

# Leaflet

## Securing of cargo

Dear Business Partner,

listed below are the legal bases and the resulting measures for the loading of our products.

### **Legal bases for securing cargo**

All persons involved in transportation - drivers, loaders, vehicle owners, shippers and freight forwarders, shippers and freight forwarders - are jointly responsible for securing their cargo. In the event of road checks/accidents, where securing of cargo is found to be deficient or lacking, the driver as well as all other persons involved in the transportation should expect to suffer legal consequences. First and foremost, we distinguish between transport safety and operational safety in accordance with Section 412 of the German Commercial Code (HGB) as well as between road safety and operational safety in accordance with Section 22 of the Road Traffic Act (STVO).

We, the Limited Liability Company (GmbH), have prepared loading instructions in accordance with VDI-Guidelines 2700 et seq., which will come into effect as of 01/06/2003.

To this effect, our loading staff underwent internal training so that they, together with the truck drivers, will be able to introduce and implement these absolutely necessary measures.

Required securing materials.

We provide, if necessary, with immediate effect, lashing straps (price: € 17 /piece) as well as 1 m of edge protectors (price: € 13/piece). These elements are necessary to obtain the required preload force of the lashing straps and proper securing of the load as well as to minimize breakages in the pallets.

The securing materials are reusable, provided they are not damaged. These two securing materials provided by us are listed separately on our loading documents and declared on our delivery notes and invoices. Billing is done at the moment the materials are collected. The forwarding agent that you use can also procure these securing materials from us, where necessary by offsetting the amount through your company.

It is not possible to recall the securing materials.

It would be ideal if you already let your vehicles be equipped with the required materials or inform your forwarding agents about future procedures and the accompanying lashing straps and safety equipment. We shall also send this information notice to all forwarding agents known to us.

We hope for your understanding and would like once again to draw your attention to the urgent specifications issued by the legislator. We are doing our utmost, in the interest of both parties, to introduce and implement the necessary measures. We request you to help us ensure that the loading continues to function smoothly also in the future and that we can maintain the usual service.

For your information you should know that the intensified controls of goods transportation services on German roads, coupled with the significant penalties, underline the importance of cargo safety which nobody involved in goods transportation services can evade in the medium term.

Should you need information materials on this subject for your sector and your customers, or if you have any questions, we'll be glad to help you any time.