

SECURING CARGO ON IRISH FERRIES VESSELS

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Irish Ferries Limited is committed to the proper securing of movable cargo units onboard all of our ferries in accordance with the Maritime Administrations' rules, regulations and applicable codes.

Every vessel has an approved Cargo Securing Manual which outlines the procedures as well as the materials used for lashing.

All freight units loaded onboard must have the correct number of approved lashing brackets and the internal cargo within the cargo transport unit shall be properly secured for sea transport.

The follow are Irish Ferries requirements for the proper securing of cargo onboard;

A freight unit must be equipped with approved lashing brackets (according to the requirements in IMO "Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing") and BS EN 29367-1:1994, ISO 9367-1:1989.

This means that every freight unit must be equipped with at least four (4) approved lashings brackets on each side to ensure loading and lashing in a manner safe for sea transport. Further reference can be made to Marine Guidance note 418 http://www.dft.gov.uk/mca/mgn_418.pdf the relevant extracts from the rules and regulations being attached to that document as annexes 1 & 2.

- Semi-trailers by the nature of their design should not be supported on their landing legs during sea transport unless the landing legs are specially designed for that purpose and so marked. An uncoupled semi-trailer should be supported by a trestle or similar device placed in the immediate area of the drawplate so that the connection of the fifth wheel to the kingpin is not restricted. A clearly visible marking on the outer sidewall of the semi-trailer, or on some other clearly visible place, shall indicate the location of the trestle.
- The trestle should be located, if possible, within the range of the horizontal plane of the gooseneck contour as shown in figure 1. If the semi-trailer has more than one fifth wheel coupling pin, the trestle location should be measured from the rearmost fifth wheel coupling pin position.
- Cargo in a transport container must be lashed for sea transport. As a minimum, this lashing must be in compliance with IMO regulations. IMO regulations can be found in the "Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing".
- The master of the vessel has the right and the obligation to refuse shipment of freight units intended for sea transport that do not comply with these requirements. For the same reason, the Maritime Administrations in our areas of operation may forbid Irish Ferries Limited to take such units on board. In these situations, Irish Ferries Limited reserves the right to leave such freight units on the quayside.

