



## Recommendations for Shipping Bagged Freight

Of all the forms of palletized freight carried by Toga Freight's delivery networks, bagged freight remains the most susceptible for damage. The main reasons for this are:

- *Speed of operation imposed by time constraints, particularly in international hubs*
- *Variety of freight transported together on the same vehicle.*
- *Variety of freight bayed together in the warehouse*
- *Unforgiving nature of bagged freight to any buffeting against other goods in transit.*
- *Poor packaging or failure to recognize the needs for additional packaging as a result of the above.*

With regard to the last point above, Toga Freight has now detailed a specification it considers appropriate to ensure the safe trans-shipment of bagged freight through our warehouses and the network.

The following is mandatory/recommended. (Please also see illustration below)

1. **M** Cardboard spacer between pallet and bottom layer of bags to prevent sagging through boards and bags being pierced by forks.
2. **M** Band of thick cardboard, minimum 15" around pallet from top of base, to provide extra protection from buffeting.
3. **M** Bags must not overhang edges of pallet.
4. **M** Bags must be completely and tightly shrink-wrapped.
5. **M** Where required, "Do Not Stack" stickers should be prominently displayed on the pallet sides.
6. **M** Bags must be "Brick Stacked" in layers to ensure stability.
7. **R** On "taller pallets", cardboard spacers between layers every couple of feet will assist stability.
8. **R** A layer of cardboard on top of the pallet offers extra protection in the event of top-loading.

### Codes

**M** - Mandatory

**R** - Additional Recommendations

