

Container Inspection

A 7-point container and trailer inspection: container and seal numbers, safety approval plate, undercarriage, doors, sides, front wall, roof and floor, reefer fan housing, cleanliness, accept or reject, photos and sign-off.

1. Container

Project

Client

Site *

Site address

Inspection date *

Time

Inspector *

When (choose one)

☐ Before loading ☐ On receipt ☐ Return

Container or trailer number *

Scan the container number

Scanned in the SiteSurvey app. On paper, write the numbers: container number.

Type (choose one)

☐ 20 ft dry ☐ 40 ft dry ☐ 40 ft high cube ☐ Reefer ☐ Trailer ☐ Other

Safety approval plate fitted, with in-date examination details?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If applicable: HSE: freight containers must have a safety approval plate permanently fixed, showing the approval reference, identification number, maximum operating gross weight and examination arrangements, and must be examined under an approved scheme (ACEP or PES). Report a missing or out-of-date plate before the container is used. The duty comes from the International Convention for Safe Containers 1972 (CSC), applied in Great Britain by the Freight Containers (Safety Convention) Regulations 1984.

The US CTPAT minimum security criteria require a seven-point inspection of empty containers before loading: front wall, left side, right side, floor, ceiling or roof, inside and outside doors including the locks, and outside and undercarriage. Refrigerated containers add an eighth point, the fan housing. The checks look for changes made to hide contraband, and for visible pests.

2. Seven-point check

Undercarriage and outside (choose one)

☐ OK ☐ Defect

What is wrong? (if applicable)

Doors, inside and outside (locks, hinges, bolts) (choose one)

☐ OK ☐ Defect

What is wrong? (if applicable)

Right side (choose one)

☐ OK ☐ Defect

What is wrong? (if applicable)

Left side (choose one)

☐ OK ☐ Defect

What is wrong? (if applicable)

Front wall (choose one)

☐ OK ☐ Defect

What is wrong? (if applicable)

Ceiling and roof (choose one)

☐ OK ☐ Defect

What is wrong? (if applicable)

Floor (inside) (choose one)

☐ OK ☐ Defect

What is wrong? (if applicable)

Reefer fan housing (if applicable; choose one)

☐ OK ☐ Defect

What is wrong? (if applicable)

Clean and fit for the load * (tick all that apply)

☐ Dry ☐ Clean ☐ No odour ☐ No pests ☐ No holes or light coming in

Points OK (worked out automatically in the app)

Points with a defect (worked out automatically in the app)

Photos (doors, inside, any defects) (photos: attach, or note the file names)

3. Result

Result * (choose one)

☐ Accepted ☐ Rejected

Why rejected (if applicable)

Seal number applied or checked (if applicable)

Scan the seal

Scanned in the SiteSurvey app. On paper, write the numbers: seal number.

Seal checked: number matches the documents, and it does not pull or twist loose? (if applicable)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Inspector name *

Signature

Driver name

Driver signature