

Delivery and Packaging Regulations of Josef Blässinger GmbH + Co. KG

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1. FOREWORD

With these delivery and packaging regulations, Josef Blässinger GmbH + Co. KG (referred to hereinafter as "BLÄSSINGER") intends to ensure smooth logistic processing. To this end, compliance with logistical, administrative, and organisational rules is necessary. Uniform standards, which are explained in this regulation, are intended to ensure an uninterrupted flow of materials between the supplier and BLÄSSINGER.

BLÄSSINGER stands for the sustainable and environmentally conscious use of resources. Environmental protection is among BLÄSSINGER's strategic goals. For this reason, BLÄSSINGER expects its employees to act in an environmentally conscious manner and also expects this of its suppliers. Deviations from the regulations set out below, unless individually agreed or expressly approved by BLÄSSINGER in advance and in writing, will be deemed to be defects in quality, at the expense of the supplier and will be recorded in BLÄSSINGER's supplier evaluation system. Any additional expenses incurred by us for the handling of goods delivered where the delivery and packaging guidelines have not been observed will be charged to the supplier unless the supplier is not responsible for the non-compliance with our delivery and packaging regulations. This does not affect any additional claims going above and beyond this.

The applicable statutory regulations on the environment and packaging must also be observed. The suppliers must, in particular, comply with the new German Packaging Act (Verpackungsgesetz), which entered into force in Germany on 01.01.2019. Suppliers are not permitted to use packaging that contains materials that are difficult to recycle and should avoid the use of plastic as far as possible.

2. DELIVERIES

The goods are to be delivered to the delivery address stated in the individual order, call-off order or the individual contract concerned.

Delivery times for our central warehouse:

Josef Blässinger GmbH + Co. KG

Zeppelinstr. 18 | 73760 Ostfildern

Incoming Goods:

Monday – Thursday	8.00 to 11.30 hours 13.00 to 15.30 hours
Friday	8.00 to 11.30 hours

All deliveries must be notified in advance.

Consolidated deliveries comprising several packages must be labelled accordingly, for example 'package 1 of 5, package 2 of 5' etc. In addition, it must also be ensured that all packages are delivered at the same time. If this is not possible, it must be ensured that each separate delivery contains a copy of the delivery note and that each package contains a contents list (packing list).

Boxes must be stacked on the pallets so that the labels are clearly visible from the outside. The labels on the packages are not permitted to be covered by stickers from the haulage company. Packages are permitted to be stacked only if it is ensured that the packages on the bottom will not be damaged or deformed.

3. CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

BLÄSSINGER accepts goods only subject to subsequent review of the quality and quantity. Upon acceptance of goods, only the intactness of the transport packaging, as well as the number of packages and loading units are confirmed.

4. REFUSAL OF ACCEPTANCE

- BLÄSSINGER reserves the right to refuse to accept goods in the following cases in particular:
- Transport damage and defects
- Incorrect delivery
- Delivery outside of hours for incoming goods
- Defects in the transport documentation (missing, incorrect, or incomplete transport documentation)
- Damage to load carriers
- Incomplete delivery
- Deviations from these delivery and packaging guidelines

5. LOAD CARRIERS

Only stamped Euro-pallets or single-use pallets made of solid wood are permitted to be used. Single-use pallets made of compressed wood will not be accepted. All deliveries weighing more than 30 kg must be made using load carriers to ensure that they can be unloaded and moved without issue using industrial trucks. The basic measurements of a pallet are 1,200 mm x 800 mm. The maximum height of the pallet is not permitted to exceed 1,800mm. The maximum weight per pallet is 800 kg. If a delivery is to be processed using air or sea freight, the pallet must also comply with IPPC-Standard ISPM-15. If this is not possible, this must be explicitly agreed with BLÄSSINGER before commencing the loading/shipment.

All load carriers must be in perfect condition upon delivery. BLÄSSINGER explicitly reserves the right to reject shipments delivered on unsuitable, unsafe or damaged load carriers and/or to charge the additional expenses and materials if it is necessary for its own employees to repackage the goods.

The reimbursement duty for the additional expenses does not apply if the supplier is not responsible for the delivery on unsuitable, unsafe, or damaged load carriers. This does not affect any further claims going above and beyond this.

Upon delivery, BLÄSSINGER replaces the EURO-pallets, provided no damage is evident and the pallets correspond to the applicable standard. The exchange criteria and quality characteristics of EPAL (EPAL THE PALLET SYSTEM (epal-pallets.org) apply in this context. If, at the explicit request of the freight carrier, no exchange is carried out, BLÄSSINGER will handle the pallets in the same way as single-use pallets. There is no reimbursement of costs for the freight carrier in this situation.

