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1. Scope

The objective of this standard is to define **minimum requirements** that European Cargo Safety Cards must meet when they are delivered to the parties involved in operations of loading, unloading or transport. The minimum requirements are valid both as recommendations and/or guidelines.

The European Cargo Safety Card is a **document** of great importance in **transport safety**. On the one hand, it collects the technical knowledge and experience of qualified internal or external experts on the **best practices** to be carried out for stowage of certain loads. Firstly, it includes **binding contractual provisions** filling in for the regulatory and standardization gaps existing on a European level in this field. These binding contractual provisions - covering the chain of responsibility corresponding to each of the parties involved - are complemented by legal provisions regarding the application of the inspection system, European harmonization and establishing of unique set of criteria for the application of Directive 2014/47/EU Annex III about Cargo Securing.

It also collects **other information** such as calculations or matters of interest to carry out operational and practical stowage in accordance with legal and contractual obligations.

The document allows transferring additional information and calculations in a **visually simplistic manner**. This allows all parties involved in stowage operations to access relevant data without having prior knowledge to the implications or events that may arise as a result of this process.

The European cargo safety cards facilitate:

- Roadside inspection carried out by the relevant authorities,
- Assistance in training personnel in private companies dealing with cargo securing,
- Risk evaluation and reporting,
- Stowage agreements between the parties,
- Drawing up stowage recommendations or guidelines,
- Additional health and safety indicators in the workplace.

The objective of this standard is the unification of **minimum criteria for developing** European Cargo Safety Cards to help promote and facilitate the understanding of the different formats that may be drawn up in the future.

2. Legislation and References

The European Cargo Safety Cards must be based on existing legislation and on the technical and/or general legal standards applicable to different **modes of transport** and **local, regional, national or international regions** through which private transport will circulate. Likewise, they may be linked by contractual agreements between parties, regulated by the applicable regulations.

If for some modes of transport several applicable regulations exist, as a general principle, the most restrictive will apply. However, the issuing party may reflect several different regulations on the European Cargo Safety Card, applicable to each mode of transport or region, in some cases there may be a request to apply the minimum requirements.

The following list describes the most important technical and general legal standards applicable, as general criteria, in the European Cargo Safety Cards: