribed in clause 1) holding first class tickets, shall be allowed 2 cwt. of samples free; those who hold second class tickets shall be allowed $1\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. free. Such allowance includes personal luggage.

The same allowance shall be made to assistants travelling with commercial travellers, on production of a permit from the Chief Commercial Manager.

6. Excess Rates.—Table 92.

Commercial travellers holding the following descriptions of periodical tickets may pay for excess samples at the following rates, for the period covered by their tickets, viz.:—

	*Per Cwt.
	£ s. d.
Yearly ticket-holders	19 0 3
Half-yearly ticket-holders	14 3 2
Quarterly ticket-holders	8 4 7

* Any portion of 1 cwt. shall be charged for as 1 cwt.

The maximum weight for any traveller shall be 17 cwt., inclusive of the free allowance, and any excess of this weight shall be charged for at full parcels rates on both the outward and homeward journeys without the imposition of a booking fee.

All samples in excess of the free allowance, or in excess of the weight paid for at the periodical rate, as the case may be, shall be charged for at half parcels rates on the bulk weight (7lb. or under not to be charged for) on the outward and homeward journeys by goods or passenger trains, subject to the prescribed maximum (17 cwt.) for any traveller.

Excess samples may be either prepaid or forwarded "to pay" provided the traveller intimates at the despatching station that he has excess weight to be invoiced and arranges for the samples to be waybilled accordingly. If, however, samples are found in excess at the end of the journey full rates shall be charged.

7. Trains Conveyed by—

The free allowance of samples will be carried by any ordinary passenger train, and, provided there is room in the brake-van, and the train will not be delayed thereby, excess samples may also be forwarded by the same train, otherwise they will be forwarded by a following train. The Commissioners reserve the right to limit the quantity of samples which may be carried by any passenger train if the conditions render it necessary.

Unless otherwise provided, commercial travellers other than half-yearly or yearly ticket-holders must travel by the train by which their samples are carried.

Commercial travellers' samples will be accepted for despatch by Rail Motors only when room is available.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.**Commercial Travellers' Samples—continued.****8. Method of Consigning—**

Samples must be consigned on the prescribed consignment note (P.L.1c) at the parcels office at least 30 minutes before the time fixed for the departure of the passenger train by which the samples are to be conveyed, every information being given as to whether the traveller accompanies them or not.

9. Alternative Rates—

The Commissioners have two rates for the carriage of commercial travellers' samples at either of which rates such samples may be consigned at the senders' option; one the ordinary rate, termed the Commissioners' Risk rate, when the Commissioners take the ordinary liability of a common carrier, the other a lower rate termed the Owner's Risk rate, which is adopted when the sender undertakes or agrees to relieve the Commissioners from all liability in the case of detention, loss, injury, delay or damage, except upon proof that such detention, loss, injury, delay or damage arose through the wilful misconduct of the Commissioners' servants.

The rates chargeable for the carriage by passenger or goods train of commercial travellers' samples consigned at the Commissioners' Risk rate are the General Parcels Rates specified on page 223, Table 94. Samples accepted for free carriage or at the excess rates specified in clause 6 of these regulations are carried at Owner's Risk.

10. Break of Journey—

Commercial travellers holding all lines or sectional periodical tickets for the journey may book their excess samples through on a straight "up" or "down" route (but not for circular journeys), and the journey may be broken for a period not exceeding fourteen days. A receipt (on the prescribed Break-of-Journey Note) for the charges, which must be prepaid, and on which shall be shown the stations at which the journey will be broken, shall be issued to the traveller at the original despatching station. A duplicate of the Break-of-Journey Note shall be forwarded by the issuing station to the Chief Commercial Manager, with the weekly return, and the original shall be handed to the traveller and shall be collected and forwarded to the Chief Commercial Manager by the station waybilling the samples to the final destination. At stations where the journey is broken, the samples shall be re-weighed. They shall be waybilled through to the final destination by the station where they are originally consigned, the remark "journey broken" made on the waybill and the waybill signed by the waybilling clerk. The samples shall also be waybilled to the first station at which the journey is broken, and the traveller shall sign for his samples at each station where he breaks the journey when taking delivery, and on presenting the samples again for transmission shall hand the consignment note to the Stationmaster, who will issue a separate parcels waybill for the next stage of the journey.

Charges shall be computed separately for branch lines.

Samples shall not be booked from one main line to another when the journey is being broken at Melbourne. If it be intended to break the journey at Melbourne, the samples must be booked to that station and re-booked when resuming the journey.

11. Cloak Room Privileges—

Where any samples are deposited in any cloak room the ordinary cloak room charges and conditions specified in the regulations relating to cloak room charges shall apply, provided that no charge shall be imposed on any samples deposited by commercial travellers if such samples be removed within forty-eight hours in the case of holders of yearly and half-yearly tickets, or in the case of holders of other tickets, within twenty-four hours from the time when the same are deposited as aforesaid, and that the samples remain during the period covered by such free cloak room storage at Owner's Risk.

12. Sample Machines—

The commercial travellers' sample privileges are only granted in respect of machines such as bicycles, typewriters, cash registers, bacon slicers, &c., when a special permit from the Chief Commercial Manager is held. A permit will not be issued entitling a commercial traveller to carry more than two such machines.

These permits are issued at the discretion of the Chief Commercial Manager in *bona fide* cases where an approved undertaking is furnished that the machines are to be carried for exhibition as samples only.

The permit must be presented on each occasion the articles are consigned.

The weight of the articles, which must be suitably cased, shall be included in the prescribed luggage allowance.

13. Samples not to be disposed of—

These regulations apply to goods used *bona fide* as samples. If the goods, or any portion of them, be sold, or otherwise disposed of, except as provided hereunder, ordinary parcels rates shall be charged on the weight originally consigned, and if any samples be not booked in accordance with these regulations, they shall be charged full parcels rates.

Provided, however, that a commercial traveller may declare to the local Stationmaster his intention to dispose of certain samples, and a representative of a publishing firm may declare his intention to leave sample books and/or catalogues with customers. In such event the Stationmaster shall weigh such samples, books and/or catalogues, and charge full parcels rates on the weight for the mileage that the samples, books and/or catalogues have been carried from the original despatching station to the point of disposal. Debit shall be raised by a paid parcels waybill to Spencer Street, a copy of which, together with full particulars, is to be immediately furnished to the Chief Commercial Manager.

If samples, books and/or catalogues are disposed of without notification having first been made to the Stationmaster at the place where the goods are disposed of, ordinary parcels rates shall be charged on the weight originally consigned.

14. Tickets to be held to entitle to Commercial Travellers' privileges—

The benefit of these regulations shall not apply to the holders of cheap excursion, or any other form of concession tickets, but shall apply to the holders of single, ordinary return and periodical tickets, which must be produced with the consignment note.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

Commercial Travellers' Samples—continued.

15. Samples not to be opened on Railway premises—

The opening of samples by commercial travellers in railway luggage or parcels rooms or Goods sheds for the purpose of repacking samples or abstracting or adding to the contents of receptacles shall not be allowed.

CLOAK-ROOM CHARGES—Table 93.

1. (i) The charges for the custody of parcels, luggage, &c., deposited in Cloak-rooms, shall be as follows:—

For the day of lodging and for one clear day thereafter—		s. d.
Each package, bicycle, perambulator or invalid's chair	... ..	0 11
Each motor cycle (a) or side car	... ..	3 3

For additional days—

Each package, bicycle, perambulator or invalid's chair—

Days	Amount	Days	Amount	Days	Amount	Days	Amount
	s. d.		s. d.		s. d.		s. d.
1	0 11	8	3 10	15	6 5	22	8 11
2	1 10	9	4 4	16	6 9	23	9 3
3	2 6	10	4 9	17	7 1	24	9 5
4	2 8	11	4 11	18	7 6	25	9 10
5	2 10	12	5 4	19	7 11	26	10 4
6	3 3	13	5 8	20	8 2	27	10 7
7	3 6	14	6 1	21	8 5	28	10 11
							then 5d. per day or part of a day thereafter.
					s. d.		
Each motor cycle* (a) or side car					... ..	3 3 per day	

* Applicable also to Auto Cycles and Motor Scooters.

(a) The provisions of By-law No. 351, section 59, must be complied with.

(ii) Holidays shall be charged for as working days at all stations, and Sundays shall be charged for as working days at places where Cloak-rooms are open on Sundays.

(iii) A charge shall be imposed for each individual article or package, except that the prescribed cloak-room fees shown in Clause (i) shall cover one case, bag, portmanteau, or other luggage container with or without a rug, coat or cushion, or small parcel, securely attached thereto. A package is deemed to be one or more articles wholly or securely enclosed in a covering of paper, canvas, leather, &c., or a number of articles such as a rug, coat, or cushion enclosed in one of such articles and tied in a compact bundle.

Umbrellas, tennis racquets, and walking sticks must be detached, and a separate ticket issued for each article in every instance.

(iv) Motor cycles with side cars attached, trotting sulkies and fruit or fish barrows or other similar cumbersome articles, shall not under any conditions be accepted for storage in Cloak-rooms.

2. Persons depositing articles in the Cloak-room must pay the prescribed charges to the Officer-in-charge, who will issue a separate ticket for each article lodged indicating the amount paid, and attach the duplicate portion of the ticket to the article. Articles must not be accepted unless the charges are prepaid. The article shall be delivered on production of the ticket issued to the depositor, and on payment of any overtime charges that may be due. Before delivery is effected, the applicant shall, if necessary, be asked to describe the article.

In any instance in which a depositor desires to obtain possession of any portion of the contents of a package, the Cloak-room ticket issued to him shall be collected, and another ticket issued and charged for as a fresh deposit.

3. If the Cloak-room ticket be lost, the depositor will require to make and produce a statutory declaration on form P.L.92, and furnish a description of the article or a detailed statement of the contents if it be a package, whereupon delivery will be given on payment of any charges due and a fee of 2s. 2d.

4. The Commissioners' liability in respect of the loss of or injury to any article or package shall not exceed the sum of £10, whatever may be the actual value of such article or package, unless at the time of receiving any article or package exceeding in value the sum of £10 the value and nature thereof shall have been declared in writing by the person delivering the same to the Commissioners, and the sum of 1d. per £1 per day be paid in addition to the other charges.

When the additional charge is imposed at stations where Cloak-room books are in use the additional charge must be shown separately on the ticket issued and the word "Insurance" added.

