



Road Haulage Association Limited

CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE 2024

Effective January 2024

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CUSTOMER WILL NOT IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION, OR TO FULL COMPENSATION, FOR ANY LOSS AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS AND INDEMNITIES. THE CUSTOMER SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK PROFESSIONAL ADVICE AS TO APPROPRIATE INSURANCE COVER TO BE MAINTAINED WHILE CONSIGNMENTS ARE IN TRANSIT.

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(hereinafter referred to as "the Carrier") is not a common carrier and accepts goods for carriage only upon that condition and on the conditions set out below (the Conditions). No servant or agent of the Carrier is permitted to alter or vary these Conditions in any way unless expressly authorised to do so in writing by a Director of, Principal of, or Partner in the Carrier, or by another person separately authorised by such a person in writing. If any provision or part-provision of these Conditions is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid, legal and enforceable. If such modification is not possible, the relevant provision or part-provision shall be deemed deleted. Any modification to or deletion of a provision or part-provision under this clause shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the rest of these Conditions. These Conditions apply to the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms that the Customer seeks to impose, have agreed or incorporate, and to the exclusion of any terms which might be implied by trade, custom, practice or course of dealing. It is expressly stated to be the Customer's responsibility to read and understand these Conditions which will form the basis of the Contract under which any claims or disputes are settled. Customers are recommended to take professional advice and must arrange adequate insurance to provide full cover for the Consignment, and any liabilities they may be under in respect of it, when the Consignment is in transit.

1. Definitions

In these Conditions:

"Customer" means the person or company who contracts for the services of the Carrier, including any other carrier who gives a Consignment to the Carrier for carriage.

"Contract" means the contract of carriage between the Customer and the Carrier.

"Consignee" means the person or company to whom the Carrier contracts with the Customer to deliver the Consignment.

"Consignment" means goods -- whether sent as a single item or in bulk or contained in one parcel, package or container, as the case may be, or any number of separate items, parcels, packages or containers -- sent at one time in one load by or for the Customer from one address to one address.

"Dangerous Goods" means those substances and articles the carriage of which are prohibited by the provisions of the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) as applied in the United Kingdom, or permitted to be carried only under the conditions prescribed therein, as well as all other substances and articles of a nature or having characteristics which represent a hazard or danger to persons or property, or which include any radioactive or explosive material.

"Demurrage" means any cost or expense the Carrier suffers as a result of the improper, excessive or unreasonable detention of any vehicle, trailer, container or other equipment belonging to or under the control of the Carrier.

"Force Majeure Event" shall have the meaning set out in Condition 10(2)(c)

"In writing" includes, unless otherwise agreed, the transmission of information by electronic, optical or similar means of communication, including, but not limited to, facsimile, electronic mail or electronic data interchange (EDI), provided that the information is readily accessible and durable so as to be usable for subsequent reference.

2. Parties and Sub-Contracting

- (1) The Customer warrants that he is either the owner of the Consignment or is authorised by the owner to accept these Conditions on his behalf; and that he is similarly authorised by all those having a proprietary or possessory interest in the Consignment, to accept these Conditions on their behalf.
- (2) The Carrier and any other carrier employed by the Carrier may employ the services of any other carrier for the purpose of fulfilling the Contract in whole or in part; and the name of every other such carrier shall be provided to the Customer upon request. The Carrier may at any time assign, mortgage, charge, delegate, declare a trust over or deal in any other manner with any or all of its rights and obligations under the Contract, to the extent permitted by law.

- (3) The Carrier contracts both for itself and also as agent of and trustee for its servants and agents and all other carriers referred to in (2) above, and also as agent of and trustee for such other carriers' servants and agents; and every reference in these Conditions to "the Carrier" shall be deemed to include every other such carrier, servant and agent with the intention that they shall have the full benefit of the terms of this Contract, and collectively and together with the Carrier shall be under no greater liability to the Customer or any other party than is the Carrier hereunder.

