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REMOVAL OF RESIDUES AND DANGEROUS GOODS LABEL FROM CONTAINERS

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS, CONSIGNEES AND THEIR AGENTS

The shipment of Full Container Loads (FCL) consignments places upon the Merchant certain obligations in respect to the return of equipment used.

In accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Bill of Lading or Waybill, the Consignee/Notify party and/or your agent must return the container once empty to the nominated location indicated in the Delivery Order, in a clean and undamaged condition, completely free of cargo residues, dunnage and all labels relating to the cargo carried including Dangerous Goods labels.

The Australian Dangerous Goods regulations dictate that Dangerous Goods labels are only allowed to be affixed during transportation of Dangerous Goods. Placarding on the container should not be misleading as to the contents of the container.

Notwithstanding that at times authority is delegated or contracted to a Third Party or Road Carrier to arrange the empty return of lines' equipment, the ultimate responsibility remains with the Merchant as defined in the carriage documents.

Failure to comply with the above procedures may result in container depots declining the acceptance of the empty container to their depot, which will invariably result in additional costs to the Consignee.

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