5. See page 202 re sale of unclaimed property.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.*Cloak-room Charges—continued.***6. Monthly Cloak-room fees for Bicycles—**

- (i) Holders of periodical tickets (including weekly tickets) shall be charged 5s. 4d. per month for the storage of a bicycle.
- (ii) School pupils under 18 years and employees of The Victorian Railways Commissioners holding periodical tickets shall be charged 2s. 8d. per month for the storage of a bicycle, on production of certificate P.L.89A duly completed.
- (iii) A card monthly cloak-room bicycle ticket on which the number of the bicycle must be entered shall be issued when the monthly bicycle storage fee is paid.
- (iv) These fees cover storage of bicycle at the issuing station only.
- (v) All monthly cloak-room tickets for bicycles shall expire at the end of a calendar month and may be renewed three days prior to expiry.
- (vi) The Commissioners' liability in respect of the loss of or injury to any bicycle for which a Monthly cloak-room bicycle ticket is issued, shall not exceed the sum of Ten Pounds (£10), whatever may be the actual value of such bicycle.

A depositor who desires the Commissioners to assume a liability exceeding the sum of Ten Pounds (£10) in respect of loss of or injury to a bicycle deposited by him shall pay the surcharge shown in clause 4 above.

- (vii) No liability shall be accepted by the Commissioners for any bicycle said to have been stolen, which was not, when the bicycle was deposited, equipped with a lock, which was locked by the depositor to prevent free movement.
- (viii) No liability shall be accepted by the Commissioners for the loss of or injury to any spare part, accessory, or other attachment, such as a pump, toolbag and contents, lamp of any kind, overcoat, cape, or any other article said to have been attached to any bicycle.

7. Free Cloak-room storage at owner's risk is allowed as under:—

(i) Members of Parliament (but not a Member's family)	Luggage
(ii) Employees on annual leave	Luggage
(iii) Members of the relieving staff on duty	Luggage
(iv) Commercial travellers or others holding yearly or half-yearly all lines or country sectional tickets	Luggage or samples, 48 hours*†
(v) Commercial travellers not holding yearly or half-yearly all lines or country sectional tickets	Luggage and samples, 24 hours*†
(vi) Periodical ticket-holders whose tickets include "Motor cycle"	Motor cycle, 24 hours*
(vii) Through passengers waiting at a junction station for the first connecting train	Luggage
(viii) Passengers arriving by train	Brake-van luggage only, 24 hours*. Date of receipt to be recorded.
(ix) Perambulators and go-carts at entraining stations in the suburban area	Only on the day deposited at the entraining station. If not taken delivery of on the same day as that on which deposited at the entraining station, ordinary cloak-room charges shall apply.

A free cloak-room ticket shall be issued in each case except in respect of articles specified in clause (viii).

8. When free storage of any bicycle is granted no liability shall be accepted by the Commissioners for loss of or injury to the bicycle nor for the loss of or injury to any spare part, accessory or other attachment such as a pump, tool bag and contents, lamp of any kind, overcoat, cape or any other article said to have been attached to any bicycle.

* The charges in accordance with the scales shown in clause 1, page 220, shall be imposed after the expiration of the period mentioned.

† Commercial Travellers holding a current certificate issued by the Commercial Travellers' Association or the Departmental Samples Permit shall be allowed free cloak-room from Friday till 6 a.m. on Tuesday.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.**2. PARCELS THE FREIGHT CHARGES ON WHICH ARE NOT PREPAID BY STAMPS.**

- (a) The rates shown in Table 94, page 223, with a booking fee of 25 per cent. added, minimum 7d., maximum 2s. 8d., shall, unless otherwise provided, see sub-clauses (b), (c) and (d), be imposed on parcels the freight charges on which are not prepaid by parcels freight stamps.

Victorian parcels freight stamps are stocked at Tocumwal for use in connection with parcels traffic to Victorian stations. The booking fee instructions apply to parcels traffic between Tocumwal and stations on the Victorian Railways System.

- (b) The additional charge (Booking fee) shown in sub-clause (a) shall not be imposed, neither shall parcels freight stamps be used, for the following traffic:—
- (i) Traffic from an unattended station at which parcels freight stamps are not stocked.
 - (ii) Intersystem traffic.
 - (iii) Any single package, including motor cycles, on which the freight charges exceed 30s.
 - (iv) Traffic to or from Cowes and Tankerton, page 238; or Black Rock, clause 3 hereunder.
 - (v) Articles, viz., perambulators, go-carts, bicycles, &c., charged for at the accompanied rate.
 - (vi) Milk or cream in cans, singly or in numbers.
 - (vii) Excess luggage or excess commercial travellers' samples.
- (c) In respect to perishable and other consignments the freight charges on which are calculated on the bulk weight, parcels freight stamps must not be used and the booking fee shall be imposed only on "to pay" consignments.
- (d) Fresh fruit, cantaloups and tomatoes (in cases or cartons not exceeding 30lb., 60lb., and 100lb. respectively)—The booking fee shall not be imposed on fruit, cantaloups, and tomatoes (fresh) in cases or cartons charged for at the "case" rate, see page 230.
- (e) In respect of consignments on which the freight is—
- (i) Prepaid by Government or other authorized warrant or voucher; or
 - (ii) Debited to an authorized credit account or cash deposit,
- the booking fee shall apply, subject to the exceptions prescribed in sub-clauses (b), (c) and (d) above.

3. CARRIAGE OF PARCELS BY DEPARTMENTAL ROAD MOTOR SERVICE BETWEEN SANDRINGHAM AND BLACK ROCK.

Parcels, including Newspapers*, etc., maximum 1 cwt., may be accepted for carriage between Sandringham and Black Rock. The Parcels depot at Black Rock is conducted by Mr. G. Smith, 24-36 Bluff Road, Black Rock, to whom parcels are delivered.

Rates.—The parcels mileage rates to and from Sandringham, plus the following surcharge, shall apply:—

For each package—	Surcharge.
Not exceeding 56 lb. 	7d.
Over 56 lb. but not exceeding 112 lb. 	1s. 1d.

Inward Parcels.—The through freight charges shall be prepaid.

Outward Parcels.—The freight charges shall be made "to pay", all waybilling to be performed at Sandringham station.

Through parcels waybills shall be used, the booking fee shall not apply, and the surcharge shall be shown separately under "Road Motor" proportion.

Parcels freight stamps must not be used on Inward or Outward parcels.

* Newspapers.—The freight charges for newspapers and magazines railed from Melbourne are debited by the Chief Commercial Manager direct to the Newspaper proprietors concerned and these publications will therefore not be stamped or waybilled.

4. CARRIAGE OF PARCELS ON LINES ON WHICH THERE IS ONLY A GOODS TRAIN SERVICE.

Parcels consigned to or from any station served only by a goods train shall be charged parcels rates for the through journey to the destination station.

5. PERISHABLE CONSIGNMENTS CHARGED FOR AT REDUCED RATE.

- (i) Computation and prepayment of freight.

With the exception of butter, cheese, fruit, (fresh, pulped or dried), and rabbits, dead (fresh, chilled or frozen), the freight shall be prepaid, otherwise the articles shall not be accepted for carriage. However, if it be known that the consignee has a parcels credit account at the receiving station, freight charges may be made "to pay" at the reduced rate, plus the booking fee unless otherwise provided.

Bulk Weight.—The freight charges shall be calculated on the bulk weight of the consignment (whether consisting of one or more commodities), when consigned at one station at the same time from one consignor to one consignee at the same destination station.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

The name of the perishable commodity or commodities must be indicated on the package and waybill, and packages which also contain other than the authorized perishable articles shall not be accepted for carriage at the reduced rates.

Booking fee on perishable consignments, see page 224, clause 2.

(ii) Loading and Unloading.

The rates for perishables, including milk in cans, do not include loading or unloading, in which the consignors and consignees or their employees must assist if required, and in default of such assistance, if required, ordinary parcels rates shall be charged.

(iii) Misdescription.

The receiving station shall impose double ordinary parcels rates on any consignment way-billed at the reduced rate, which it has been ascertained does not wholly contain authorized perishable articles.

6. MINIMUM CHARGES FOR PARCELS—Table 95.

	Minimum Charge.
Newspapers, single copies excepted, see page 231	5d.
Stereotype plates and matrix and linotype slugs	5d.
Flowers (fresh)	1s. 0d.
Meat (fresh, cooked, or salted) and Bread, except bread not over 4lb. for distances not exceeding 25 miles, see page 226	1s. 0d.
Perishable parcels charged for at a reduced rate, unless otherwise provided	1s. 3d.
Homing Pigeons—for race meetings or training purposes, see page 233	1s. 0d.

7. COMPUTATION OF CHARGES.

Unless otherwise provided each package shall be charged for separately, provided that two or more small parcels for the same owner compactly and securely tied together shall be charged for as one package.

8. LIMITATION OF SIZE.

The special authority of the Chief Traffic Manager shall be first obtained in respect of the carriage of any package weighing more than 3 cwt., or measuring more than 36 cubic feet.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

9. VICTORIAN CLASSIFICATION OF PARCELS FOR LOCAL OR INTER-SYSTEM JOURNEYS.

Abbreviations—

Rate

Full	} Indicates	...	Full Parcels Rates.
Quarter		...	One-quarter, one-third, one-half, or two-thirds of full Parcels Rates, as the case may be, subject to full minimum charges.
One-third		...	
Half		...	
Two-thirds		...	
Full + 50%		...	Full Parcels Rates, plus 50 per cent.
Double	...	Double Full Parcels Rates.	
N.O.S.	...	Not otherwise specified.	

Article.	Rate.	Article.	Rate.
A.		Birds, live, (other than poultry, homing and utility pigeons and squabs)	Full + 50%
Admeasurement packages, i.e., which are bulky in proportion to their weight	Full + 50%	Birds, live, consigned to gun clubs	Full
Advertising matter (Commercial), including show cases and enamel plates, for display on Railways premises and consigned to the Railways Advertising Division	Quarter	Birds, for certain Institutions ...	See page 256
Advertising plates ...	See page 231	Boats, not exceeding 8 ft. in length (k) ...	9d. per mile, minimum 40s.
Ambulance stretchers ...	Full, (c) & (d)	Boats, Rover, compactly folded, accompanying passenger ...	(b) Half
Animals—		Bone, green cut ...	(a) Half
Small ...	See page 256	Books ...	See page 233
Small, and reptiles and birds for certain Institutions	See page 256	Boxes, hat ...	Full + 50%
Articles, fragile, or bulky in proportion to their weight	Full + 50%	Bread ...	(a) Half
Ashes of cremated human remains	(b) Double	Bread, Local traffic, consignments for distances not exceeding 25 miles—	
		Not over 4 lb. ...	6d.
B.		Bulbs, flower ...	Full
Bacon ...	(a) Half	Butter ...	(a) Half
Bait for fishing ...	(a) Half	Butterine ...	(a) Half
Bank notes ...	See page 235	Butchers' Small Goods, including cooked meats, dripping, frankfurts, heads and feet, puddings (black or white), saveloys	(a) Half
Barometers ...	Full + 50%	C.	
Basinettes, folded and accompanying passengers	(b) Half	Cages, wire ...	Full + 50%
Baskets (babies') accompanied ...	See page 234	Cake, wedding ...	Full + 50%
Baskets (hawkers') ...	Returned empty rate, page 232	" N.O.S. ...	(a) Half
Baskets (pigeon), in which homing pigeons have previously been forwarded by rail	Full + 50%	" containers returned ...	See page 232
Baskets, in bundles or loose ...	Full + 50%	Cameras ...	Full + 50%
Basketware ...	Full + 50%	Canoes ...	see Boats
Bath Heaters—		Cantaloups ...	(a) Half (f)
Cased ...	Full	Casein ...	Full
Uncased ...	Full + 50%	Cash Registers—	
Bicycles ...	See page 239	Cased ...	Full
Rims ...	Full	Uncased ...	Full + 50%
Wheels and Frames ...	Full + 50% (e)	Catering Equipment, such as cutlery, crockeryware, glassware, trestles and timber for temporary tables returned from functions to sending station within one week from close of function	Half
with more seats than one with auto wheel attached with extra parts attached	See page 241		

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

Classification of Parcels—continued.

