## Online Service Request Form (SRF) User Instructions

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#### Selection of Language

Service requestors can select the preferred language to submit their request from the top right corner. The available languages at the moment are: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic and Russian.



#### Selection of Service (s)

The drop-down list provides list of services that logistics cluster / sector is providing which includes: Storage, Transport and Storage with pick up. The service types will be limited by the types of services available in that country mission.



Once the service type selection made, please enter the location and dates required for the service.

#### Service Details (s)

Depending on the type of service, users will be asked to provide additional relevant information for each service type.

#### For storage only:

Requestors will need to define the desired storage location. Only locations that are active will be

available to select. Requestors will also need to define the anticipated start dates and the last date of storage. If the exact duration isn't known, service requestors should use their best estimations to help with planning purposes. A separate storage SRF must be submitted for each location or storage facility.

Location (To be stored in)	
Beginning Date	End Date
The actual starting date storage will be required from	The estimated date storage will be required until

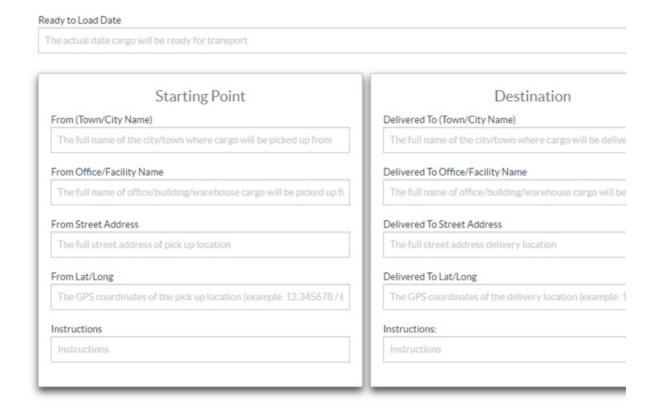
#### For storage with pick up:

If requestors require pick up services for stored cargo, they will need to include the name of the town, facility location, street address, and if possible, the GPS coordinates. Please be as accurate as possible. If requestors wish to later have cargo delivered to their location, this can be done at the time of requesting release of cargo. The local focal point can also arrange delivery.

	tion requested		
From (Town/City Name)	From Office/Facility Name		
The full name of the city/town where cargo will be picked up from	The full name of office/building/warehouse carg		
From Street Address	From Lat/Long		
The full street address of pick up location	The GPS coordinates of the pick up location (exa		
ocation (To be stored in)	End Date		

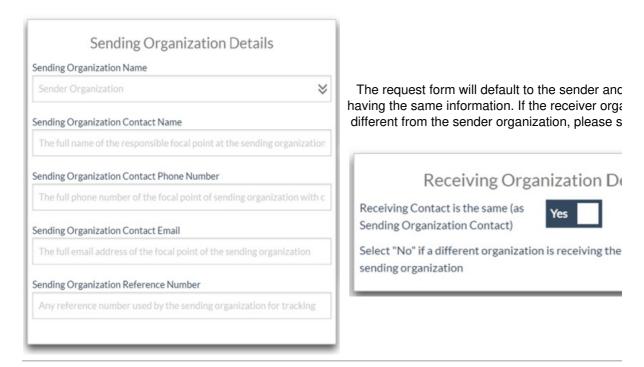
#### For transport only:

Requestors requiring transport services only, please accurately and correctly indicate the date cargo is ready to load, and the information on the pick-up and delivery location, including the town, the physical address, the name of the building or facility, and if possible, the GPS coordinates. Requestors should indicate any special instructions, including hours of operation, specifical arrival information, contact information, or any other information that will be useful when picking cargo up.



#### **Points of Contact**

Service users should fill the point of contacts for both the sending and receiving end. If same service user's point of contact is sending and receiving the cargo, then the toggle at receiving contact detail can be left as it is.



## **Clearing Organization Detail**

By default the toggle for clearing organization details is "no". If a clearing agent is needed, select "yes"

and enter clearing agent information.