- (4) Notwithstanding Condition 2(3), the carriage of any Consignment by rail, sea, inland waterway or air has been or will be arranged by the Carrier solely as agent of the Customer, and any such carriage shall be subject to the conditions of the rail, shipping, inland waterway or air carrier contracted to carry the Consignment. The Carrier shall be under no liability whatsoever, howsoever caused, to any person for such carriage: Provided always that where the Consignment is carried partly by road and partly by such other means of transport any loss, damage or delay shall be deemed to have occurred while the Consignment was being carried by road unless the contrary is proved by the Carrier.

3. Dangerous Goods

If the Customer does not disclose in writing and in advance that a Consignment contains Dangerous Goods, the Carrier shall be entitled to rescind the Contract. If the Carrier agrees to accept for carriage any Dangerous Goods so disclosed then the Customer must arrange for and ensure that the Dangerous Goods are classified, packed, marked, labelled and documented in accordance with all applicable statutory regulations for the carriage by road of the substance declared.

4. Loading and Unloading

- (1) Unless otherwise agreed in writing the Customer will be responsible for the loading of goods onto the vehicle and will also be responsible for the Consignee unloading the goods off the vehicle. The Carrier will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the goods arising from loading the goods onto or unloading them off the vehicle, or from the overloading of the vehicle or from the unsafe loading of the vehicle. The Carrier may, at its sole discretion, through its servants and agents provide assistance in loading or unloading the goods if requested to do so by the Customer or the Consignee or the agents of either. The Customer shall indemnify the Carrier from and against all and any loss, damage, death or injury that may arise whilst the loading or unloading operations are taking place, or as a result of how the vehicle has been loaded, whether or not such loss, damage, death or injury is attributable to the negligence of the Carrier, its agents or servants.
- (2) The Customer shall ensure that any cranes, fork lift trucks, slings, chains or other equipment used in loading or unloading the vehicle are suitable for that purpose, are well maintained and are only operated by personnel who have been suitably trained on the use of such equipment. The Customer will indemnify the Carrier against any and all consequences of failure of, misuse of or unsuitability of such equipment.
- (3) The Customer shall ensure that there is adequate access to the loading and the unloading points and that the roadways to and from the public highway are of suitable material and that unloading will take place on good sound hardstanding, where there will be sufficient space to load or unload the vehicle in safety.
- (4) The Carrier shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever, howsoever caused, if the Carrier's personnel are instructed by the Customer or the Consignee or their servants or agents to provide service to an area which does not comply with Condition 4(3) above, whether or not against the recommendations of the Carrier or the Carrier's personnel.
- (5) The Customer shall indemnify the Carrier against all liability or loss or damage suffered or incurred (including but not limited to damage to the Carrier's vehicle) as a result of the Carrier's personnel complying with the instructions of the Customer or the Consignee or their servants or agents, or where the Carrier has not been allowed reasonable opportunity to inspect a load which has been loaded by the Customer or the Consignee or their servants or agents.
- (6) The Customer shall make available to the Carrier upon request details of any risk assessments which may have been carried out at the collection and/or delivery addresses and/or in relation to any equipment used in loading or unloading the vehicle. The responsibility for carrying out such risk assessments shall be that of the Customer and not of the Carrier. The Carrier may refuse to enter any site which the Carrier, at the Carrier's sole discretion, considers to be unsafe.

5. Obligations of the Customer

The Customer warrants that:

- (1) The Consignment does not and will not: cause pollution of the environment or harm to human health; require any official consent or licence to handle, possess, deal with or carry; at any time whilst in the care or control of the Carrier constitute waste (unless the Carrier has been previously advised otherwise); and that the Consignment is of a nature that can be legally transported in the United Kingdom;
- (2) It will comply, and will procure that all of its agents, employees and sub-contractors also comply, with any reasonable regulations of the Carrier relating to handling, health and safety, and security, of which they are notified or have been notified; and