Article.	Rate.	Article.	Rate.
Chairs, invalids'	See page 241	Flowers, artificial	Full + 50%
„ push (collapsible)	See page 240	„ cut, fresh	(a) Half
„ deck, folding	Full	„ dried	Full
„ „ „ accompanying steamship pas- sengers only	Free, as luggage (a) Half	„ for various Missions and Hospitals	See page 234
Cheese	(a) Half	„ boxes, returned empty	Returned empty rate
China	Full + 50%	Flower Stands or Baskets (wire)	Full + 50%
Clocks—		Fragile articles	Full + 50%
In cases or cartons	Full	Frize, (solidified cooking oil) ...	(a) Half
N.O.S.	Full + 50%	Fruit, fresh, including Tomatoes and Berry Fruit... ..	(a) Half (f)
Coffin Containers, returned empty	(a) Half	Fruit, pulped or dried	(a) Half
Coffins	Full + 50%	Furniture (except ambulance stretchers, folding deck chairs, and wire mattresses)	Full + 50%
Coins, copper	See page 235		
Corpses	See page 234	G.	
Cowes, steamer traffic	See page 238	Game (dead)	(a) Half
Cream, see Milk Rates, clause (v), page 233	(a) Half	Glass	Full + 50%
Crumpets	(a) Half	Go-carts	See pages 239-240
Cuttings, not growing in soil ...	(a) Half	Go-carts (collapsible)	See page 241
D.		Go-karts (motorised)	See page 235
Despatches, newspaper corres- pondents'	Free	Gold coin and bullion	See page 240
Dogs	See page 257	Golf buggies	Full
Dress stands	Full + 50%	Goods, not otherwise specified ...	Full
Dripping	(a) Half	Gramophone Records—	
E.		N.O.S.	Full + 50%
Egg fruit	Full	In steel or wooden containers	Full
Eggs, N.O.S.	(a) Half	Grass	(a) Half
Eggs for hatching	Full	Guinea Pigs	Full
Egg pulp	(a) Half		
Empty containers returned ...	See page 232	H.	
F.		Ham... ..	(a) Half
Feathers	Full + 50%	Handcarts, small	Full + 50%
Ferns, (other than tree, staghorn, and elkhorn) not growing in soil	(a) Half	Hares (dead)	(a) Half
Ferrets, crated	Full	Hares (live)	See page 256
Films or discs, Cinematograph ...	See page 234	Hats—	
Fish	See page 238	Felt or cloth, nested and packed in strong cardboard contain- ers marked "Not Fragile"	Full
„ fresh, including Shell Fish and Oysters in bags or baskets	(a) Half	Hoods (felt hat shapes)	Full
„ smoked, salted, dried or cured	(a) Half	Berets, cloth or wool	Full
„ Traps (wire)	Full + 50%	Caps, cloth	Full
„ in cans for liberation	Full + 50%	N.O.S.	Full + 50%
„ Cans (fish acclimatization) returned empty	See page 234	Honey	(a) Half
„ baskets returned empty	Returned empty rate	Horses	See page 253

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Classification of Parcels—continued.

Article.	Rate.	Article.	Rate.
I.		N.	
Ice (in waterproof cases) (g) ...	(a) Quarter	Newspapers	See page 231
Ice, dry	(a) Quarter	Newspaper correspondents' despatches	Free
Ice Cream, packed as under:—		Notes, Bank	See page 235
(i) In canvas containers or cardboard cartons with dry ice	(a) Half	Nuts, edible	(a) Half
(ii) In wooden or metal containers with dry or wet ice...	(a) One-third	O.	
Ice Cream Mixture (liquid) ...	(a) One-third	Olives, fresh (produce of the Commonwealth)	(a) Half (f)
Incubators	Full	" N. O. S.	Full
K.		Oysters, tinned or bottled ...	Full
Kapok	Full + 50%	" fresh, in bags or baskets	(a) Half
L.		P.	
Laminex, in cases or crates ...	Full	Pastry	(a) Half
" N.O.S.	Full + 50%	Perambulators	See page 239
Lantern Slides, on hire	See Addenda	" packed with luggage	Full + 50%
Lard... ..	(a) Half	Photographs, press for publication, at owner's risk	(b) Quarter
Leaves, green	(a) Half	Pictures	Full + 50%
Leaves, processed	Full	" without frames or glass, when securely packed and protected	Full
Letters, consignors' or consignees'	See page 233	Picture Mouldings... ..	Full + 50%
Life Buoys, for Royal Humane Society of Victoria	Free	" Frames	Full + 50%
Life Saving Reels	Full	Pigeons, Homing and Utility ...	See page 233
Linotype Slugs	(b) Quarter	" dead	(a) Half
Luggage	See page 210	" N.O.S.	Full
M.		Plants, including tomato, tobacco, vegetable and flower seedlings—	
Margarine	(a) Half	not growing in soil	(a) Half
Mattresses, wire	Full	growing in soil	Full
Meat, fresh, cooked or salted ...	(a) Half	Plastic articles, which are bulky in proportion to their weight ...	Full + 50%
" dried or tinned	Full	Porcelain	Full + 50%
Meat Safes, loose	Full + 50%	Poultry, live	Full
Medicines, (Medicines in bottles must be securely packed and marked "With care.")	Full	Poultry, dead, fresh, chilled or frozen	(a) Half
Melons, water or rock	(a) Half (f)	Printed matter for Commonwealth Departments	See Stationery
" jam	Full	R.	
Milk, fresh, in cans	See page 232	Rabbits, dead, fresh, chilled or	
" fresh, in bottles (see clause (v) page 233, Milk Rates)	(a) Half	" frozen	(a) Half
" Concentrated liquid	(a) Half	" live	See page 256
" Powdered	Full	" skins	Full
" Test boxes	See page 233	Rams	See page 256
Millinery	Full + 50%	Rat Traps, wire	Full + 50%
Mineral Water	Full	Relief Associations, goods for ...	See Addenda
Mirrors	Full + 50%	Returned empties... ..	See page 232
Moss, for floral purposes... ..	(a) Half	Rhubarb roots	Full
Motor cycles*	See page 241	Rocking horses	Full + 50%
Mowers, lawn	Full		
" motorised*	Full		
Mudguards (motor)—			
Uncreated	Full + 50%		
Crated	Full		
Mushrooms	(a) Half		
Musical Instruments	Full + 50%		
Music Rolls	See Addenda		
Mussels, same rates as Oysters ...			

* The provisions of By-law 351, section 59, must be complied with. Form P.L. 1B to be used.

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Classification of Parcels—continued.

Article.	Rate.	Article.	Rate.
S.		V.	
Samples (Commercial Travellers')	See pages 216, 248	Vegetables (i) in bags, cases or crates, consisting of—	
Sausages, fresh	(a) Half	Asparagus	(a) Half
Semen, deep frozen	Full	Beans (green)	
Sewing Machines or Stands—		Brussels Sprouts	
packed in wooden boxes	Full	Cabbages	
unpacked	Full + 50%	Cauliflowers	
Sheep (crated)	See page 256	Cucumbers	
Shoppers	See page 240	Celery	
Show Exhibits	See page 242	Cress	
Side Cars	See page 241	Lettuce	
Silver Coin and Bullion	See page 235	Parsley	
Small Goods, Butchers'	(a) Half	Peas (green)	
Stationery and printed matter, forwarded from the Commonwealth Government Printer, Canberra or Melbourne, to any Commonwealth Department	* Two-thirds	Radish	
Stereotype Plates and Matrix	(b) Quarter	Rhubarb	
Sulkies, Trotting	See page 231	Spinach	
		Spring Onions	
		Sweet Corn	
T.		Vegetables (i), in bags, cases, or crates, not likely to deteriorate quickly, including the following, viz:—	
Television Sets (j)	Full + 50%	Artichokes	Full
Theatrical Scenery and Luggage	See page 236	Beet	
Thermometers	Full + 50%	Carrots	
Tomatoes	See Fruit	Chokos	
Toys—		Egg Fruit	
(i) fragile or bulky in proportion to weight, such as—	Full + 50%	Eschalots	
Motor cars, push-carts, railway engines, flivvers, see-saws, trolleys, perambulators, animals on wheels or stands	(Also see page 240)	Garlic	
(ii) not bulky in proportion to weight, securely packed and not marked "Fragile", such as cricket sets, &c.	Full	Leeks	
Dolls' perambulators	See page 240	Marrows	
Trailers, with Motor Cycle	See page 241	Melons, jam	
Trees and shrubs, including roses, whether growing in soil or not	Full	Onions (except spring onions)	
Tricycles, for adults, see page 241	Double bicycle rate	Pumpkins	
" children's	See page 240	Parsnips	
Type, set up	(b) Quarter	Potatoes	
Typewriters—		Turnips	
Cased	Full	Squash	
Uncased	Full + 50%		
U.		W.	
Umbrellas	Full	Wattle blossom and branches	(a) Half
		Wheels, for trotting sulkies	Full + 50%
		Window Sashes	Full + 50%
		Wickerwork	Full + 50%

* If two or more packages are despatched to one consignee the charges shall be computed on the bulk weight.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

Classification of Parcels—continued.

