

HAGUE RULES			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	ONE YEAR from date of delivery or when they should have been delivered	Within three days - but at time of delivery if loss apparent	£100 per package or unit. (This limit can vary from country to country. If you do need further info please contact us)
Damage	As above	As above	As above
Delay	As above	Within three days	As above
Additional Information			A higher limit can be set by agreement

HAGUE VISBY RULES			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	ONE YEAR from date of delivery or when they should have been delivered	Within three days - but at time of delivery if loss apparent	2 SDRs per kg or 666.67 SDRs per package/unit (whichever is the higher)
Damage	As above	As above	As above
Delay	As above	Within three days	As above
Additional Information			A higher limit can be set by agreement

HAMBURG RULES			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	TWO YEARS from date of delivery or when they should have been delivered	Within 15 days - but the next working day if apparent	2.5 SDRs per kg or 835 SDRs per package/unit (whichever is the higher)
Damage	As above	As above	As above
Delay	As above	Within 60 days	As above

WARSAW CONVENTION			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	TWO YEARS from date of arrival, when it ought to arrive or on which carriage stopped		US \$20 per kg for cargo (unless Article 25 applies or value declared for carriage)
Damage	As above	After discovery of and: (a) within seven days from receipt of baggage (b) within 14 days from receipt of cargo	As above
Delay	As above	21 days from receipt	As above

MONTREAL PROTOCOL			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	TWO YEARS from date of arrival, when it ought to arrive or on which carriage stopped		19 SDRs per kg for cargo (unless value declared for carriage)
Damage	As above	After discovery of and: (a) within seven days from receipt of baggage (b) within 14 days from receipt of cargo	As above
Delay	As above	21 days from receipt	As above
Additional Information			A higher limit can be set by agreement

CMR RULES			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	ONE YEAR from: (a) the date of delivery in the case of partial loss (b) 30th day after the expiry of agreed time limit in the case of total loss (60th day from when the goods were taken over by the carrier if no agreed limit)	If apparent, reservation must be sent at time of delivery. If not apparent, seven days after delivery	8.33 SDRs per kg of gross weight short
Damage	ONE YEAR from the date of delivery	As above	As above
Delay	As above	21 days from receipt	As above. Damages shall not exceed the carriage charge
Additional Information	Three months after making the contract of carriage in other cases. Three years in the case of wilful misconduct		No limit in case of wilful misconduct

BIFA (2000 & 2005 Edt.)			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	NINE MONTHS from date of alleged event or occurrence	14 days from date customer became/should have become aware of event	The value of any goods lost or 2 SDRs per kg (whichever is the lower)
Damage	As above	As above	As above
Delay	As above	As above	Twice the amount of the Company's charges

Additional Information			In other claims the least of: (a) the value of the goods (b) 2 SDR's per kg or (c) 75,000 SDRs in respect of any one transaction
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RHA (1998 Edt.)			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	ONE YEAR from when transit commenced	Must be advised within seven days and claim made within 14 days after termination of transit	The lesser of: (a) the value of the goods (b) the cost of repairing damage/reconditioning (c) £1,300 per tonne
Damage	As above	As above	As above
Delay	As above	Must be advised within 28 days and claim made within 42 days	Shall not exceed the carriage charges, or the amount of the claimant's proved loss, whichever is the lesser
Additional Information		Miss-delivery or non-delivery must be notified as with loss or damage. Any other loss must be notified as with delay	As loss or damage for miss-delivery. As delay for any other loss. (Can be increased by prior agreement)

FIATA			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	NINE MONTHS from the date the consignee can treat them as lost	Within six days if not apparent, otherwise when goods are delivered	666.67 SDRs per package/unit or 2 SDRs per kg (whichever is the higher). If carriage does not include sea or inland waterways, liability limited to 8.33 SDRs per kg
Damage	NINE MONTHS from the delivery of the goods	As above	As above
Delay	NINE MONTHS from the date when they would have been delivered	When goods are delivered	Twice the freight for transport
Additional Information			Aggregate liability shall not exceed limit of liability for total loss of goods. No limit where wilful misconduct

UN-MULTI MODAL			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	TWO YEARS from the day after the goods should have been/were delivered	Day after goods handed over. If not apparent, six days after delivery. Notice in writing stating nature and main particulars of the claim within six months from when goods should have been/were delivered	Where there is a sea leg/inland waterway - 920 SDRs per package/unit and 2.75 SDRs per kg (whichever is higher), Where there is no sea leg/inland waterway - 8.33 SDRs per kg
Damage	As above	As above	As above
Delay	As above	60 days after delivery	Two and a half times the freight payable for the goods delayed but not exceeding the total freight payable
Additional Information	Can be extended		No limit where wilful misconduct

CIM RULES			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	ONE YEAR from: (a) 30th day after end of transit time for total loss (b) day of delivery for partial loss	Seven days where loss not apparent, otherwise without delay	17 SDRs per kg of gross mass short and carriage charges shall be refunded
Damage	ONE YEAR from the day of delivery	Seven days where damage not apparent, otherwise without delay	If the whole consignment is damage, limited to what compensation would be for total loss. If partial damage, limited to what compensation would be if that part had been lost. Carriage charges shall be refunded
Delay	As above	Within 60 days	Compensation shall not exceed four times the carriage charge. In case of partial loss of the goods, the compensation shall not exceed three times the carriage charge in respect of the goods not lost. Compensation shall not exceed what would be payable for total loss of the goods
Additional Information	Extended to two years in certain cases	No limit in cases of wilful misconduct or gross negligence	Twice limit if gross negligence. No limit where wilful misconduct. A lower limit can be agreed

IRHA CONDITIONS 2008				
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability	Application
Damage	SIX MONTHS from when transit commenced Condition 10 (2)	In writing within three calendar days and a claim made in writing within 14 calendar days after termination of transit Condition 10 (1)(b)	The lesser value of: a) value of goods lost, damaged or miss-delivered; or b) the cost of repairing any damage or of reconditioning goods c) €1,800 per tonne Condition 12	Contractual Incorporation
Loss	As above	As above	As above	
Delay	As above	As above	As above	
Additional Information		For any other loss the carrier must be advised in writing (other than upon a Consignment Note or Delivery doc) within 28 calendar days and claim made in writing within 42 calendar days after commencement of transit Condition 10(1)(b) and where any period provided by Condition 10 is seven days or less, Saturdays, Sundays and all Public Holidays shall be excluded Condition 10 (3)		

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