

TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

When units containing dangerous goods are transported to the port area, they must be labelled with appropriate hazard labels in accordance with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code.

The Port supervises the transport of dangerous goods within its administrative area and will immediately take action against any violations, such as

- improperly labelled units or
- failure to implement the segregation requirements for dangerous goods

The port allows ADR/RID transports in the port area, if they are integrally related to the transport chain (e.g. a lorry or train loads/unloads goods to/from the terminal). The Port of Pori follows this procedure to a limited extent. If a unit is transported to the waiting area for dangerous goods, ADR/RID transports are not possible. The prohibition is based on the fact that in ADR/RID transportation, units do not need to be labelled with hazard identification numbers, which makes it impossible to implement the segregation requirements for dangerous goods.

The following guidelines regarding dangerous substances must be followed in the administrative area of the Port of Pori:

- Transport must be authorised in writing by the Port of Pori.
- Transportable units must be undamaged and properly packed.
- The driver must know what they are transporting and where.
- Units must be properly labelled in accordance with the IMDG Code.
- Labelled units must be transported directly to the consignee (i.e. without any intermediate storage except in the waiting areas).
- Transportable goods may be left in the port's waiting area or their designated storage area.
- If a unit is not labelled in accordance with the IMDG Code (i.e. the unit does not contain labels), the unit may not be left in the port's waiting area.
- The segregation requirements of the IMDG Code must be strictly followed in the waiting areas.
- Units may be stored in marked waiting areas for a maximum of 24 hours, after which they must be transferred either to the storage area for dangerous goods or outside the port area. No corrosive substances other than those belonging to class 8, which are non-toxic, or other non-flammable chemicals may be stored in the waiting area for railroad vehicles.
- Units labelled as dangerous may not be stored in any other areas of the port other than the fields or storage facilities designated for them.
- If a unit is empty but the labels have not been removed, the Port will consider it to be uncleaned.
- Labels must not be removed from uncleaned units.
- Terminal tractors carrying dangerous goods must be equipped with a functional fire extinguisher, radio communication equipment and a flashing yellow warning light.

Notification of dangerous goods

Advance notification

An advance notice must be submitted for all dangerous goods transported through the Port of Pori (goods governed by the IMDG Code, excluding liquid fuels transported in bulk). The notice must be submitted well in advance and at least 24 hours before the cargo unit arrives at the port. The consigner is responsible for the advance notice. Dangerous goods that are not reported will not be accepted. The advance notice can be submitted through the Port of Pori's website.

Preliminary inquiry

Submitting a preliminary inquiry is required when goods classified as extremely dangerous are to be transported through the port. The inquiry must be submitted to the Port of Pori three days in advance. Goods classified as extremely dangerous:

- Class 1: explosives (excluding 1.4S)
- Class 5.2: organic peroxides (when shipment exceeds 5,000kg)
- Class 7: radioactive substances (with the exception of UN2908-2911)

Submitting a preliminary inquiry also applies to all other IMDG classes in case of large shipments (over 100,000 kg). Submitting a preliminary inquiry does not apply to subclass 1.4S. All transports subject to a preliminary inquiry are direct import/export. This means that goods must be unloaded directly from the ship or transferred directly to the ship. They must not be stored in the port area, even temporarily. A preliminary inquiry can be submitted through the Port of Pori's website.