

Drivers' Checklist

Remember that for transport by sea, all dangerous goods (irrespective of quantity) must be declared.

As the driver you are responsible for ensuring that you have the correct paperwork for your load to hand, which for dangerous goods would be a Dangerous Goods Note.

You must ensure that you secure the load onto your vehicle, which for dangerous goods would require a signed packing certificate (this certificate may form part of the Dangerous Goods Note).

Check that any freight container has a valid safety approval plate.

Visually check the outside of the CTU* for signs of possible damage or leakage.

Ensure that the doors of the CTU are properly secured.

Check that the sides and ends of the CTU are properly placarded etc. Irrelevant placards, signs and marks must be removed. Placards etc. must be secure, durable and unobstructed.

Do not smoke or introduce any other sources of ignition, e.g. cooking equipment, when flammable or explosive substances are being carried. Propane and butane carried for private use must not exceed 47kg (the gas supply should be shut off at the cylinders), and all cylinders should be adequately secured against the movement of the ship, away from sources of ignition and heat.

If you see something dangerous or unsafe let us know.
All information will be in strict confidence. Tel 023 8032 9367....
Email: dangerous.goods@mcga.gov.uk

*A CTU or Cargo Transport Unit is a road freight vehicle, railway freight wagon, freight container, road tanker or tank container for the transport of goods.

Loader's checklist

Visually check the condition of the CTU* before loading.

Check that the safety approval plate of any freight container is valid.

Remove irrelevant placards and markings from the outside of the CTU.

Do not load packages into a CTU which is wet, damaged or unclean.

Do not exceed the maximum allowable gross mass of the CTU (marked on the safety approval plate).

Check the condition of individual packages for damage, leakage, staining etc.

For dangerous goods, check that the consignment agrees with the Dangerous Goods Note and that they show:

- Proper shipping name
- UN Number
- Class label
- Subsidiary risk label (if appropriate)
- Marine pollutant mark (if relevant)
- UN type approval mark

Check the nature of hazards from the package labels.

Ensure that packages are properly segregated, secured and effectively braced inside the CTU. Dangerous goods should be loaded at the doors.

Ensure that the container packing certificate/vehicle declaration is signed**.

Ensure that the sides and ends of the CTU are placarded in accordance with the IMDG Code.

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