



Shipment and Container Preparation

- ◆ Inspect the container for any holes, nails in the floor or damages. Ensure that it is fit to receive the goods
- ◆ Inspect all hazardous packages to ensure that there are no damaged packages.
- ◆ Ensure that all hazardous packages are properly marked and labeled
- ◆ Load only compatible hazardous materials inside the container
- ◆ All hazardous liquids has to be loaded with closures on the top per the orientation arrows
- ◆ Placard the container on all four sides. The placards should be affixed in a diamond “square on point” orientation
- ◆ Do not use tape to adhere placards. Tape reduces the size of the placard making it illegal. Clear tape cannot meet the adherence standard of 30 days exposure 49CFR172519(a)
- ◆ Placard right side up, with wording horizontal and as far above the bottom rail as possible. When hazardous cargo moves by rail, note that some rail road companies may require, (by their internal policy) the placard to be at least 4 to 6 feet above the bottom rail to be visible when stowed in rail a stack car
- ◆ “Limited Quantity” markings will be required on “Limited Quantity” shipments if the shipper is shipping under the IMDG International water regulations and the shipment is marked and declared as moving in limited quantities. The “Limited Quantities” markings are not required for domestic shipments ((172.500(a)(3))
- ◆ Class “9” placards are not required for domestic shipments unless the cargo is moving in bulk (176.504(f)(9). Note that the shipment has to be marked with the “UN” identification number when shipped in bulk packagings
- ◆ Securely block & brace the packages inside the container to prevent movement in any direction 49CFR176.176.69(d)(e)
- ◆ For hazardous auto (POV) shipments and some cigarette lighter shipment, ensure the warning sign is posted on the door of the container (see 49CFR 176.905(a)(5) and 173.308(c)
- ◆ Fumigated loads must display the fumigant marking 49CFR173.9. Documentation is required for loads moving under fumigation