Article.	Rate.	Article.	Rate.
Wireless— Sets and fragile parts, such as loud speakers and valves Batteries and other non-fragile accessories (see page 203) ...	Full + 50%	Wreaths, made of fresh cut flowers Wreaths, artificial... ..	Full + 50% Full + 50%
Wool specimens, donated to Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	Full Free	Y.	
Wreathings, green (for decorative purposes)	(a) Half	Yeast (liquid yeast shall only be accepted in secure containers packed in bags)	(a) Half
Wreathings (paper)	Full		

Notes.

(a) Freight must be prepaid, fruit (fresh, pulped or dried), butter, cheese, and rabbits (dead, fresh, chilled or frozen) excepted.

If two or more packages are despatched by the one sender to the one consignee, the freight charges shall be computed on the bulk weight.

(b) Freight must be prepaid.

(c) The following charges shall be made for the use by passengers travelling by rail of the Railways Department's ambulance stretchers and equipment, such charges to be taken to debit by the issue of a single excess fare ticket, which must be handed to the passenger or his attendant, and shall be collected at the destination station and dealt with in the prescribed manner. The charges cover the return of the stretcher and equipment:—

Stretcher only 10s. 7d.
Stretcher and bedding... .. 21s. 2d.

(d) Private ambulance stretcher and equipment—

When accompanying passenger by rail shall be carried free.

When forwarded for the conveyance of a rail passenger or when returned to the original station, full parcels rates shall be charged.

(e) Subject to the unaccompanied bicycle rate as a maximum, provided that the parts in any one package are not more than for one machine.

(f) (i) Berry fruits forwarded between Victorian stations—

Single tins not exceeding 14lb. in weight—half parcels rates, minimum 1s. 3d., subject to a maximum rate of 2s. 8d. per tin, irrespective of distance.

If the freight charges be not prepaid by freight stamps the booking fee shall be added.

In wooden cases or cartons—same as fresh fruit and tomatoes in cases.

(ii) Fruit, including cantaloups and tomatoes, fresh, in wooden cases or cartons, shall be charged half parcels rates, minimum 1s. 3d., subject to the following maximum charges—

	Per case, irrespective of distance.	} No booking fee.
Half case (not exceeding 30 lb.)	2s. 2d.	
Full case (not exceeding 60 lb.)	4s. 4d.	
½ bushel case (not exceeding 100 lb.)... ..	5s. 10d.	

The freight may be "prepaid" or "to pay," but the freight charges when calculated at half parcels rates, plus the booking fee, shall not exceed the "case" rate.

Any case exceeding 100 lb. shall not be entitled to the "case" rate, but shall be charged half parcels rates, minimum 1s. 3d.

(g) Ice may also be accepted in bags provided that, in order to prevent leakage, it is packed with sawdust on all sides of the ice, so that no portion of the ice is in contact with the bag.

(h) Sulkies, trotting, shall be charged as follows:—

(i) Set up, loaded in same van as horse, 4d. per mile, minimum 4s. 4d. each,

(ii) Set up, loaded on a wagon, goods train vehicle rate,

(iii) Dismantled, in brake-van, parcels rates plus 50%. Sulkies shall not be accepted for conveyance in the brake-van unless dismantled (wheels off and securely fastened to seat) excepting by special race trains, when the charge is 4d. per mile; minimum 4s. 4d. each.

(iv) Trotting Sulkies which have accompanied trotting horses and have been used in connection with race meetings are to be charged half tariff rate on the return journey.

(i) Vegetables—The kind of vegetable must be described on waybills.

(j) Television Sets—The conditions of clause 1, page 198, shall apply in respect of valves, picture tubes, and glass viewing panels.

Intersystem traffic—the conditions of clause 4, page 246, shall apply in respect of the cabinet and other accessories.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

Classification of Parcels—continued.

(k) Boats and canoes exceeding 8 feet in length shall not be accepted for carriage by passenger train. When motorised boats not more than 8 ft. in length are accepted the provisions of By-law 351, section 59, must be compiled with.

10. NEWSPAPER PARCELS RATES.—Table 96.

(i) Newspapers and supplements, which have been registered with the Commonwealth Postmaster-General's Department for transmission by post as a newspaper, also periodicals and magazines published at intervals of not more than one month, shall be carried, subject to the unmentioned conditions, at the following rates:—

(ii) These rates shall not apply to packages unless the packages are open at the ends so that the contents may be readily ascertained.

(iii) Freight must be prepaid.

(iv) The rates are—

Parcels containing—	Shall be charged—
Newspapers, Supplements, Periodicals†, and newspapers returned unsold to publishers, also magazines forwarded by the Australian Red Cross Society within Victoria	One-quarter of the stamped (prepaid) Parcel rates for each parcel (Table 94, page 223), minimum 5d.
Single copies of a newspaper	2d each, for any distance.
Advertising plates forwarded by the proprietors of Melbourne journals to country stations	1s. 2d. each, for any distance.
Single copies of a newspaper from one newspaper proprietor to another and Despatches of newspaper correspondents	shall be carried free.

† Paper covered novels, value not more than 2s., when forwarded in the same package as magazines or periodicals, shall be charged the same rate as newspapers.

Newspapers other than those specified above shall be charged full parcels rates.

(v) Parcels of newspapers forwarded to Albury shall be charged at the Victorian rates for the mileage to Albury.

11. RETURNED EMPTY CONTAINERS—Table 97.

(i) Empty containers of all descriptions, unless otherwise provided and subject to the conditions shown in sub-clause (ii), which were carried full on the forward journey at passenger train rates, may be returned to the original forwarding station by passenger train at the following rates, subject to full parcels rates as a maximum charge:—

	For distances not exceeding— Miles				Each additional 100 miles or part thereof
	50	101	200	300	
Empty containers, not otherwise specified—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Not exceeding 28 lb. ...	0 7	0 9	1 2	1 8	0 7
For each additional 28 lb. or part thereof ...	0 7	0 9	1 2	1 8	0 7
Ice Cream Containers ...	1 0	1 3	2 2	2 10	0 11

Each empty container shall be charged for separately.

Returned empty metal coffin containers shall be charged half parcels rates.

Returned crates containing empty milk bottles shall be charged the "Returned Empty Container" rates.

Returned empty containers, in bundles, shall be charged half parcels rates, unless cheaper to charge for each container separately.

The charge for the return of empty containers specified hereunder shall be added to the freight for the carriage of the full containers on the forward journey and included in the debit on the outward waybill, viz:—

Empty Ice Cream Containers ...	...	Consigned on forward journey by—
Empty Vaccine Boxes ...	...	Peters' Ice Cream (Vic.) Ltd.
Empty Berry Fruit Containers ...	...	Department of Health.
		Growers at Wandin, Mount Evelyn and Seville.
Empty Fish Containers (Canvas) ...	...	Processed Fish Distributors Pty. Ltd.
Empty Pie Containers... ..	...	Wedgwood Pies.

(ii) Except where otherwise provided, returned empty containers shall not be accepted for carriage as such unless—

(a) they have, when full, been charged passenger train rates for a similar forward journey. Any empty container which has been sent on the forward journey by boat, road, or any means other than by rail shall, if forwarded by rail on the backward journey, be charged full parcels rates;

(b) they are open and unlocked for inspection;

(c) the freight is prepaid.

(iii) Empty containers which are not *bona fide* returned empty containers may be accepted "co pay" at parcels rates only when the value of the empty container exceeds the amount of the freight charge.

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12. MILK RATES—Table 98.

(i) Milk in cans at owner's risk forwarded freight prepaid or to pay shall be charged as under:—

Miles	Per Can (a)		
	100 lb. (30 quarts)	126 lb. (40 quarts)	160 lb. (50 quarts)
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1 to 15	1 2	1 7	2 2
16 to 30	2 2	2 4	2 9
31 to 50	2 9	3 3	3 9
51 to 70	3 6	3 9	4 11
71 to 100	4 9	4 10	5 10
101 to 150	4 11	4 11	6 6
151 to 200	5 8	5 10	7 6
201 to 300	6 9	7 0	8 4
301 to 400	7 4	7 11	9 5

or, when cheaper, at half parcels rates, minimum 1s. 3d.

(a) When a can of milk is only partly filled a lower "can" rate appropriate to the actual weight shall be charged for, subject to half parcels rates as a maximum e.g., a 50-quarts can, if only partly filled and weighing over 100 lb. but less than 126 lb., shall be charged the 126 lb. (40 quarts) rate.

(ii) In such cases as may be determined by the Commissioners, milk forwarded by passenger trains may be charged goods rates.

(iii) Milk forwarded by mixed or goods trains on branch lines, thence by passenger or mixed trains on main lines shall be charged passenger train rates for the whole distance, unless otherwise provided.

(iv) Sample Milk Test Boxes shall be charged milk rates when full, and Returned Empty Container rates on the return journey.

(v) When waybilling milk or cream, on the forward journey, the charge for the return of the empty container (see page 232) shall be added to the freight for the carriage of the full container and included in the debit on the outward waybill. The empty container is to be returned free to the original forwarding station, and so waybilled.

(vi) When milk is charged goods rates on the forward journey, in accordance with clause (ii) hereof, the returned empty cans shall be charged the returned empty goods rates (see Goods Rates Book) whether sent by passenger or goods train.

13. (i) Homing Pigeons despatched for racing, or for training purposes, on presentation of a certificate to this effect from the Secretary of the Pigeon Association or Union and provided freight is prepaid, shall be charged half parcels rates on the bulk weight, minimum 1s.

If however, the conveyance of the pigeons necessitates an additional brake-van or louvre van being used, a minimum charge of 2s. 8d. per 4-wheeled vehicle per mile or 5s. 4d. per bogie vehicle per mile, for the mileage such vehicle is hauled full on the forward journey, shall be imposed.

Returned empty baskets shall be charged Returned empty rates, which must be prepaid on the outward journey.

(ii) Utility Pigeons for squab breeding purposes, in pairs and upward, when crated shall be charged full parcels rates, and may be waybilled to pay.

14. Books.—(i) Books lent to Free or Public Libraries, on which full parcels rates have been paid on the forward journey, will be returned free. A declaration that full rates have been paid on the forward journey, and the date thereof, shall accompany each consignment.

(ii) Library books interchanged by the various State schools in the State shall be charged half parcels rates, provided the parcels bear the Education Department's printed label.

(iii) Library books forwarded by the Victoria League of Victoria shall when forwarded by passenger trains be charged half parcels rates, or, when cheaper, half goods rates.

(iv) Parcels of books consigned by the Sunday School Union or the United Country Party (Women's Section) to out-back settlers shall be charged half parcels rates.

(v) Library books forwarded by the Australian Netherlands Cultural League from Jolimont to Victorian stations shall be charged half parcels rates on the forward and return journeys.

