

## Requirements for proper loading in accordance with § 22 StVO

According to the German road traffic regulations StVO §22 (1): The cargo must be stowed and secured in such a way that it cannot slide, tip over, roll back and forth, fall from the vehicle or cause avoidable noise.

The responsibility for the road safety of the vehicle lies not only with the driver, but also with the loading personnel.

A violation of these regulations means possible fines for those responsible and also the risk of entries in the Federal Central Traffic Register in Flensburg.

We are therefore required to provide these guidelines for the proper securing of cargo in order to protect our loading personnel.

For goods loaded at our warehouse we implement direct securing and/or friction securing. The same procedure applies when pre-loaded, foreign goods are on the vehicle. **Pre-loaded, foreign goods are never moved by our loading personnel!**

When loading is carried out by our personnel, pallet goods are always loaded block by block. **The driver is then solely responsible for securing the load!**

Our loading personnel is instructed to observe the following conditions on all vehicles to ensure proper load securing:

1. The front wall, side walls and rear wall must comply with EN 283 or EN 12642. It must be possible to load the vehicles via the ramp. The loading area must be accessible to forklift trucks.
2. When securing shrink-wrapped pallets of bag material, it is necessary to use blocking material to fill the space between the pallets. The end of the load also needs to be secured properly. Empty pallets can be used for this purpose - the driver should bring these with him for loading.
3. For low-strength vehicle bodies (e.g. tautliner) every row of pallets needs to be secured with at least one securing belt/strap with a traction power of at least 2000 daN and two edge protectors. If edge protectors are not available,

empty pallets can be stacked on top of the loaded pallets to guarantee load security.

4. Points 1, 2 and 3 apply likewise to the loading of big bags.

5. Anti-slip mats must be placed under the pallets to increase friction. The driver must bring a sufficient number of these with him.

6. The vehicle is always loaded with consideration to the distribution of weight on the respective axle. Our loading personnel confers with the driver on this, but it is the sole responsibility of the driver to distribute the load correctly. If after loading it turns out that the weight distribution on the axles is not right, then any additional time required for correcting this will be charged to the carrier.

7. It is essential that drivers be trained in the proper loading and securing of cargo. To avoid communication problems, drivers should preferably be German-speakers, or at least be able to communicate in English.

**The driver must bring enough securing material with him, lashing belts (at least 1 belt per 2 pallets), edge protectors or empty pallets, and anti-slip mats. These must be presented on request before loading.**

**Our loading personnel is required to check these materials and will not load a vehicle that does not have the necessary securing material. Picking up drivers who refuse to comply with these regulations § 22 StVO will be prevented from continuing their journey.**

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