CTU Code

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Innovations and developments in the types of cargoes carried in freight containers have allowed heavy, bulky items which were traditionally loaded directly into the ships’ hold to be carried in cargo transport units (CTUs).

The IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code) gives advice on the safe packing of cargo transport units to those responsible for the packing and securing of the cargo and by those whose task it is to train people to pack such units. This publication outlines theoretical details for packing and securing as well as giving practical measures to ensure the safe packing of cargo onto or into CTUs.

Informative Material related to the CTU Code, the companion publication to the CTU Code, provides further practical guidance and background information, including:

- consequences of improper packing procedures
- typical documents related to transport
- CTU types
- species of concern regarding recontamination
- quick lashing guides
- intermodal load distribution
- manual handling
- transport of perishable cargo
- CTU seals
- testing CTUs for hazardous gases.

The informative material does not form part of the CTU Code but provides additional information and is applicable to transport operations by all surface and water modes of transport and the whole intermodal transport chain.