



ILU-Code

identification of Intermodal Loading Units in Europe

INFORMATION FOR LOGISTICS COMPANIES

An ILU-Code for every European loading unit

Craneable semi-trailers and swap-bodies must from now on be identified with an ILU-Code to be eligible for intermodal transport. The transition period, allowing all loading units to be equipped with an ILU-Code, is set until 1 July 2014.

The ILU-Code

The ILU-Code is a new owner-identifier for European loading units. Its structure is similar to the worldwide renowned BIC-Code used to identify millions of maritime containers.

ILU-Code: three elements



Companies should make sure that they register their ILU-Code Owner-key in time so as to meet the markings deadline. The best abbreviation relative to their company name can be ensured if registering as soon as possible.



How to proceed ?

1. Register your Owner-key

On the website www.ilu-code.eu, you should register your company data and choose an Owner-key. Upon payment of the registration fee your code is registered and officially published in the ILU-Code Register. With your Owner-key, you can directly identify your loading units: one single Owner-key in combination with the freely chosen registration number allows you to mark up to 999.999 loading units.

2. Mark your units

For every loading unit - newly purchased or already owned-, you may either ask the manufacturer to take care of the marking, or implement it yourself for instance with self-adhesive labels that you can order on the ILU-Code website.

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Advantages of the ILU-Code

- Every actor of the intermodal transport-chain (railway undertakings, customs, terminal and port managers, etc.) can easily trace the owner of a loading unit through the Internet-based Register and soon through a smartphone.
- As an owner, receive reliable tracking and tracing information. No more expensive and time consuming search for “lost” units due to inaccurate data transmission.
- The check-digit reveals 95% of data entry errors. It relieves the burden of most corrections due to inaccurate transport documents and invoices.
- The software used to process the BIC-Code for maritime containers is suitable for the technically compatible ILU-Code.
- The ILU- or BIC-Codes are suitable for optical character recognition (OCR). ILU-Code equipped loading units can rapidly be processed at terminals, ports and by big shippers.
- Quick and easy compliance with high-level security requirements at ports and EU external borders, allowing customs and official authorities to identify the owner any time; access to “priority/fast lanes”.
- No need for a new codification with additional costs when selling or purchasing used loading units.
- No more confusion as the codification numbers and the vehicle’s license number are not used in parallel to the owner identification anymore.



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