

# Wastepaper – storage and transportation

Wastepaper is hygroscopic (absorbing moisture) and must be protected from all moisture, such as rain, snow, condensation water, seawater and extremely high levels of relative humidity.

### -> Exposure to moisture may lead to spontaneous combustion.

Wastepaper which has been compressed into compacted bales, is impregnated with unsaturated oils and is not completely dry. It can constitute a fire hazard and must be classified as a substance from class 4.2 of the IMDG Code or ADR "substances liable to spontaneous combustion (e.g. coal, fish meal)".

### Transportation

Wastepaper classed as hazardous material must be transported in accordance with the relevant recommendations and conventions of dangerous goods.

#### Storage

Storage of wastepaper should thus take place in a locked, ventilated and enclosed area under a roof, preferably indoors away from machines and other combustible material.

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