

WHO HAS ACTUALLY HANDLED THE CONTAINER AND ITS CONTENTS?

Origin

- Packers.
- Forklift drivers.
- Truckers.
- Top pick operator/straddle carrier operator.
- Rail crew.
- Straddle carrier operator.
- Marine crane operator.

- Ship's crew.

Destination

- Marine crane operator.
- Forklift truck or straddle or top pick operator.
- Rail crew.... or.... trucker.
- Forklift driver.
- Unpacker

Bottom line.... What has the typical container and its contents just gone through?

- At least twelve different physical moves.
- Eight separate placement procedures.
- Nine individual groundings.
- Possibly gone through several temperature and humidity changes.
- Nine different types of lifts.
- Travelled a distance of between 4,000 to 8,000 miles (6,400 - 12,000 km).
- Goods have been in transit 30 to 45 days or more from the time of loading into the container to receipt by the purchaser.
- Modes involved — truck — rail — marine.