

ILU-Code

identification of Intermodal Loading Units in Europe

EFFICIENT BOOKING
PAPERLESS PROCESSING
RELIABLE TRACKING-AND-TRACING

ILU-Code, the European identifier of intermodal loading units

Since 2011 a uniform system of identification has been applied to intermodal loading units (containers, swap-bodies and semi-trailers), which must feature an ILU- or a BIC-Code to be accepted for all types of unaccompanied Combined Transport in Europe.

- The European ILU-Code - defined in the standard EN 13044 - is designed to identify non-ISO containers, swap bodies and semi-trailers that take part in Combined Transport within Europe.
- The global BIC-Code is a similar identifier established within the ISO 6346 standard to be used for the identification of primarily ISO containers.
- BIC-Code holder can use it to mark their European swap bodies and non-ISO containers.

The structure of the ILU-Code is identical to the BIC-Code.

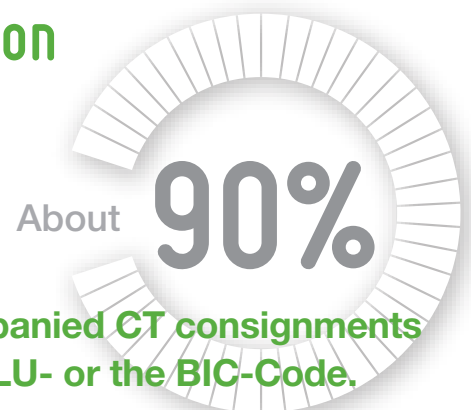
Owner-Key	Registration number	Check digit
ABCA	001234	2
Reserve an ILU-Code	Free choice by the owner	Calculate the check digit



“The ILU-Code, a standardized identifier for intermodal loading units in Europe, is an important voluntary initiative supporting the competitiveness of Combined Transport. It is a very good example of paperless solution for stakeholders of these transport-chains.”

> Violeta Bulc,
European Commissioner for Transport

Penetration
(in 2015):



of unaccompanied CT consignments feature the ILU- or the BIC-Code.

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Register Online

Companies that own intermodal loading units and are not yet registered are invited to do it online through the ILU-Code website without delay. Once their ILU-Code owner-key is reserved, each loading unit has to be marked with a unique ILU-Code.

www.ilu-code.eu

- **Register online and choose an ILU-Code owner-key:** a single owner-key, in combination with the freely chosen registration number, allows the marking of up to 999.999 units.
- **Mark your loading units:** every intermodal loading unit - newly purchased or second-hand - must be fitted with an ILU-Code.
 - › **New units:** ILU-Code indications are typically included in the services offered by the manufacturer.
 - › **Second-hand units:** the new owner has to have labels affixed or the ILU-Code painted directly on the surface.
- **Ready-to-use stickers may be ordered online:**
www.ilu-code.eu/en/ilu-code-stickers

Future Outlook

Whereas EN13044 is a voluntary standard, its application has been agreed within the European transport sector. Subsequently, every loading unit that takes part in unaccompanied Combined Transport in Europe has to be identifiable by either an ILU- or a BIC-Code.

Legislation will likely mandate the use of the BIC- or the ILU-Code within the European Union within the foreseeable future: first in the Modernised Customs Code (for unaccompanied consignments originating from or going to outside the EU), and for intra-EU traffic in the recast of Directive 92/106.

The freight transport sector and the related governmental services can only base the identification of intermodal consignments on the ILU- and the BIC-Code if it is used by everyone to enable **efficient booking, paperless processing and reliable tracking-and-tracing.**

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For further information, visit www.ilu-code.eu or contact the ILU-Code Team by telephone in Brussels: +32 (0)2 548 78 94 or by email: administration@ilu-code.eu

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