

INEOS Olefins & Polymers Europe

Loading partial loads in groupage trucks Ineos O&P safety requirements

“Groupage”: *The consolidation of several small shipments into a single truck*

It is the Ineos O&P policy to deliver full truck loads only and to have partial loads delivered by distributors.

Partial loads, especially when loaded in groupage trucks, may cause safety problems like inadequate load securing capabilities and risks caused by the load that is already on board of the trucks when they arrive on our sites.

Therefore we strongly advise to keep groupage loadings to an absolute minimum. If there is no alternative, groupage can only be accepted under the following conditions:

Requirements

- 1: Preference would be that the groupage truck comes to Ineos O&P empty first, and if this is not possible, that there is no need of handling (e.g. moving) the goods, which are already on the vehicle, in order to accommodate the Ineos O&P load.
- 2: If there are already goods on board, these goods must
 - * not be ADR classified
 - * not limit the payload to be achieved
 - * not be at risk for our products in terms of quality (i.e. strong odour) stability during transport:
 - they must be properly secured
 - they must not hinder the proper load securing of our goods



- Example of groupage shipment which is not acceptable:
- The steel axle is not properly secured
 - Our pallets can not be properly secured

3: If our goods are not sent directly to our customer but unloaded at a central location, we expect that, when the goods are loaded again for their final destination (2nd leg), they are loaded and secured according to the same standard as in the first leg.

For octabins:

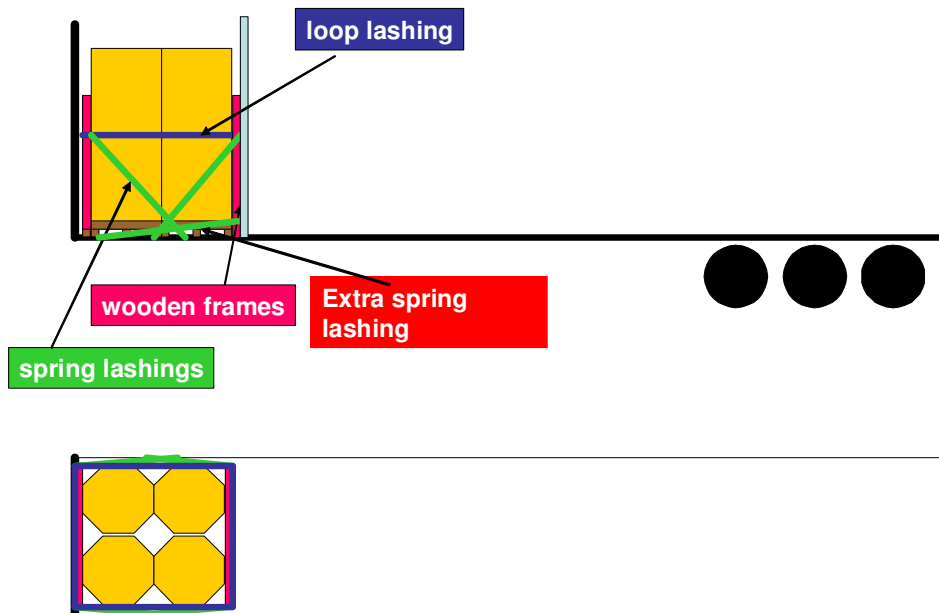
In addition to the above requirements, loading a small number of octabins as partial load or on groupage trucks can only be accepted in exceptional cases and only when:

- The octabins are placed against the headboard or against an intermediate blocking board.
- Dunnage is used to fill up voids
- The Octabins are secured in a block of 4 according to the standard load securing method (in between two frames - spring- and loop lashings).

Full loads of octabins are strongly recommended !

A minimum of 2 octabins can be accepted, however it must be emphasized that octabins can only be properly secured in blocks of minimum 4.

Partial load:4 Octabins in curtain sider



Our sites will do the utmost to ensure the above mentioned requirements are met. However partial loads can not always be secured in the same way as full loads and we have no control on what is happening with our goods after leaving our sites.

Therefore Ineos O&P can not be held responsible for any damage to the goods caused by inability to do a proper load securing, subsequent loading of other material on the truck, moving our goods and removing the straps etc...