3.1. General

(For carrier deviating/additional rules see section 8.3.)

The “rate” is the amount charged by the carrier for the carriage of a unit of weight (kg. or lb.).
Applicable rates are the published rates in effect on the date of issuance of the air waybill by the carrier or its agent. (For charges collect shipments see Rule 5.4.1. paragraph 3).
The “charge” is the amount to be paid for the transportation of a consignment or for incidental service(s) in connection with such transportation. It depends on the value declared for carriage by the shipper and on the weight/volume of the consignment.
Calculation of charges for all shipments shall be made by multiplying the applicable rate per kg./lb. by the chargeable weight.
There are various different types of cargo rates and charges:

a. Minimum Charges
In no event shall the charge for any consignment be less than the minimum charges shown in the Rates books or in Rule 3.4.2.

b. General Cargo Rates (GCR)
General cargo rates apply for the carriage of commodities which have not been allocated a specific commodity rate as described in c. below. The Normal General Cargo Rates published apply to consignments up to 45 kg., or where no 1 kg. rate exists, to consignments up to 100 kg. Lower general cargo rates for various weight breakpoints are available for larger shipments in many areas of the world.

c. Specific Commodity Rates (SCR)
Specific commodity rates are usually lower than general cargo rates and are published for particular commodities from a specified point of origin to a specified destination point. They are subject to a minimum weight and may implement special conditions relating to minimum charges and density requirements.

d. Class Rates
Commodity classification rates, known as class rates, apply to a few commodities within or between certain designated areas. They are usually stated in terms of a percentage increase or reduction in the normal general cargo rates.

e. Unitized Consignments
Special rates may apply to consignments presented in Unit Load Devices (ULD), see Rule 3.10.

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