(vi) Parcels of books on hire from circulating libraries shown in the Addenda to the Passenger Fares and Coaching Rates Book, on which full parcels rates have been paid on the forward journey will be returned free. To obtain this concession, however, proprietors of libraries must enter into a bond that their parcels will only contain books for hire, and must adopt a distinctive label approved by the Commissioners.

(vii) Parcels of gift books and newspapers consigned to the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, may be waybilled at the following rates:—

Parcels containing—	
Newspapers only	Quarter parcels rates.
Books only	} Half parcels rates.
Both books and newspapers	

The parcels may be sent "to pay" at these rates, plus booking fee.

(viii) Books, notes and records on music consigned from Melbourne by the Council of Adult Education to reading circles in the country and subsequently returned to Melbourne, shall be charged quarter parcels rates in each direction.

The total freight charges for the carriage of each package from Melbourne to the country station and return will be prepaid on the forward journey by the Council of Adult Education. Each package when returned to Melbourne must be waybilled "returned free".

15. Consignees' Letters, which must bear postage stamps according to the Postal Department's scale of charges for ordinary letters, viz., 5d. for every ounce, or part thereof, shall in addition, and provided freight is prepaid, be charged 1d. each.

16. Letters from consignors of livestock containing particulars of their consignments for the information of the selling agents, when accompanying the waybills for such consignments, shall be carried free.

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17. Cut Flowers forwarded to, and empty flower boxes returned from, the following institutions shall be carried free:—

- Any of the Metropolitan or Country Public Hospitals.
- Caulfield Repatriation Hospital.
- Central Methodist Mission, Melbourne.
- Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital.
- Repatriation Sanatorium, Macleod.
- Presbyterian Mission, Cubitt Street, South Richmond.
- Women's Christian Temperance Union Flower Mission, Melbourne.
- Women's Christian Temperance Union Free Kindergarten, Richmond.
- Yooralla Hospital School for Crippled Children, Pelham Street, Carlton.
- Country Women's Association, Royal Park Mental Hospital Auxiliary, Essendon.

18. Hawkers' Baskets and packages shall be charged:—

- Country lines—Ordinary parcels rates. Baskets and packages shall be carried in the brake-van.
- Suburban lines—Ordinary parcels rates; Suburban Sundry Services tickets shall be issued. Fish and rabbits shall be carried in the brake-van.

19. Corpses—The rates for the conveyance of corpses by passenger train (a) shall be—
Table 99—

When forwarded in—	Per Mile.	Minimum.
	s. d.	£ s. d.
Train brake-van fitted with coffin chamber, by either ordinary or express train	1 7	2 13 3
Train brake-van, by ordinary or express train	1 7	2 13 3
Separate 4 or 6 wheeled vehicle	1 7	2 13 3
Separate Bogle vehicle	3 1	5 6 6

The following conditions shall apply, viz:—

- (i) A corpse shall not be accepted for conveyance unless it is enclosed in an air-tight metal container which is enclosed in an outer wooden casket; or unless it is enclosed in an hermetically sealed polythene envelope of not less than .01 of an inch in thickness and is enclosed in a wooden casket which has been so constructed that the polythene envelope will not puncture or tear.
A corpse for cremation may be encased in wood with an outer air-tight covering of metal.
- (ii) A corpse shall not be accepted for conveyance unless the consignor submits a statutory declaration setting forth full details of the containing method used, which must conform to the requirements of sub-clause (i) hereof.

(a) See page 130 for corpses by Rail Motors.

20. Cinematograph Films forwarded by rail on the forward journey from Melbourne to stations on the Victorian Railways System shall be charged full parcels rates on the forward journey and half parcels rates on the backward journey to Melbourne. (See page 203).

The same rates and conditions shall apply to—

- (i) Cinematograph discs, securely packed in wooden containers accompanying consignments of cinematograph films; and
- (ii) "Lobby" displays (which consist of an easel, frame and film illustrations).

Exceptions.—Cinematograph films addressed to the Longerenong Agricultural College, Dooen, or the Agricultural College, Dookie.—

- On forward journey Half parcels rates.
- On return journey to Melbourne Quarter parcels rates.

21. Fish Acclimatisation.—Fish in cans, whether for stocking streams, testing, breeding or feeding purposes, shall be charged 4s. 4d. per can, irrespective of distance, to any station on the Victorian Railways System when consigned on behalf of the Chief Inspector of Game and Fisheries, such charge to be collected from the consignee.

Trout eggs in boxes shall be charged for similarly, except that the freight charges will be prepaid by voucher from the Chief Inspector of Game and Fisheries.

The charge for the return of the empty can or box shall be the Returned Empty Container rates shown on page 232, which shall be added to the freight charges on the full cans or boxes.

22. Gold or Silver Coin or Bullion, Gold or Silver in an unmanufactured state, Copper Coin or Bank Notes (see page 198, clause 1).

(A) The rates for the carriage of the above commodities at Owner's risk shall be as follows:—

(i) Gold coin or gold bullion, or gold in an unmanufactured state—**Table 100**:—

Miles not exceeding—	Gold coin, each £100 or part thereof	Gold Bullion or Gold in an unmanufactured state, each 100 oz. or part thereof
	s. d.	s. d.
10	2 8	8 1
25	3 3	9 5
50	3 9	11 0
100 (a)	4 10	14 4
150	5 10	17 5
200	7 0	20 9
250	8 1	23 9
300	9 4	25 3
400	10 7	31 9
500	12 1	36 5
Each additional 100 miles or part thereof	1 1	3 3

(a) These rates shall also apply between Melbourne and Bendigo.

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- (ii) Silver coin, silver bullion, or silver in an un-manufactured state Parcels rates plus 50 per cent. on bulk weight.
- (iii) Copper coin Parcels rates on bulk weight.
- (iv) Commonwealth Bank notes Parcels rates.

(B) If an escort is provided by the senders for consignments forwarded at Owner's Risk, all rail fares, sleeping berth fees and charges for accommodation for reserved compartments for the escort, must be paid for at the prevailing rates.

(C) Commissioners' Risk.

For carriage at Commissioners' Risk the following charges, in addition to the Owner's Risk rate, shall be applicable:—

Miles.	For each £100 (or part thereof) of the declared value.	
	s.	d.
1 — 200	3	0
201 — 400	4	0
401 — 600	5	0
Over 600	6	0

and in respect of consignments exceeding £300 in value such additional payment as may be determined for providing railway employees to escort the consignment.

Senders of consignments at Commissioners' Risk must give not less than four (4) days' notice of the intended despatch.

For intersystem traffic the foregoing Commissioners' Risk charges shall apply separately for each System, except that for carriage over the Australian Capital Territory Railway (Queanbeyan—Canberra) the charge shall be 1s. 0d. for each £100 or part thereof of the declared value. Attention is directed to the conditions of clause 4, page 246, for intersystem traffic, when the value of the above commodities exceeds £10 and does not exceed £25.

(D) Intersystem parcels consignment note suitably amended in respect of local traffic shall be used.

(E) Gold coin or bullion forwarded between Melbourne and Sydney and Brisbane by the Commonwealth Bank at Owner's Risk, and escorted by bank representatives, shall be charged treble ordinary parcels rates for each System on the bulk weight.

All rail fares, sleeping berth fees and charges for accommodation for reserved compartments required for the escort must be paid for at the prevailing rates.

23. Theatrical Luggage, &c.—The conditions and rates for the carriage of theatrical luggage and properties are:—

(i) Companies holding permits for travel in Victoria, issued by the Chief Commercial Manager, may have conveyed by train by which passengers travel, subject in all cases to the convenience of the Commissioners, the following free allowance of personal luggage and prescribed theatrical properties:—

	1st Class	2nd Class
For each ticket held	2 cwt.	1 cwt.

(ii) Any excess shall be charged parcels rates on the bulk weight.

(iii) The following articles may be accepted as portion of the prescribed theatrical luggage allowance:—

- (a) Personal luggage.
- (b) Theatrical wardrobe.
- (c) Small properties (including small stage furnishings such as curtains, vases, pistols, and materials used in vaudeville items in connection with conjuring or other special acts).
- (d) Publicity matter, office stationery, music, and programmes, subject to a maximum allowance thereof of 2 cwt. for any one company.

(iv) The following articles shall not be accepted for free transit as theatrical luggage, but must be charged for at ordinary rates on the bulk weight of each consignment, provided they are forwarded from the same consignor to the same consignee at the one destination on the same date:—

Pianos, Chairs and other stage furniture, Tents and poles, Electrical and general stage lighting material, &c.

(v) Live animals shall not be accepted for free transit.

(vi) When special vehicles are required for the carriage of theatrical paraphernalia, either to suit departmental convenience or at the request of the consignor, the free allowance specified in sub-clause (i) hereof shall not apply in respect of any articles carried therein and the charges for the vehicles shall be as shown hereunder, provided the members of the company travel by rail—Table 101.

	Per Mile.		Minimum Charge.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.
For each four or six-wheeled vehicle	1	9	5	15 0
For each vehicle equipped with passenger type bogies	3	6	5	15 0

When conveyed in other vehicles goods rates shall be charged.

Theatrical paraphernalia will be conveyed by passenger trains only at the convenience of the Commissioners. Circus material in goods wagons will be conveyed only by goods trains.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.**24. CASH ON DELIVERY (C.O.D.) PARCELS TRAFFIC.**

1. Any parcel not exceeding £125 in value, with the exception of perishables, live stock, live birds, and films returned by exhibitors to distributors, may be accepted for carriage to any man-in-charge station on the Victorian Railways System under the Cash on Delivery (C.O.D.) arrangement, and the value of goods as declared by the sender shall be collected from the consignee on delivery. (C.O.D. traffic must not be accepted for Tocumwal or Oaklands).

2. The commission on the value of the parcel as declared by the sender on the consignment note which shall be deducted by the Comptroller of Accounts when arranging settlement with the sender, is as follows, viz:—

Declared Value		Commission	
		s.	d.
Not exceeding £3	...	2	0
Exceeding £3 but not exceeding £4	...	3	0
" £4 " " " £5	...	4	0
" £5 " " " £6	...	5	0
" £6 " " " £7	...	6	0
For each £1 or part thereof over £7, in addition to the commission on £7...		0	6

This commission charge shall also be collected by the Comptroller of Accounts when a C.O.D. parcel is for any reason returned to the sender or is delivered free.

