

HAGUE RULES			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	ONE YEAR from date of delivery or when they should have been delivered	Within 3 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	As above	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 3 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	As above	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	Within seven days from receipt of baggage Within 14 days from receipt of cargo	US \$20 per kg for cargo (unless value declared for carriage)
Damage	As above	As above	As above
Delay	As above	21 days from receipt	As above
Additional Information	Time limit cannot be extended		A higher limit can be set by agreement

MONTREAL 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	Within seven days from receipt of baggage Within 14 days from receipt of cargo	26 SDRs per kg for cargo (unless value declared for carriage)
Damage	As above	As above	As above
Delay	As above	21 days from receipt	As above
Additional Information	Time limit cannot be extended		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, 7 days after delivery	8.33 SDRs per kg of gross weight affected
Damage	ONE YEAR from the date of delivery	As above	As above
Additional Information	Time bar can be suspended by virtue of written notice of claim		In other claims the least of: a. the value of the goods b. 2 SDR's per kg or c. 75,000 SDR's in respect of any one transaction
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 (2021)			
	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	As Above with a limit of 75,000 SDRs in respect of any one transaction
Additional Information			Previous BIFA Conditions (2000, 2005, 2017 vary)

RHA (2024)			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	ONE YEAR from when transit commenced	Written notice must be submitted within seven days of 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	Written notice must be submitted within 28 days of termination of transit.	Shall not exceed the carriage charges, or the amount of the claimant's proved loss, whichever is the lesser
Additional Information		Mis-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 mis-delivery. As delay for any other loss. (Can be increased by prior agreement) Previous versions vary (1998, 2009, 2020)

FIATA			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	NINE MONTHS from the date the consignee can treat them as lost	Within 6 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 is not apparent, otherwise without delay	17 SDRs per kg of gross mass of affected goods plus carriage charges
Damage	ONE YEAR from the day of delivery	As above	17 SDRs per kg of gross mass of affected goods plus carriage charges
Delay	As above	60 days after delivery	Four times the carriage charges but shall not exceed the value of the
Additional Information	Can be extended to two years in certain cases		No limit where wilful misconduct is proven

IRHA CONDITIONS 2008

	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
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
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	

CARMACK			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	TWO YEARS from declination	Formal claim must be made within 9 months to include identifying details of the shipment, hold the carrier “fully responsible” and clearly identify a claim amount	Based on carrier’s rates or Tariff
Damage	As above	As above	As above
Delay	As above	As above	As above
Additional Information		For concealed damages carrier must be put on notice within 5 days. Always give the carrier opportunity to survey	A higher limit can be set by agreement or declared value

US COGSA			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability
Loss	ONE YEAR from date of delivery or when cargo should have been delivered	Within 3 days for concealed damages	\$500 per package or for cargo not packaged, per customary freight unit
Damage	As above	As above	As above
Delay	As above	As Above	As above
Additional Information		Always give the carrier opportunity to survey	A higher limit can be set by declaring a declared value

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