

Amendments to Freight Handling Code Issue 9 – dated 29 February, 2024

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The following amendments are made to the Freight Handling Code, issue 8 -

Section 5: Load Security and Safety

Amendments made to 5.16 Curtainside Equipment

Amendments to the securing of containers, and new instructions for side-opening containers

Section 7: Conveyancing Responsibilities

Clarity provided to 7.2 Sender's Responsibilities for placarding consignments of dangerous goods in limited quantities

Section 12: Containerised Traffic

Multiple amendments to Wagon Loading Capabilities and Container Loading Combinations

Refer pages 12.5, 12.12, 12.14, 12.15, 12.17, 12.19, 12.22, 12.23, 12.25 – 12.27 and 12.29

Amendments to ISO containers and Non-ISO units resulting in updated Section numbering

Amendment to 12.6 Multiple Stacked Containers, page 12.35 allowing chains to secure bulkheads on flatracks

Add IK wagon class

Amend 2.8 and 2.9m container restrictions for the North Auckland Line (NAL)

Replace obsolete classes HK, PK, and UK with HKK, PKK and UKK respectively

Add new subsection 12.10 for multi-box containers connected horizontally to form a longer container

Section 16: Logs

Amendment to Minimum Log Length

Add PKL wagon class

Amendments to crowning rules to align with the Approved Code of Practice for Safety and Health in Forest Operations

Add requirement to belly strop all logs

Add FIH wagon class

Add FIB, FBB, and FIT wagon classes and remove UKL, ULA, ULB, ULE, FE, FEG, and FES wagon classes

Section 22: Oversize and Overweight Loads

Amended Castlecliff Branch, New Plymouth to Breakwater, and Woodville to Pahiatua to 18 tonne axle load

Added Napier to Wairoa with 16 tonne axle load

Added Finegand Branch with 14 tonne axle load