The following conditions shall apply:—

- (i) The C.O.D. regulations shall not apply to perishables, live stock, live birds or films returned by exhibitors to distributors but, with these exceptions shall apply to any parcel, not exceeding £125 in value, accepted for carriage by passenger train.
- (ii) All parcels shall be consigned on a special consignment note (P.L. 10), which shall be completed by the sender in duplicate, one copy, on which the receipt of the parcel must be acknowledged, being returned to the sender, and the other copy retained. The consignment note constitutes a contract with the sender and must be signed. The declaration of the value of the parcel and date (if any), when the parcel is to be returned to sending station if refused or unclaimed, must also be filled in by the sender.
- (iii) The sender shall affix to each C.O.D. parcel a special label (P.L. 54 G). This label is designed to facilitate delivery in the event of the waybill going astray, and the staff must see that such label is attached to all C.O.D. parcels and that it agrees with the consignment note.
- (iv) C.O.D. parcels shall be waybilled on a special waybill (P.L. 2B), in triplicate. The original copy shall be forwarded under cover to the destination station for use in the event of the waybill accompanying the parcel going astray in transit, the first copy shall be forwarded to the destination station with the parcel and the second copy retained at the forwarding station.
The initials and name of the sender and consignee must be shown on the waybill.
- (v) The freight on C.O.D. parcels may be "prepaid" or waybilled "to pay".
When waybilled "to pay" the usual booking fee shall be added. The value of the parcel declared by the sender on the consignment note shall be shown by the sending station in the "paid on" column of the waybill and extended to the "to pay" column with the freight charges, when the latter are "to pay".
- (vi) The value of parcel shown in "paid on" column of C.O.D. waybills shall be collected in cash (not by cheque) at the destination station, and must not be charged to a credit account.
- (vii) When a request is made by a consignee for delivery of a C.O.D. parcel at a station other than the destination station shown on the waybill, the Comptroller of Accounts (Accof 209, telephone 1088) shall be notified of the request by telegram or telephone and given full particulars. The wishes of the consignor will be ascertained and the result communicated to the stationmaster by telegram. Such telegram shall be attached to and filed with the original waybill.
- (viii) If a C.O.D. parcel be refused by the consignee, or if the full amount of the declared value together with all freight, storage and other charges due in respect of such parcel are not paid, or if such parcel be not claimed within 14 days of arrival or upon the expiry of any shorter period specified by the sender and shown on the C.O.D. label, the parcel shall be returned to the original sending station on an ordinary parcels waybill. In connection with any consignment of films, notification by telegram must be given (Code address "Accof 209").
A parcel shall not be kept on hand beyond fourteen (14) days without the authority of the Comptroller of Accounts.
Any debit for freight on the forward journey shall be recharged as a "paid on", together with any debit for storage charges due (see page 202), and freight charges shall be imposed at half stamped parcels rates without booking fee, on the parcel on the backward journey.
The value of the parcel shall not be recharged, but application must be made by the original destination station to the Comptroller of Accounts for credit note for the value, accompanied by a copy of the inward and outward waybills.
- (ix) Consignees must pay the C.O.D. debit and all other charges before being permitted to take delivery of the consignment. Consignees must not be allowed to examine the contents of any parcel before paying the charges, nor are they to be granted a refund of the charges in any circumstances after taking delivery and examining contents of the parcel.
An envelope containing an invoice may be affixed to a C.O.D. parcel. The envelope may be opened and the invoice perused by the consignee before taking delivery of the parcel, but the parcel must not be opened under any circumstances before delivery is effected and charges collected.

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25. COWES AND TANKERTON TRAFFIC—Table 102.

The rail and steamer charges on all parcels traffic forwarded to Stony Point for despatch thence by boat to Cowes and Tankerton shall be prepaid. The boat charges are as under, viz.:

For each consignment not exceeding in weight—	Between Stony Point and Cowes or Tankerton. Charge per consignment.
	s. d.
7 lb.	1 6
28 lb.	2 0
56 lb.	3 0
1 cwt.	4 0
1½ cwt.	4 6
2 cwt.	5 0
3 cwt.	6 6
5 cwt.	8 6
10 cwt.	16 0
15 cwt.	25 0
1 ton	30 0
Cream (large can)	2 6 each
Cream (small can)	1 6 "
Bicycles or perambulators—	
Accompanied	1 0 "
Unaccompanied	2 0 "
Motor Cycles—	
Accompanied	5 0 "
Unaccompanied	6 6 "

plus a wharfage charge of 1d. per package, provided that no wharfage shall be charged on—

- (i) Government consignments.
- (ii) Passengers' luggage.
- (iii) Bicycles accompanying passengers.
- (iv) Fresh fish.
- (v) Ice for preservation of fish being sent to market.

The wharfage charge must be prepaid and shown on a separate line on the waybill.

Through Parcels waybills shall be used for this traffic, and returns on Through Parcels Abstracts forwarded to the Comptroller of Accounts.

26. RATES FOR THE CARRIAGE OF FISH.

Fish specified on page 227 shall be charged half parcels rates, minimum 1s. 3d., except that—

- (i) Fish forwarded by passenger trains as under and consigned on a goods consignment note shall be charged goods rates and conditions from—

Geelong	to Ballarat, No. 29 Down only.
Geelong	
Sale	
Bairnsdale	
Mildura	to Melbourne
Tooradin, No. 42 Up only	
Yarrawonga	

- (ii) Fish carried portion of the journey by mixed train and the balance of the journey by passenger train shall be charged goods rates.

27. RATES FOR PERAMBULATORS ETC., BICYCLES AND MOTOR CYCLES.

(A) Children's perambulators, go carts and bicycles shall be carried at the following rates.—
Table 103.

Distance Not exceeding—	Children's Perambulators, Go-Carts, etc.		Bicycles. (e)	
	1	2	3	4
	When accompanied by a passenger and freight prepaid (a), (c)	When not accompanied by a passenger and freight prepaid by stamps. (b), (c)	When accompanied by a passenger and freight prepaid. (a)	When not accompanied by a passenger and freight prepaid by stamps. (b)
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
10 miles	1 7	2 8	1 10 (d)	2 8
20 "	2 2	3 11	1 10 (d)	2 8
30 "	2 8	4 11	1 10	2 8
50 "	3 3	7 6	1 10	2 8
90 "	4 4	10 1	2 8	3 11
130 "	5 4	12 6	3 5	4 11
200 "	7 4	14 11	4 5	6 6
300 "	9 5	20 2	4 11	7 6
400 "	11 8	24 11	6 2	9 4
500 "	13 9	30 3	7 0	9 10
600 "	15 11	33 0	7 6	11 4
700 "	18 1	35 11	8 4	14 4

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

(a) These rates shall apply only to one of the articles mentioned for each passenger when such article is carried by the same train as that by which the passenger travels.

(b) When freight is not prepaid by parcels stamps, 25 per cent. additional, minimum 7d., maximum 2s. 8d., shall be charged, provided that such additional charge shall not apply when the freight charges exceed 30s.

(c)(i) Children's perambulators, go-carts, etc., whether accompanied or unaccompanied, shall be charged parcels rates plus 50 per cent. when cheaper than the rates shown, except that go-carts, push carts or strollers, weight not exceeding 14 lb., may be conveyed free as portion of a passenger's luggage allowance when required for a child accompanying a passenger making a country journey, see page 211.

(ii) When accompanying passengers holding Privilege tickets, for country journeys, issued to employees of The Victorian Railways Commissioners, one-quarter of the prescribed accompanied rate shall be charged, minimum 2s.

The provision for free carriage of go-carts, etc. as provided in clause (c), (i) shall apply.

(d) Bicycles, when accompanied by a passenger, for a suburban journey not exceeding 20 miles—Single 1s. 2d.; Return 2s. 4d.

(e) The rates (accompanied and unaccompanied) for bicycles do not include the carriage of any attachment except the usual bicycle accessories (tool bag, lamps, pump). If a tool bag, lamp and/or pump is attached to a bicycle this fact must be shown on the waybill.

Whenever a bicycle is consigned with any other article, such as tent, axe, shearing kit, luggage or other package, attached thereto, the owner must be required to detach such article or package from the bicycle to be dealt with separately as a parcel or luggage, as the case may be.

(B) Rates for children's perambulators, go-carts, and shoppers for suburban journeys, accompanying the passenger in the carriage and freight prepaid:—Table 104.

		For a Single Journey	For a Return Journey
		s. d.	s. d.
Children's perambulators and go-carts, etc., also shoppers see sub-clause (v), and golf buggies, collapsible or non-collapsible, provided they will pass through the door of a passenger compartment	Not exceeding 15 miles ...	0 6	0 7
	Over 15 miles and not exceeding 30 miles	0 7	0 9
	Over 30 miles ...	0 9	1 0

(i) Perambulators, etc., must accompany the passenger in the carriage (either collapsed or non-collapsed according to room) and must not be carried in the brake-van, except as provided in sub-clause (iv) hereof.

(ii) These rates shall apply only to one of the articles mentioned for each passenger when such article is carried by the same train as that by which the passenger travels.

(iii) Perambulators, etc., and shoppers shall be accepted under accompanied conditions only by trains scheduled to arrive at and to depart from Melbourne during the following hours:—

Week days ... Between 9.30 a.m. and 4 p.m., and after 6.15 p.m.

Saturdays ... After 9.30 a.m.

Sundays and Holidays ... All day.

Perambulators, etc., and shoppers may be accepted at suburban stations (Flinders Street, Princes Bridge and Spencer Street excepted) under accompanied conditions on the down journey only by suburban trains scheduled to leave Melbourne after 8.30 a.m. on week days and Saturdays, but the restriction on travel between 4 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. on week days shall continue to apply:

Perambulators, etc. may be accepted under accompanied conditions to stations Palsley to Werribee inclusive by the 4.27 p.m. down train.

(iv) These rates and conditions shall also apply to perambulators occupied by twin children and carried in the brake-van on production of permit issued by the Chief Commercial Manager.

(v) Shoppers are upright parcels carriers (with a handle, two wheels and container); small perambulators and go-carts may also be used for shopping purposes. Boxes on four wheels or other unsuitable improvisations shall not be regarded as shoppers.

(C) The following articles shall be carried at the rates shown hereafter:—

Article	Rate
(i) Children's toys, such as motor cars, flivvers, trollies, tricycles, push-carts, animals on wheels or stands, but not including bicycles, which can carry and be propelled by a child	(a) When accompanied by a passenger and freight prepaid— Half the accompanied rate for a child's perambulator, Table 103, page 239. (b) When not accompanied— Parcels rates, plus 50 per cent.
Children's dolls' perambulators ...	Parcels rates, plus 50 per cent., subject to half the rate for unaccompanied children's perambulators, Table 103, column 2, page 239, as a maximum.
(ii) Collapsible go-carts, push-carts, golf buggies, and small sulkies with folding handles, when collapsed, and two-wheeled shoppers, (other than as provided for in Table 104 and on page 211 for go-carts, push-carts or strollers weight not exceeding 14 lb. accompanying passengers on country trains)	Half the rates shown in Table 103, page 239, for children's perambulators, subject to a maximum of parcels rates, plus 50 per cent.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

Rates for Perambulators, etc., and Bicycles—continued.

