3.3. Precedence of Rates and Charges

(Not applicable between countries in the ECAA and to/from Australia)
Through published rates take precedence over any combination of sector rates of the same type, between the same points via the same Carriers.

For combination of rates see Rule 3.8.
As a rule the following order of precedence applies to the published through rates:

a. Specific commodity rates take precedence over Class rates and General cargo rates.
b. Class rates take precedence over General cargo rates.
c. When the General cargo rate applicable to the consignment is lower than the Specific commodity rate, such lower rate can be applied **except** where the Specific commodity rate has been established for items covered by a Class rate.
d. Where the General cargo rate applicable to a consignment of newspapers, magazines, periodicals, books, catalogues, braille type equipment, talking books for the blind and/or baggage shipped as cargo is lower than the Class rate, such lower rate can be applied.

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