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**1. Introduction**

The sharing of responsibility between Rolls-Royce Solutions GmbH (RRS) and its partners (partner) is essential if smooth, cost-effective packaging return cycles are to be achieved.

RRS and its partners use LTs (LT) as returnable packaging.

Requests for returnable LTs take place solely using the internet-supported Container Management System (named in the following BMS).

Depending on quality assurance and handling requirements, either universal LTs or LTs especially adapted to the type of cargo are used. The following specifications apply to request for and deployment of RRS LTs.

These regulations apply in conjunction with RRS General Terms and Conditions of Delivery to all partners who use returnable LTs of RRS.

**2. Rights of access**

Partners wishing to use BMS must apply in writing to RRS. Access authorization and partner account data for the BMS are made available by RRS.

**3. Selecting LTs**

The type of LT to be used as per material number is defined according to parts geometry and the requirement, and especially considers material flow and quality assurance factors. The LT to be deployed is determined by RRS in conjunction with the partner and documented in the packaging specifications. Packaging specifications are indicated in purchase orders and LT call-ups. Should the partner become aware of a component change sufficiently in advance of delivery, whereby such a change signifies a change of LT, the partner is obliged to notify RRS thereof without delay.

**4. Request/provision of LTs**

Partners request LTs from RRS in the quantity they require. Requests can only be made using the BMS. RRS makes available the LTs requested. It is the duty of partners to check the quantity and type of LTs received using RRS documents accompanying the LT.

The LTs supplied by RRS may not be used for deliveries to third parties. RRS LTs are solely intended for transport between partner and RRS. They may only be used for transporting goods with material numbers and valid packaging specifications. The use of the LTs for transporting goods with other material numbers is not permitted.

The required quantities are determined solely on the basis of the deliveries to be made according to RRS purchase orders or delivery schedule lines. Any additional LTs must be expressly approved by the RRS.RRS retains the right to call back LTs requested and supplied in excess of the required quantity. The cost of return transport in this case shall be for the partner's account. Should the partner fail to return excess LTs despite being requested to do so by RRS, RRS retains the right to invoice the price of the LT plus transport costs, or charge for rental.

LTs for Germany/Austria/Switzerland shall be delivered free of charge. Freight costs for LT deliveries to destinations outside these countries shall be for the partner's account.

**5. Stock management and inventory**

Stock management of LTs takes place using BMS. LT bookings and movements are displayed at short notice. Partners may view their current LT stock and movement data in their personal LT account. Account statements are issued automatically on the third day of the subsequent month and sent to the partner. Discrepancies must be reported by partners using the BMS claims process by the 18th day of that month. The relevant booking documents, such as copies of delivery notes and way bills, are to be enclosed with the claim.

If no claim is made by the above deadline, the account statement is deemed as acknowledged and shall serve as the basis for any necessary charges for LTs, which shall amount to the purchase price of a new LT, plus freight costs.

Should any negative differences be identified during annual LT inventory, these shall be charged to the partner (to the amount of the LT purchase price).

**6. Quality**

The LTs supplied to the partner by RRS are in good working order (based on EPAL criteria at [www.epal-pallets.org](http://www.epal-pallets.org)). Only clean LTs may be used for quality reasons. It is the duty of the partner to ensure that LTs are returned in the same fault-free condition.

Should the LTs returned by the partner to RRS be damaged or soiled, the cost of restoring them (or of purchasing new LTs) shall be for the partner's account.

**7. Markings**

Markings shall be made according to RRS General Terms and Conditions of Delivery.

**8. Miscellaneous**

RRS and its partners undertake to use the Container Management System (BMS) in a spirit of partnership and in a way that is mutually beneficial.

Prior approval from RRS is required for any deviations from RRS General Regulations on Container Management.

**9. Applicable regulations**

RRS General Terms and Conditions of Delivery (see at [www.mtu-solutions.com](http://www.mtu-solutions.com))

RRS General Terms and Conditions of Purchase (see at [www.mtu-solutions.com](http://www.mtu-solutions.com))