

Annex III

ACTIONS FOR EU LAND CARRIERS, NON-EU LAND CARRIERS, EU MARITIME CARRIERS AND NON-EU MARITIME CARRIERS.

Measures to be taken and equipment to be put in place by EU land carriers, non-EU land carriers, EU maritime carriers, non-EU maritime carriers:

- (1) For prevention: verification during and after loading and unloading, that pellets are properly removed from the outside of the transport equipment before leaving the loading/unloading site; clear communication of storage requirements; prevention of any leakage, including during the transport journey, e.g., by technical suitability of the transport means and containers, supplemented with appropriate sealing and labelling; ensuring that protective covers on e.g. forklifts/hydraulic equipment are used to prevent the piercing of packaging; regularly cleaning the loading compartments and the containers to minimise the loss of spilled pellets; visual checking of openings and the integrity of the loading compartments prior and, to the extent possible, during the journey, including in the multimodal terminals, rail terminals, inland and seaports.
- (2) For storage: Microplastic pellets are to be stored in enclosed areas, and in the case of marine vessels below deck. Microplastic pellets shall be transported in tear- and impact-resistant packaging that can withstand degradation in aquatic environments.
- (3) For containment and clean-up: where possible, repair damaged packaging (e.g. by using booms, barriers and tape) and contain the remaining pellets in the loading compartment; collect the spilled pellets in closed containers or bags for proper disposal; in case of transport of pellets in bulk tanks, opening the bottom manhole/cone of the silo tank only after entering the cleaning bay; replace the container liner only in suitable and non-public areas, where any spillage can be contained; notify the authorities such as international and national emergency, or environmental authorities, as appropriate, from the Member State where the event occurred.
- (4) Equipment on board: at least one portable lighting apparatus, hand tools (e.g. brooms, dustpan and brush, buckets, repair tapes, etc.); closed collection containers/reinforced collection bags.