

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR GOODS AGAINST MOISTURE DAMAGE

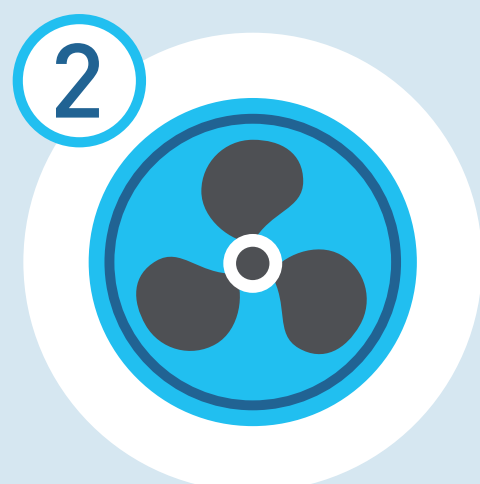


By reducing the amount of moisture entering the container and by using desiccants to remove moisture from the air you can prevent the buildup of moisture to levels where it may cause damage. Follow the next steps:



1 Is the container airtight?

A minimum requirement is that the container is in good condition, without holes or damaged doors. This should be checked for every container before loading. Especially the doors are vulnerable to damage that may not easily be noticed.



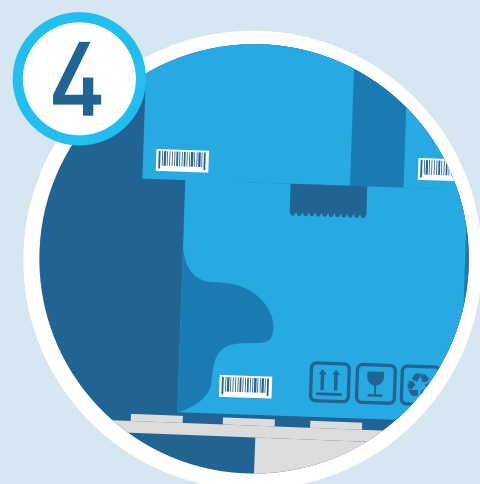
2 Did you check the ventilation holes?

Certainly no container is airtight, but a container in good condition only allows air and moisture to move in and out of the container slowly. This significantly reduces the amount of moisture moving into the container under common circumstances.



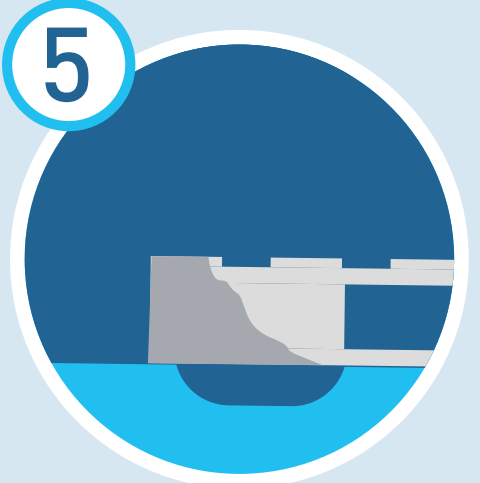
3 Is the container dry?

A container that has been washed before loading may contain a lot of water. Pay special attention to the container floor. The humidity of the wood should not be above 15%. All pallets and wooden dunnage must be dry, certainly not above 20%. It is easy to check the moisture content of the wood with a handheld moisture reading device.



4 Are the products dry?

Ready products may be stored in humid environment, for example when it's being loaded under wet conditions or when used on mouldy tables or surfaces. Garments are often steam ironed before picking, which will bring a lot of moisture into the container.



5 Is the packaging material dry?

When pallets have stood outside, they may have been filled with moisture. They can easily contain 10 litres of water! Due to temperature changes during transport, this may result in container rain. Make sure that the load is placed in the container as dry as possible.



6 Do you use desiccants?

To reduce the risk of damage due to moisture it is recommended using desiccants in the container. Which type and how many desiccants you'll need, depends on the factors as mentioned above. Praxas can give you the right advice applied to your situation.