Article	Rate
(iii) Perambulators and go-carts accompanying passengers travelling by guaranteed Picnic train	Free, at Owner's Risk.
(iv) Pramettes (small, non-collapsible perambulators with folding handles), and golf buggies non-collapsible, when forwarded unaccompanied within the suburban area or when forwarded accompanied or unaccompanied for journeys outside the suburban area. (The suburban area is defined on page 43).	Full perambulator rate, Table 103, page 239, subject to parcels rates, plus 50 per cent., as a maximum.
(v) (a) Invalids' chairs and adults' perambulators, N.O.S.— Unaccompanied	Double children's perambulator rate, Table 103, Column 2, page 239.
Accompanied	Free, at Owner's Risk.
(b) Invalids' chairs (Motorised)— Single seated— Unaccompanied	Full parcels rates.
Accompanied by invalid who holds a ticket for the journey	1 cwt. free, balance of weight full parcels rates.
Double seated— Unaccompanied	Parcels rates, plus 50 per cent.
Accompanied by one invalid who holds a ticket for the journey	1 cwt. free, balance of weight parcels rates plus 50 per cent.
Accompanied by two invalids who hold tickets for the journey	2 cwt. free, balance of weight parcels rates plus 50 per cent.
(vi) Bicycle— Crated or cased	Parcels rates, plus 50 per cent.
In hessian or cardboard container	Bicycle rates.
More seats than one	50 per cent. over bicycle rate, Table 103, page 239, for each additional seat.
Extra parts attached	Parcels rates, plus 50 per cent.
Auto wheel attached (a)	Double bicycle rates, Table 103, page 239.
(vii) *Motor cycles (a), (b), unaccompanied	Full parcels rates.
(viii) *Motor cycles (a), (b), with or without side cars or trailers (c), when accompanied by a passenger	Half parcels rates.
(ix) *Motor cycles (a), (b), accompanied by holders of Yearly All Lines or Sectional tickets, for their personal use	£47
(x) Motor cycle side cars or trailers (c), unaccompanied	Full parcels rates.
(xi) Motor cycle side cars or trailers (c), accompanied	Half parcels rates.
(xii) Perambulators packed with luggage, etc., whether accompanied or unaccompanied	Parcels rates, plus 50 per cent.
(xiii) Tricycles, adults	Double bicycle rates, Table 103, page 239.
(xiv) Bicycles—Racing Cyclists making country journeys by rail between Victorian stations to compete at a bona fide sports meeting, shall be granted the following concession on production of a rail ticket for the journey:— Forward journey	Bicycle shall be waybilled and charged for at the accompanied bicycle rate, Table 103, page 239, irrespective of whether an extra wheel or wheels are attached thereto.
Backward journey	The bicycle shall be waybilled and charged for at half bicycle rate, the number of the inward waybill, together with the number of the rail ticket, to be entered on such waybill. Proof that the cyclist has competed in a cycle race to be produced and attached to the waybill accompanying the consignment.
(xv) Go-Karts (a), (motorised fourwheeled billy cart)	Parcels rates, plus 50 per cent.

* Applicable also to Auto Cycles and Motor Scooters.

(a) The provisions of By-law 351, section 59, must be complied with. Form P.L. 1B to be used.

(b) The registered number of the machine must be shown on the waybill.

(c) Side cars and trailers must not be accepted unless detached from motor cycle.

28. Lost Perambulator, Folding Go-Cart, or Bicycle Ticket.—Any passenger losing a perambulator, folding go-cart, or bicycle ticket must, before the machine will be delivered, make a statutory declaration to that effect, giving the number of the ticket and a description of the article; he must also indemnify the Commissioners against any claim or loss from wrong delivery, and should the evidence as to the ownership appear to the Commissioners insufficient, it will be in the power of the Commissioners to detain the said articles; a charge of 2s. 2d. shall be made in cases where articles are released on receipt of a statutory declaration.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.**29. CONDITIONS IN RESPECT OF THE CARRIAGE OF EXHIBITS FOR SHOWS**

1. The undermentioned conditions shall be applicable in respect of agricultural machines and implements, machinery, produce, live stock (including dogs, and poultry and other birds), buggies, motor cars, drays, waggons, trotting sulkies which accompany trotting horses, and other goods of a like nature, sent for exhibition at Shows, and poultry sent to compete at Egg-laying competitions.

2. The exhibits will be carried by Passenger, Mixed, or Goods trains at the convenience of the Commissioners. Carriage by passenger train shall be subject to there being room on such train.

Valuable animals may be sent by passenger trains in horse vans if this class of vehicle be available, and charged the same rate as if loaded in cattle vans and forwarded by goods trains. Each three-stalls in a horse van to be regarded as equivalent to one full cattle van.

3. When the exhibits are consigned on the forward journey, the consignors will require to declare on the consignment note therefor, that they are for exhibition, specifying the Show for which they are intended, and the waybill must be endorsed accordingly.

The ordinary freight charges shall be imposed and prepaid in respect of the forward journey in all cases.

4. On the backward journey any exhibits or portion thereof, which have been exhibited, and not sold, will, on production of the approved certificate signed by the Secretary of the Show, be carried "free" to the station whence they were forwarded, provided the journey is completed within one month from the date of despatch on the forward journey. The certificate must be handed in when the exhibits are consigned, and attached to the waybill.

The staff at the final destination station to which the Show exhibits are returned shall verify by reference to the original outward waybill that the returned exhibits were sent as paying freight to the Show, and endorse the free inward waybill as under:—

"Railed from this station to.....Show on waybill

No.....on....."

If on the backward journey a greater number of vehicles be used for the carriage of exhibits than was used on the forward journey, ordinary freight charges shall be imposed in respect of the exhibits carried in the additional vehicles.

All exhibits, or part thereof, which have been sold, or are not accompanied by the aforesaid certificate, shall be subject to the ordinary freight charges on the backward journey.

5. Exhibits, accompanied by the aforesaid certificate, may be forwarded on from one Show to another, subject to payment of the freight charges, as prescribed in clause 3 of this regulation, which freight charges must be prepaid, and when the final destination is reached, they may be returned "free" to the original despatching station, subject to the conditions of clause 4 of this regulation. If, however, in proceeding to another Show such exhibits be returned over any portion of the line in respect of which the full freight charges have been paid on the forward journey, the exhibits may be sent free over such portion of the line.

6. All exhibits must be loaded and unloaded by or at the expense of the consignors or consignees.

7. Exhibits may be consigned on the forward journey at Owner's or Commissioners' risk, as desired by the consignors; but when carried free on the return journey they must be accepted only at Owner's risk.

8. Owners of stock going to and returning from Shows may be allowed free carriage each way of fodder, as specified hereunder, if it be loaded in the vans with the animals:—

1 cwt. for each horse or head of cattle.

20 lb. for each pig or sheep.

Any weight in excess of the above shall be charged half parcels rates by passenger train; or goods rates by mixed or goods trains.

9. Exhibits from the Department of Agriculture, viz., wheat, straw in bulk, olive oil, wine, honey, etc., fruit (preserved), charts, etc., fibres, including flax, hemp (dressed and undressed), willows, manures, vegetable oil, eggs, flax exhibits, also the necessary marquees, poles and pegs, tables, trestles, and fittings, forwarded to the various Agricultural Shows in the State, shall be carried free both on the forward and backward journeys.

10. Consignors should give not less than four days' notice to the Stationmaster of the number and description of live-stock vans, and 48 hours' notice for other vans, etc., required to load exhibits.

11. If full van rate is paid for a consignment of sheep, horses, cattle or pigs on the forward journey and the whole of the stock has been returned free in accordance with clause 4 of these regulations one stock attendant in respect of each van will be granted a refund of the return fare paid.

The attendant must travel in the van, or in the brake-van of a goods train, with the stock, and must provide himself with a copy of Form P.69, duly completed by the Stationmaster at the forwarding and destination station respectively.

A receipt for the refund must be given on the certificate by the attendant, after which it shall be treated in the same manner as a Passenger Refund Order.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

Carriage of Exhibits for Shows—continued.

This refund shall, however, only be allowed provided a straight up and down journey is made between two stations. When the stock is returned from any station other than that to which it was waybilled by the original despatching station, the stock attendant certificates for the journeys made must be retained by the stock attendant, until he returns to the original despatching station, and forwarded by the Stationmaster at that station to the Chief Commercial Manager, where any refund due will be adjusted.

12. Drivers' passes. See page 139.

INTERSYSTEM PARCELS and LUGGAGE RATES and REGULATIONS

INTERSYSTEM PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES.

The conditions and rates under which luggage, parcels and other traffic carried by passenger train are conveyed for Intersystem journeys are as shown hereafter:—

1. ALL TRAFFIC is carried subject to the Railways Acts and to the By-laws and Regulations of the Railways Commissioners of each System over which the traffic is conveyed, as well as to the General Conditions prescribed on pages 198 to 216.

2. LUGGAGE.—The Regulations prescribed on pages 210 to 216 for Victorian System traffic shall also apply to Intersystem traffic.

3. Parcels, Perambulators, Bicycles and all other descriptions of parcels traffic may be consigned and through waybilled between all stations in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Commonwealth Railways, Western Australia and Silverton Tramway (Broken Hill).

4. Alternative Rates for Carriage of Parcels for Intersystem Journeys at Owner's Risk or Commissioners' Risk—Table 107.

(A) Subject to the provisions of clause 1 above and of clauses 1 and 2 on pages 198 and 199, all parcels shall be accepted and carried on the condition that the owner warrants the Commissioners free from all liability beyond the sum of Ten Pounds in respect of each parcel unless at the time of delivery thereof to the Commissioners the consignor declares that he requires them to be carried at the risk of the Commissioners, and an additional charge, as shown hereunder, be paid:—

**Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia,
Commonwealth, Western Australia.**

Declared Value	Additional Charge
	s. d.
Exceeding £10 but not exceeding £20	0 9
" £20 " " " £30	1 0
" £30 " " " £40	1 3
" £40 " " " £50	1 6
" £50 " " " £60	1 9
" £60 " " " £70	2 0
" £70 " " " £80	2 3
" £80 " " " £90	2 6
" £90 " " " £100	2 9
For each additional £10 or part thereof up to a maximum liability of £300	0 3

No parcel declared to be of greater value than Three Hundred pounds (£300) [Queensland, One Hundred pounds (£100)] will be carried except under special agreement.

The foregoing charges shall apply separately for each System, except between Melbourne and Adelaide and intermediate stations where one charge for the through journey shall apply, and in respect to the latter shall be apportioned on a mileage basis.

