



Needing to move your modified container?

KiwiRail can sometimes transport modified (non-ISO) containers as standard units using four twistlocks.

To be accepted, your unit must meet the following criteria and photographic proof will likely be required.

Physical fit and clearance

- The unit must sit entirely within the standard or hi-cube container profile, e.g., "in gauge"
- Nothing may protrude beyond this profile - power sockets, vents, whirlybirds, aircon units and other fittings must be flush or removed.
- Curtains, end poles, buckles, roof supports and strops must be properly fitted and fully secured.

Identification

- The container must be clearly numbered and visible on both long sides, as this is how staff verify your unit on arrival. Missing or unclear numbering can result in delays or rejection. The container number is a four-letter owner code, six digits, and a single check digit, for example, NZLU1234567. KiwiRail uses this number to track individual containers through its systems.

Structural condition

- No cracking will be accepted around corner castings, in welds, or in any other structurally important area.
 - Any cracking visible to the naked eye means automatic rejection, loaded or empty.
 - This protects KiwiRail staff, infrastructure, the public and their property.
- Size and weight
- The unit must not be overloaded; it must fall within allowable size and weight limits at all times, loaded or empty.

Not sure if your unit qualifies? Talk to us first.

Modified containers must meet all KiwiRail requirements before transport. Issues at the terminal can cause delays, extra costs, or a failed trip.

Container Transport checks your unit's fit and condition before it reaches the railhead, helping ensure first-time acceptance.

If KiwiRail rejects your container, road transport may still be possible, but it is usually more expensive.

Contact our team today to confirm your modified container meets rail requirements before booking.