



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.