	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 Damage	TWO YEARS from date of arrival, when it ought to arrive or on which carriage stopped As above	Within seven days from receipt of baggage Within 14 days from receipt of cargo As above	22 SDRs per kg for cargo (unless value declared for carriage) 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 (2017)			
	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 vary)	

	RHA (2009)			
	Time Limits	Notification Period	Limit of Liability	
Loss	ONE YEAR from when transit commenced	Must be advised within 7 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		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)	

	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 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	
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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