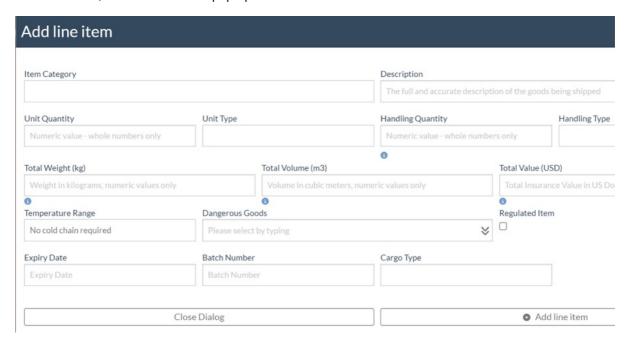
Key Note: Users must ensure all contact details provided in the SRF are accurate and valid.

## CARGO INFORMATION

Service requestors must add at least one line item. Line items can be added by selecting the "add line item" button.



Once selected, a new window will pop up with item level information.



Requestor should fill in as much data as required to ensure proper management of cargo items. Some data fields are mandatory. Once completed, select "add line item." The line item will now be displayed on the form:



Requestors may add as many line items as required. They may also remove, duplicate and edit line items.

Proper Cargo Details - Requestors must fill in the appropriate cargo information can be found here.

#### **Consignment Attachment**

Service Requestors can upload supporting documents, such as waybills, packing lists, and Goods Received Notes (GRNs) - in PDF or image format as part of the consignment record. Please note that the maximum file size for each attachment is 10 MB.

Add attachment

(Only images and pdf files under 10MB size are accepted)

## AFFIRMATION, DATE AND SIGNATURE

Requestors are required to include their information before submitting. By default, the requestor information will be the same as the cargo sender/owner.

#### Requestor is the same as cargo owner



If you are submitting a request and you are not the same as the person as the name listed in the "sender" section, please select "no". Note: the verification email will be sent to the requestor only – if the email in the affirmation box is not yours, you will not be able finalize the SRF. Please be sure to list only emails you can actively access.

#### Requestor details:

Name of Person Making Request	Position/Title of Person Making Request
Name of Person Making Request	Name of Person Making Request
Email of Person Making Request	
Email of Person Making Request	

Once the requestor details are fully entered, users should fill out the security CAPCHA and select "Submit Service Request".



## CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

"CONDITIONS OF SERVICES" refers to the terms and conditions that Service User agrees to abide by to use the Common Services provided by Service Provider. In order to finalize the request, you must submit "I Confirm." The Logistics Cluster Conditions of Service can be viewed online at any time here: <a href="https://www.logcluster.org/en/conditions-of-service">https://www.logcluster.org/en/conditions-of-service</a>



Once a request has been fully submitted, users will be asked if they would like to start a new service request or if they would like to duplicate the current service request. Duplicating a request will speed up the process of making another similar request – requestors can alter some key details but otherwise redo the entire process quickly.

Your request was submitted successfully!				
Duplicate this request				
Duplicate this request	• Create a new request			

#### **Confirmation Email**

The last step of the process: the email listed as the "requestor" will receive a confirmation email with " [Further Action Required]" in the subject asking the requestor to confirm by following a link. The confirmation email will remain active for 24 hours. Unless the requestor confirms this link, the request will never be fully received by the customer service representative.

Requests cannot be approved until they are validated! Please click the following link to validate your request verify your service request

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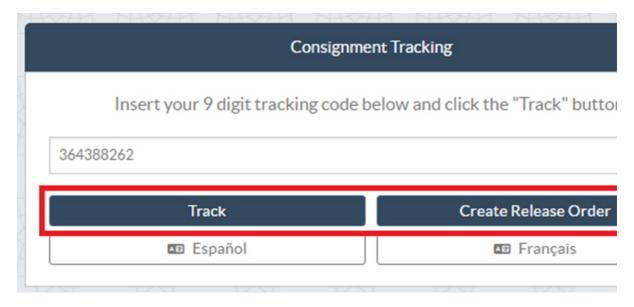
Request acceptance details:

Consignment Number: ROM-0011

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You may continue to track the progress of your consignment or request the release of your cargo at any time using our online tracking system <u>online tracking system</u>

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# Manual Service Request Form (SRF) User Instruction