A parcel will not be accepted for conveyance at Commissioners' Risk unless the freight and Commissioners' Risk charges are prepaid.

(B) The Commissioners shall be exempt from all liability in case of loss, detention, injury, delay, or damage in respect of parcels carried at the risk of the owner, except upon proof that such loss, detention, injury, delay or damage, arose from the wilful misconduct of the servants of the Commissioners.

(C) Provided that the Commissioners will not accept for carriage at their risk any explosives or parcels of an inflammable, corrosive, or dangerous nature, neither will they accept any articles, which, on account of their fragile or brittle nature, are more than ordinarily hazardous, unless such parcels are properly packed and protected. Furniture and fragile articles simply covered with canvas or paper, or in frail skeleton frames, will be treated as unprotected.

(D) Gold or silver coin or bullion, see page 235.

5. Parcels freight stamps must not be used for Intersystem traffic.

6. Each article shall be charged for separately unless otherwise provided.

INTERSYSTEM PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

7. Parcels traffic specified in clause 3, page 246, between Victorian stations and stations on other Railway Systems shall be charged at the sum of each System's local rates to and from the Intersystem border *via* the route forwarded, except where otherwise provided.

The local rates and conditions on each Railway System are published in the Through Booking of Parcels Pamphlet.

8. Junction charges, in addition to the freight charges, shall apply on parcels forwarded *via* Wodonga and Albury, unless otherwise provided.

The Albury-Wodonga Junction charges are as under, Table 108:—

Weight of parcel	Charge s. d.
1 to 3 lb. inclusive	6
4 " 7 " " "	8
8 " 14 " " "	1 4
15 " 28 " " "	1 6
29 " 56 " " "	1 10
57 " 84 " " "	2 4
85 " 112 " " "	2 6
Each additional 28 lb. or part thereof	6
Perambulators, etc.	1 6
Bicycles	1 6
Motor Cycles	4 0
Corpses	6 6
Dogs, see page 257 ... ..	...

9. The charges for parcels forwarded between Albury and Wodonga stations shall be the full Junction charges shown in Table 108, half of which shall be credited to each System, except that when a half-penny occurs in the division New South Wales shall be credited therewith.

10. Parcels forwarded between stations on the Victorian System and stations on the New South Wales System, *via* Albury, shall be charged for as shown hereunder:—

(i) Parcels, other than those specified in sub-clause (ii) hereof, forwarded—

Between—	Shall be charged—	
	Victoria	New South Wales
Stations, other than Wodonga, on the Victorian System and Albury	Local rates to or from the River Murray (2 miles beyond Wodonga)	The full Albury-Wodonga Junction charges shown in Table 108.
Stations, other than Wodonga, on the Victorian System and stations, other than Albury, on the New South Wales System	Local rates to or from the River Murray (2 miles beyond Wodonga)	Local rates to or from Albury plus half the Albury - Wodonga Junction charges shown in Table 108.
Stations, other than Albury, on the New South Wales System and Wodonga	Half the Albury - Wodonga Junction charges shown in Table 108.	Local rates to or from Albury plus half the Albury - Wodonga Junction charges shown in Table 108.

A consignment note (P.L.1.a) shall be submitted.

(ii) Perambulators, etc., Bicycles, Corpses and Dogs:—

The Victorian charges shall be the sum of the local rates to or from Wodonga and half the Junction charges shown in Table 108.

The New South Wales charges shall be the sum of the local rates to or from Albury and half the Junction charges shown in Table 108.

(iii) The provisions of sub-clauses (i) and (ii) hereof shall apply in respect of all other Intersystem traffic *via* Albury; and also to traffic to or from Albury or Wodonga where applicable, except as provided in clause 9 hereof.

11. The Junction charges between Albury and Wodonga shall not be added in respect of the following traffic, viz:—

(i) Returned empty containers, which shall be charged each System's local rates to the border.

(ii) Newspapers for delivery in Albury, which shall be charged for as prescribed in sub-clause (v), clause 10, page 231.

12. Commercial Travellers' Samples.—The regulations prescribed on pages 216 to 219 in respect of Victorian System traffic shall apply to Intersystem traffic between Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia, except where they conflict with the following, in which case the latter shall have effect:—

(1) *Inter-capital journeys*—

(i) Commercial travellers making Inter-capital journeys must hold an Inter-capital Permit before the Commercial Travellers' Samples allowance shall be granted. Application for a permit must be made by the firm or company concerned to the proper officer in the State concerned at least seven days before the date on which the samples are required to be conveyed.

(ii) A permit will be issued by the proper officer in the respective States for one return journey only at any one time, except that permits will be granted for single journeys in respect of samples booked as part of a round trip to New Zealand and Tasmania by rail and boat.

Other than the exception provided above, the Commercial Travellers' Samples regulations shall not apply to samples booked for single journeys.

INTERSYSTEM PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

- (iii) The permit must be presented by the approved representative with the railway ticket and consignment note when the samples are delivered for carriage at the despatching station both on the forward and return journeys.

In the event of the samples carried on the forward journey not being returned by rail to the original despatching station, the amount of the freight which would have been payable if such goods had been consigned with the railway authority concerned on the forward journey for carriage as an ordinary parcel or parcels shall be paid, and, in the event of the samples delivered for carriage on the return journey not being precisely the same samples as were carried on the forward journey, or, if any discrepancy exists in the weight of the samples delivered for carriage on the return journey, as compared with the quantity carried on the forward journey, ordinary freight charges shall be imposed for the carriage of the samples both on the forward and return journeys, as if such goods had been consigned with the Commissioners as an ordinary parcel or parcels; and the onus of proof that a breach of the regulations has not been committed or that an attempt has not been made to commit a breach of the regulations shall rest with the firm or company concerned, and which has given the approved undertaking where such undertaking is required and on whose behalf the samples are being carried.

- (iv) These regulations shall also apply to the carriage of articles of merchandise for exhibition as samples and not for sale or disposal consigned with the Commissioners for carriage between the capital cities of Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia, by an approved representative of a retail firm or company, provided that such firm or company has executed the prescribed undertaking and has obtained for its representative a permit issued by the proper authority in the State concerned. A permit will not be issued to more than two representatives of any one retail firm or company for any one particular journey.

(2) Other than Inter-capital journeys—

A local permit available for travel in the other State concerned will be issued by the proper officer in the State where the journey is commenced to commercial travellers representing (A) exclusively wholesale firms or companies, or (B) combined wholesale and retail firms or companies, proceeding outside that State to make a series of journeys in Victoria, New South Wales, or South Australia.

(3) General—

- (i) Intersystem traffic to or from Queensland, Western Australia, and the Commonwealth Railways shall be subject to the local regulations on such Systems for the portion of the journey thereon. In Queensland on the forward journey any excess weight shall be charged for at full parcels rates and on the return journey at half parcels rates.
- (ii) Samples must accompany the commercial travellers on Intersystem journeys.
- (iii) No Intersystem periodical rate is provided for excess samples.
- (iv) Intersystem consignment note (P.L. 1c) shall be used.
- (v) Commercial travellers' samples in excess of the free allowance of 2 cwt. for first class and 1½ cwt. for second class passengers shall be charged as follows:—
- (a) Between stations other than to and from Albury—Full parcels rates on the bulk weight on the outward journey and free return on the corresponding homeward journey over the identical route by which they were sent on the outward journey.
- (b) Between stations on the Victorian Railways System and Albury—Half parcels rates on the bulk weight each way for both the Victorian and New South Wales portions of the journey. (Victorian mileage shall be calculated to the River Murray, distant 189 miles from Melbourne).
- When commercial travellers' samples are consigned between Albury and Adelaide the same method shall be adopted in computing the New South Wales portion of the freight charges.
- (vi) Samples in excess of the free allowance prescribed by the Regulations, forwarded to Queensland and returned by the alternative route (*via* Kyogle or Wallangarra, as the case may be), will be charged half parcels rates, both on the forward and return journeys in respect of the New South Wales portion of the journey, and full parcels rates in Queensland.
- (vii) All lines and sectional tickets available to Albury on which are included excess samples paid for at the periodical rate, do not cover the conveyance of such excess samples beyond the River Murray, and freight on all excess weight over the free allowance shall be paid in respect of the journey between the River Murray and Albury in accordance with the provisions of sub-clause (v) hereof relating to the New South Wales portion of the journey.

PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES.**Calculation of Mileage.**

(i) The freight charges on parcels and luggage consigned for despatch by passenger train shall be computed on the mileage by the shortest route open for traffic between the forwarding and destination stations by which such parcels and luggage may be conveyed, irrespective of the route actually used, and the mileage which shall be charged in respect of any parcel or luggage passing from one line to another shall be computed *via* the junction railway station, provided that—

- (1) The Albion-Broadmeadows loop line shall not be taken into consideration in calculating the mileage.

INTERSYSTEM PARCELS AND LUGGAGE RATES—continued.

Commercial Travellers' Samples—continued.

(2) Parcels traffic carried between the following stations shall be charged the rates for the respective mileages shown hereunder :—

	Miles
Geelong and Winchelsea	25
South Yarra and Beaconsfield	25
Melbourne and Daylesford	75
Melbourne (and stations to Footscray) and Eaglehawk	101
Melbourne and Alexandra	101

(3) Milk carried between the following stations shall be charged the rates for the respective mileages shown hereunder :—

	Miles
Bendigo to Melbourne	100
Yarra Glen to Melbourne	30

(4) Notwithstanding that the lines shown hereunder have been closed the mileage which shall be charged in respect of any parcel or luggage passing from one line to another, shall be the mileage computed as if a service still operated on the lines specified, if the mileage so ascertained is less than the mileage by the shortest route by which such parcel or luggage may be conveyed, viz :—

	Miles
Daylesford—Newlyn via Rocklyn	15
Irrawarra—Cressy via Beac	20
Cressy—Newtown via Rokewood	24½
Avoca—Ararat via Elmhurst	39½
Heathcote—Bendigo via Axedale	29

(i) One mile shall be added for the Viaduct between Spencer Street and Flinders Street when computing the mileage for parcels and luggage rates by passenger trains when transit via the Viaduct is involved.

II. Any subsisting By-law the provisions of which are inconsistent with the provisions of this By-law is to the extent of such inconsistency hereby repealed.

III. The provisions of this By-law shall become effective as from the 1st day of December, 1961.

In witness whereof the Common Seal of the Victorian Railways Commissioners was affixed hereto this ninth day of November One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one in the presence of :—

(Signed)	E. H. BROWNBILL	}	Victorian
	G. F. BROWN		Railways
	E. P. ROGAN		Commissioners

Confirmed by the Governor in Council the 14th November, 1961.

(L.S.)

(Signed)	N. G. WISHART
	Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.