

6. FREIGHT TRAFFIC

There are various means of delivering cargo or goods to their destinations, i. e. different types of freight traffic: air, sea, rail and road transportation. Truck transport delivers larger cargo by road using trucks of different capacities and types. The cargo is packed prior to being loaded onto the truck. The most common packing methods are using containers or pallets, preferably the reusable and exchangeable Euro-pallets.



Company: Good morning, Mr. Ivanovic. I am calling regarding our enquiry about truck transport from the Czech Republic to Germany.

Potential Carrier: Good morning, Ms. Novotna. It is about the one-time delivery of goods to Berlin and Munich. Am I right?

Company: Yes, we received your offer and were very pleased with your immediate response as well as your availability at the requested time. Also, the pricing is acceptable for us and also your guarantee of the delivery date and time.

Potential Carrier: Yeah, we're offering to process all the necessary formalities including the customs declaration, proof of origin of goods and insurance. There is a small charge for this service but it means that the transport of your goods is completely in our hands from the moment of loading until it is delivered to its destination, and I do not have to say how much time and money that saves you...

Company: That sounds perfect. What about packaging? Our goods are packed on Euro-pallets and we participate in the system of return and exchange of Euro-pallets.

Potential Carrier: All the cargo we deliver is 80 per cent packed on Euro-pallets, so that won't be a problem.

Company: When it comes to loading the goods onto the truck, we'd like to use our own personnel and techniques; we are equipped with special forklifts to fit the Euro-pallets inside the truck.

Potential Carrier: Of course. It won't be a problem to accommodate your needs-our personnel will assist you to make sure the goods are loaded according to all the safety requirements.

Company: Thank you for the information. We'll forward you the forms specifying the goods, weight, number of pieces et cetera.

Potential Carrier: Very well. I will prepare all the necessary documents and send them to you together with the carriage contract. Could you please specify the loading and delivery locations again?

Company: Of course. I will send you an e-mail right away that includes all the information you need. Have a nice day.

Potential Carrier: OK, take care. We'll be in touch.

Company: Bye bye.

Notes

V Vocabulary and phrases

accommodate	customs declaration	charge	personnel
availability	delivery location	immediate	prior to sth
be equipped	destination	insurance	reusable
cargo	forklifts	load sth	
carriage contract	formality	loading location	