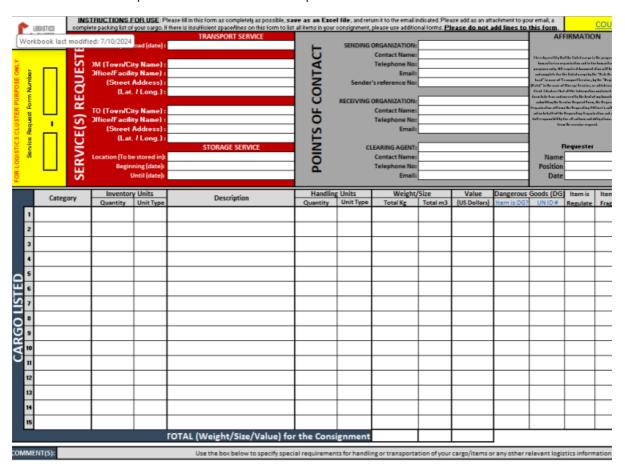
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#### **Manual SRF**

The Logistics Cluster in-country team can provide a downloadable Service Request Form (SRF) version when online functionality is inaccessible. This manual form serves the same purpose as the online version and requires the service user to complete the same information set.



## **Transport Service (s)**

	TRANSPORT SERVICE
Ready to Load (date):	
FROM (Town/City Name):	
(Office/Facility Name):	
(Street Address):	
(Lat. / Long.):	
TO (Town/City Name):	
(Office/Facility Name):	
(Street Address):	
(Lat. / Long.):	

#### "Ready to Load (date)":

• Indicate the date the cargo will be available for pick-up. This is essential for effective transport planning.

## Dispatch Location ("FROM"):

- Enter the town or city name in the "FROM (Town/City Name)" field.
- Specify the exact facility (e.g., "LC Warehouse", "Organization Warehouse") in the " (Office/Facility Name)" field.
- Include any additional location details in the "(Street Address)" and/or "(Lat./Long.)" fields.

#### Receipt Location ("TO"):

- Enter the receiving town or airstrip in the "TO (Town/City Name)" field.
- Specify the exact facility (e.g., "LC Warehouse", "Organization Warehouse") in the " (Office/Facility Name)" field.
- Include any additional location details in the "(Street Address)" and/or "(Lat./Long.)" fields.

#### Note:

- The mode of transport will depend on available services, accessibility, and cargo priority.
- A Service Request Form (SRF) must be submitted for each separate location.

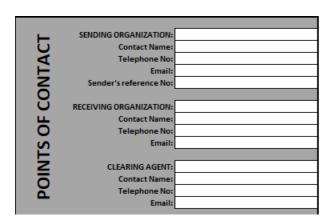
#### Storage Service (s)

	STORAGE SERVICE
Location (To be stored in):	
Beginning (date):	
Until (date):	

- Specify the storage location in the "Location" field using the format: Town/City Name Facility Name
- Beginning" date: When the cargo is expected to arrive at the storage site.
- "Until" date: Estimated end date of the storage period.

**Note** - Storage requests should be for temporary use only. Please contact your Logistics Cluster focal point to confirm storage availability and maximum duration.

# SENDER, RECEIVER AND CLEARING AGENT DATA



**Sending Organization** - Provide the organization name and designated contact person responsible for dispatching the items. This organization holds ownership and/or custody of the goods prior to handover for service provision.

**Receiving Organization** - Provide the organization name and designated contact person that will take possession of the items after the service is completed, assuming ownership and/or custody of the goods at that point.

**Clearing Agent** - For international shipments, provide valid contact information for a designated clearing agent located in the clearance country. Note: This is not required for domestic transport.

#### CARGO INFORMATION

	Category	Inventor	y Units	Description	Handling	Units	Weight/	Size	Value	Dangerous	Goods (DG)	Item is	Item
	Category	Quantity	Unit Type	Description	Quantity	Unit Type	Total Kg	Total m3	(US Dollars)	Item is DG?	UNID#	Regulate	Fragi
1		~											
2													
3													

Proper Cargo Details - Requestors must fill in the appropriate cargo information can be found here.

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#### CONDITIONS OF SERVICES All requests made with this SRF are subject to the following terms and conditions: (i) The service provider acts as an agent for the service users. (ii) The service provider assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage to the goods carried. All carried goods are subject to quality assurance requirements of WFP and applicable rules and regulations. (iii) Service users are responsible for making adequate arrangements for the insurance of their Goods (iv) This SRF is not a document of transport; it is issued for administrative convenience and is not intended to replace, substitute or supersede the transport document that may be issued in connection with any movement under the SRF. (v) The sending or requesting organization shall ensure that all duties and taxes assessed on the cargo listed on this SRF are paid in a timely manner, and should be resolved to the satisfaction of the relevant authorities prior to the cargo being handed over by the Sending Organisation or their Agent to the service provider. (vi) The information contained in this SRF will be treated digitally, and may be hosted on a 3rd party server.