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Different load carriers are permissible only for long-length items. Products are not permitted to hang off the load carrier and must be secured with straps and/or stretch/shrink-wrap film.

6. PACKAGING AND DISPOSAL:

The packaging of products is to be selected by BLÄSSINGER and the supplier taking account of environmental, financial and qualitative criteria. Packaging suitable for the means of transportation and shipping is to be selected to ensure that the goods are delivered to BLÄSSINGER unharmed. The Supplier must observe the German Waste Management Act (Kreislaufwirtschafts- und Abfallgesetz – KrW-/AbfG).

The following aspects in particular must be taken into account:

- The packaging is not permitted to be larger and costlier than strictly necessary to protect the goods.
- Filling materials are to be kept to a minimum.
- When using single-use and multi-use packaging, recyclable packaging materials are to be used and labelled in accordance with the rules of the waste management industry.
- The use of single-origin materials is expected.
- Packaging materials made of solid wood must comply with the guidelines of ISPM No. 15/IPPC.
- The use of polystyrene (including polystyrene chips) as filling material will not be accepted. Wood wool as a filling material will not be accepted either. Wherever possible, recyclable materials like paper or cardboard are to be used.
- Paper and cardboard must be free from harmful substances.
- Shrink-wrap and stretch film must, as a rule, be made of polyethylene.
- Only clean corrugated cardboard, paper or cushion packs are permitted to be used as filling materials.
- Small parts must be placed in individual bags and the bags labelled.
- Only plastic straps made from PP (Polypropylene) and PET (polyethylene terephthalate) are permitted to be used as straps. The use of metal straps is not permitted!

7. ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS:

The freight carrier must be provided with proper transport documents and accompanying documentation.

8. DELIVERY NOTES

The Supplier is required to furnish the load carriers with a delivery note. It is mandatory that the delivery note is affixed on the outside of the shipment. It may not at any time be placed inside a shipment.

The delivery note must include the following information:

- Delivery note No.
- Supplier article No.
- Product description
- Blässinger order No.
- Blässinger article No.
- Country of origin

- Customs tariff No.
- Quantity delivered (in the event of any difference in quantity, also state the order quantity)
- Bar-/QR-Code (for each article)

All documents necessary to identify the shipment must be written in either German or English. All delivery documentation must be structured in line with established norms. For delivery notes, design in line with DIN 4991 or VDA 4912 is recommended.

9. BATCH LABELLING

Products that are relevant for batch tracing or for which batch tracing was otherwise agreed, must be labelled accordingly by the Supplier to ensure smooth incoming goods processing at BLÄSSINGER. The batch number must be placed on the article such that the employees in the incoming goods department at BLÄSSINGER can read or scan the code without the need for any further handling (such as unpacking or lifting out).

10. LABELLING OF THE PRODUCTS, HAZARDOUS GOODS

All products delivered must be labelled or marked. Subject to any written agreement to the contrary, labels are to be used in the form and with the content specified in EAN 128. The labels must feature a barcode/QR-code that can be scanned for the following information: batch, best before date, Blässinger order No., quantity, article description and country of origin.

Hazardous goods must feature the required labels. The labels must be clearly visible, in line with the statutory requirements. The sender must observe and fulfil the obligations pertaining to hazardous goods pursuant to the current applicable version of the German Carriage of Dangerous Goods Act (Gefahrgutbeförderungsgesetz) and the regulations issued thereunder.

The international (e. g. ADR, IATA DGR, ADN) and national (e. g. GGBefG) requirements concerning labelling and transportation of hazardous goods must be observed under all circumstances. The relevant safety datasheets must be provided to the procurement department at BLÄSSINGER prior to the delivery of hazardous goods. The freight carrier must be in possession of an authorisation qualifying them for the carriage of hazardous goods (ADR-certificate). The vehicle must also have a special ADR-licence for the transportation of hazardous goods. The load carriers must be labelled with the internationally recognised hazardous goods symbols.

11. CASH-ON-DELIVERY SHIPMENTS

Cash-on-delivery shipments will not be accepted. Delivery of shipments subject to payment will be refused and the shipment returned to the sender at the latter's expense.

12. FINAL REMARKS

Consistent compliance with these delivery and packaging guidelines will be reviewed by the incoming goods department at BLÄSSINGER. Freight charges from external freight carriers and external parcel services will not be accepted by BLÄSSINGER.