



Shippers' perspective - supporting the outcomes of the CPM Recommendation on minimising pest risk associated with sea container pathway

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To evaluate the impact of new global measures for container cleanliness on shippers and recommend GSF responses and initiatives to Policy Council.

Coalition of Intermodal Container Users
Forwarders, international removals, port terminal safety, global commodity and sector associations

Reducing the Risk of Contamination of Sea Containers and their Cargo

- GSF supports the principles of the Safeguarding Continuum and Custodial Responsibility but with essential modifications.
- Initial bi-lateral discussion with WSC in producing a revised 'framework'
- Next steps requires extensive engagement with affected stakeholders to examine obligations and liabilities



Visual Examination for Contamination of Sea Containers and their Cargoes

- Engagement with the WSC for amendments to the Joint (Shipping) Industry Guidelines for Cleaning of Containers
- Model conditions for container packing contractors
- Checklist of actions in event of pest discovery



Methods to Remove Contamination

- Revised guidance for the clearing of contamination from infested containers.
- Compilation of national contact points for 'calling-in' pest discoveries in containers.

Container Structure

- All-steel containers are the common goal
- Need to set timeframe to cease production of wooden floored containers to cease use in international transport
- In the interim, shippers would ideally receive key data to assess risk of allocated containers



Input for Effective Measures and Best Practice

- “Make a PEST of yourself!”
- Container packing micro-learning App
- Container Unpacking Checklist
- Model conditions for container packing contractors
- Checklist of actions in event of pest discovery

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Container packing checklist

A checklist for the safe packing and avoidance of pest contamination of freight containers!

Instructions: Complete the checklist for each container to be packed. If ANY of the answers are 'NO', stop packing, alert your supervisor. DO NOT dispatch the container.

The packing area	YES	NO	N/A	CTU Code reference
1 Is the type of container appropriate for the cargo to be carried?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ch 7
2 Is the container positioned so that it can be accessed safely?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ch 8.3 / Annex 5 S2
3 Have steps been taken to avoid contamination of the packing area by pests?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ch 8.2.4 / Annex 6
4 Has a packing plan been prepared showing the arrangements of goods in the container?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annex 7 S1
5 Are the maximum permitted payload limits of the container sufficient for the intended load?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annex 4 S2
6 Do all timber pallets, dunnage or other wood packing material meet ISPM-15 standards and show the required markings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annex 7 S1.14
7 Have staff assigned to pack the container been trained to understand the practices of safe packing and securing and avoidance of pest contamination?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ch 13 / Annex 10
Container condition				
8 Is the container exterior free from soil or other visible infestation by pests?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ch 8.2.2.9 / Annex 6
9 Is the container exterior in good condition, and not significantly distorted, cracked or bent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ch 8.2.2
10 Does the container have a valid CSC Approval Plate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ch 8.2.1 / Annex 4
11 Is the container interior free from signs of damage, signs of water ingress, rust, residues, stains or debris?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ch 8.2.3 / Annex 6
12 Is the container interior free from soil or other visible infestation by pests?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ch 8.2.4 / Annex 6
Packing the container				
13 Is the cargo to be packed free from soil or other visible infestation by pests?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annex 6
14 Has the heavier cargo been packed at the bottom of the container with any lighter weight cargo on top?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annex 7 S3.2.3
15 Is the cargo distributed evenly across the floor of the container to spread the load?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annex 7 S3.1
16 Is the centre of gravity approximately in the centre of the container?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annex 7 S3.1.4
17 Has the cargo been packed in approximately even layers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annex 7 S3.2
18 Have packages with package orientation labels been stowed the correct way up?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annex 7 App 1 S3
19 Has locking, blocking or lashing been used to prevent the cargo from sliding and tipping in the container in any direction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annex 7 S2

Make a P.E.S.T. of yourself ...

Push-back, if supplied with a dirty container

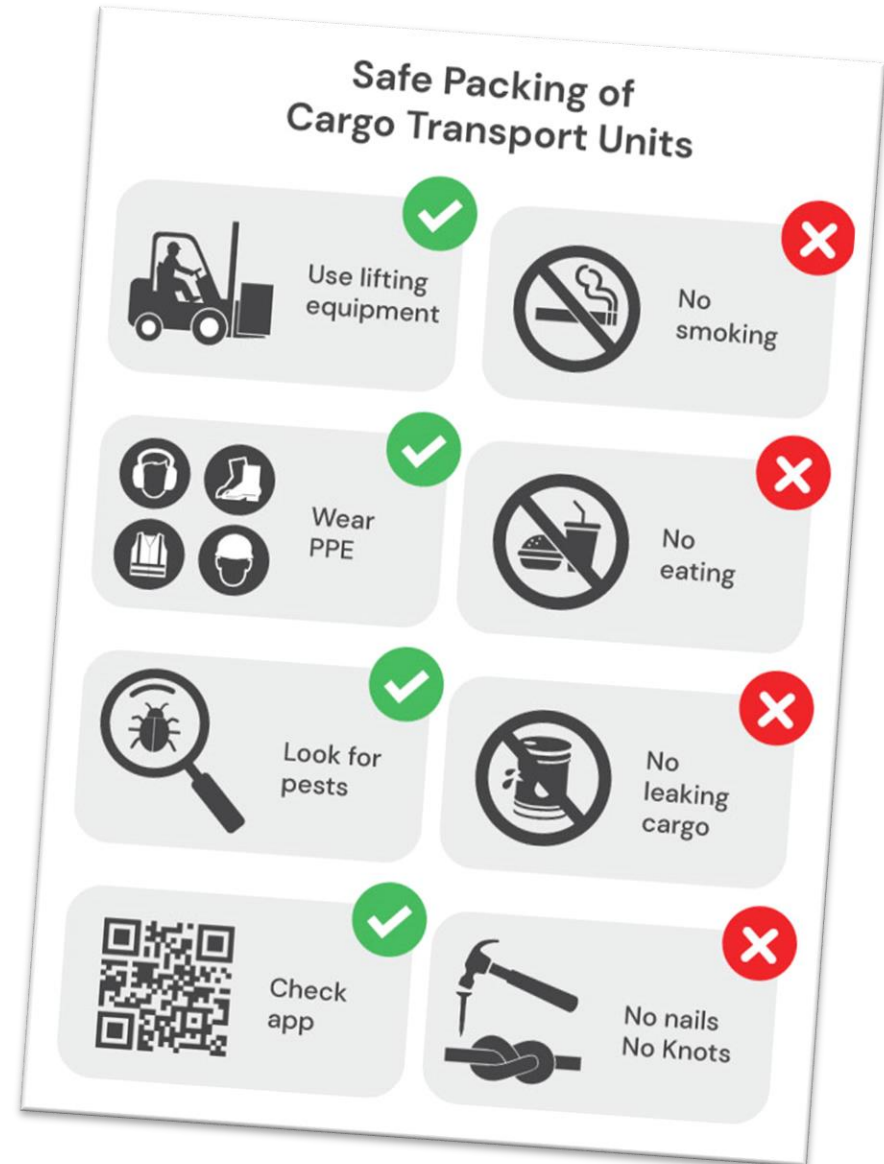
Exclude pests from entering during packing

Store packed containers in 'clean' areas

Tell someone if you find evidence of pests

Raising Awareness

- Poster reminding of basic “Do’s and Don’ts” for safe and clean packing of containers
- Intended to ‘nudge’ custodial responsibilities and safe packing procedures
- Graphical symbols to overcome language barrier
- QR Code links to container packing guidance – CTU Code, Checklists, etc
- Micro-learning App



IPPC Engagement with Shippers

- The GSF Policy Council accepts our role in the Safeguarding Continuum and our share of Custodial Responsibility but that means IPPC now needs to engage with us as a key stakeholder in the process.
- In developing its proposals for global measures IPPC must be more open, inclusive and transparent if the pest transfer risk is to be comprehensively addressed and that secures the participation and confidence of the key players.



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