# AFFIRMATION, DATE AND SIGNATURE

By completing the "Name," "Position," and "Date" fields, the Service User confirms agreement with the statements in both the "Affirmation" and "Conditions of Services" sections.

The Logistics Cluster only accepts SRFs submitted in Excel format and sent from a recognized agency email address.

An email from a known Service User is considered a valid electronic signature. While not required, users may optionally scan and paste a signature into the designated box if preferred.

**Note:** A physical signature is not mandatory for SRF submission.

# AFFIRMATION I hereby certify that the listed cargo is the property of a humanitarian organisation and is for humanitarian purposes only. All required documentation will be ready and complete for the listed cargo by the "Date Ready to Load" in case of Transport Service, by the "Beginning (Date)" in the case of Storage Service, or whichever occurs first. I declare that all the information contained in this form to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge. By submitting the Service Request Form, the Requesting Organization affirms the Requesting Organization and accepts full responsibility for all actions and obligations arising from the service request. Name and Position of Requester Name Position Date

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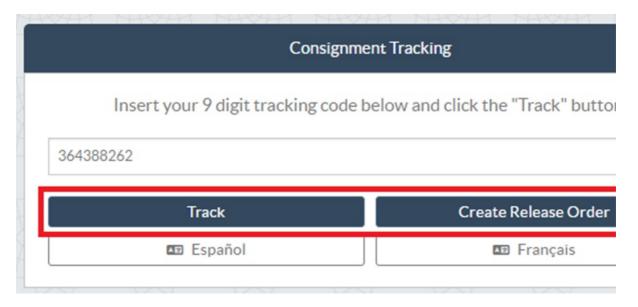
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## **Proper Cargo Details**

Item Category - Users must identify the category of their items using the drop-down menu. The item categories correspond to the Cluster associated with the items, practically which need to be picked based on the use of the line-item cargo. The full list of categories, along with examples, can be seen at the end of this document. The identification of the item categories provides a critical piece of information when reporting Cluster support by sector. A guide on different item categories can be found here.

**Description** - A full and accurate description of the goods being shipped must be provided in the "Description" section of the SRF. Item descriptions need to be as specific as possible or your SRF may be delayed in processing. The Logistics Cluster needs to know very specific and detailed information on all cargo shipped so that the Cluster can ensure proper handling. Additionally, items such as fuel which may contaminate other humanitarian relief goods such as food need to be shipped in different modes.

Inventory Units - These are the lowest level of units being shipped:

- **Quantity** The Total No. of items can only be a whole number and the Unit Type needs to describe the items accurately.
- **Unit Type** Right now users can only pick from a drop-down menu of choices in order to ensure standardization of item info from the users. This can easily be expanded if required. Unit choices:
  - Each
  - Litre
  - Pair
  - Part
  - Bulk (kg)

Handling Units - This section describes how the individually counted units are packed together:

• Quantity - The Total quantity of Handling Units can only be a whole number and the Unit Type

needs to describe the items accurately. Please note that the Handling Units Quantity should only be the same or less than the Inventory Units Quantity.

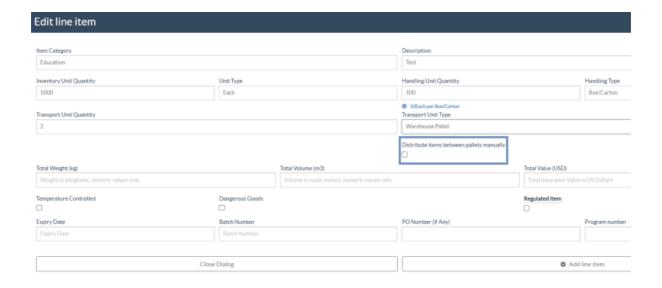
- **Unit Type** Right now users can only pick from a drop-down menu of choices in order to ensure standardization of item info from the users. This can easily be expanded if required. Unit choices:
  - Bag/Sack
  - Bale/Bundle
  - Box/Carton
  - Crate
  - Drum/Barrel
  - Kit/Set
  - None/Loose
  - Roll

**Transport Unit (TU)** - This section describes how the Handling Units are placed on transport structures such as pallets or crates for movement and storage:

- **Quantity** The total number of Transport Units (TUs) can only be a whole number. Each TU represents a distinct container (e.g., pallet or crate) used for transporting grouped Handling Units. Please note that the number of TUs should not exceed the number of Handling Units.
- Unit Type Users can only select from a pre-defined drop-down list to ensure standardization across the system. These values are defined by the ADM role and cannot be modified by requestors. Unit choices currently available:
  - Warehouse Pallet
  - Wooden Crate

#### **Distribute Items Between Pallets**

A checkbox labeled "Distribute items between pallets manually" appears when a Transport Unit is added.



