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Cargo Securing Guidance: 7 Free Resources for Road and CTU Loads (2026)

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Free cargo securing guidance for road freight sits in a few documents of very different kinds: EU law on roadside inspection, non-binding codes, informative material, an industry summary, and a carrier page where securing meets an ADR check.

Each entry gives the issuer, edition, scope and legal status. The securing methods themselves are in the documents, so open them for that.

EXHIBIT 1

How the resources compare

Document	Issuing body	Vehicle or CTU scope	Jurisdiction and status	Edition	Access and language	Training use
Vektor carrier compliance page	Vektor Group	Carriers on freight we place, ADR included	A brokerage's carrier expectations, not guidance	No date shown	Free; English, German, Dutch	Shows securing beside marking, routing, documents
EU cargo securing guidelines	European Commission expert group	Road vehicles, focus over 3.5 t	EU; not binding as a legal act	Final version 8 May 2014	Free PDF, 96 pages	Names driver training as a use
Directive 2014/47/EU, Article 13 and Annex III	European Parliament and Council	Commercial vehicles at roadside inspection	EU directive	OJ L 127, 29 April 2014	Free on EUR-Lex	Article 13(4): checkers to be trained
CTU Code, MSC.1/Circ.1497	IMO, ILO, UNECE	CTUs by sea and land	Global; non-mandatory per IMO	2014; circular of 16 Dec 2014	Free PDF, 149 pages	Annex 10 on training programmes
Informative material, MSC.1/Circ.1498	IMO Maritime Safety Committee	CTUs, modules IM1 to IM10	Not part of the CTU Code	16 Dec 2014	Free PDF, 181 pages	IM5 quick lashing guide

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CTU Code, a quick guide	Cargo Integrity Group	Freight containers	Industry guidance	Second edition, Sept 2022	Free PDF, 7 languages, all rights reserved	Briefing plus packing checklist
DVSA securing loads guidance	DVSA	HGVs, trailers, vans, cars	GB only; not a legal document; compulsory only where it says must	Updated 24 Sep 2026	Free web guide	For operators, drivers, consignors

EXHIBIT 2

Where to start

Your situation	Where to look
Where does securing sit in a carrier check for ADR work?	Our carrier compliance page (entry 1)
Where is practical EU guidance for road loads?	The 2014 EU guidelines (entry 2)
How is a roadside securing check classified?	Directive 2014/47/EU, Annex III (entry 3)
How should containers or swap bodies be packed?	The CTU Code (entry 4)
Where are the CTU background modules and quick lashing guide?	Informative material, MSC.1/Circ.1498 (entry 5)
Is there a short CTU Code briefing for a team?	The Cargo Integrity Group quick guide (entry 6)
What applies to vehicles in England, Scotland or Wales?	DVSA's guidance (entry 7)

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