#### If Unchecked:

The system will automatically distribute the cargo evenly among the selected pallets.

Example: 1,000 IU / 100 HU across 2 pallets results in:

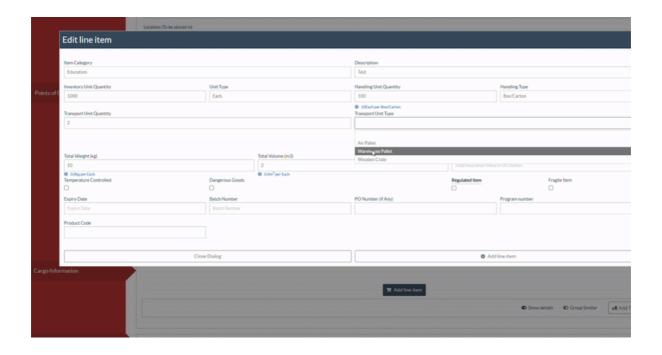
- Pallet 1  $\rightarrow$  500 IU / 50 HU
- Pallet 2 → 500 IU / 50 HU

#### If Checked

The user must drag and drop individual Inventory Units (IUs) or Handling Units (HUs) manually across the pallets. This allows for customized packing.

Example: 1,000 items (100 HUs) can be distributed as:

- Pallet 1 → 800 IU / 80 HU
- Pallet 2 → 200 IU / 20 HU



**Total Weight and Total Volume** - When submitting the weights and volumes of cargo items through the online SRF, it is important that weights and volumes are filled out correctly! The Logistics Cluster uses these dimensions to assess the ability to provide services and plan for activities. More detailed info on calculating cargo dimensions <u>can be found here</u>. An online dimension calculator <u>can be found here</u>.

- **Total Kg** The total weight in kilograms (kg) of all inventory units for that line item. Numeric values only.
- **Total m3** The total volume in cubic meters (m3) of all inventory units for that line item. Numeric values only.

**Total Value (\$)** - Total value of each line items on US dollars must be filled. If it is purchased in any other currency then converting the sum into USD can be done.

**Temperature Range** - Items that are temperature sensitive and may require special storage or handling. To indicate temperature requirement ranges select one of the pre-defined ranges from the drop-down in the SRF. For ranges that are not expressed in the drop-down, please include the temperature ranges in the comments section of the SRF.

### **Temperature Range**

### **Common Name**

+15°C to +25°C	"Controlled ambient" or "Temperature-Controlled"
+8°C to +15°C	"Cool"
+2°C to +8°C	"Cold" or "Chilled" or "Refrigerated"
-25°C to -15°C	"Deep freeze" or "Frozen"
different ranges between -80°C to -40°C	"Ultra-low"

<u>Dangerous Goods</u> - Items which can be considered hazardous or dangerous cargo through international shipping standards. Examples are lithium batteries, items containing fuel or petroleum

products, or other chemicals. All such items will have a corresponding UN ID number which can be received once service user start to type the item description or UN ID number. Dangerous Goods UN ID numbers can be looked up using <a href="the online DG lookup tool">the online DG lookup tool</a>.

**Fragile** - These are any goods which require sensitive handling or careful storage (e.g. electronics or glass).

**Regulated** - Items which may have locally implemented restrictions. For example, wireless communications equipment in certain locations where communications equipment is heavily regulated.

**Expiration Date** - For items that have specific expiration dates that need to be tracked, including food, medical and chemicals. Expiration date is not mandatory, and is generally only included where required.

**Batch/Lot Number** - For items that must be tracked by batch/lot of production, usually pharmaceuticals, certain types of food or medical consumables. Batch/Lot number is not mandatory, and is generally only included where required.

**Comments** - This box can provide specific information and/or special requirements for handling or transportation of your cargo/items or any other relevant logistics information.

## **Item Category**

CATEGORIES	DESCRIPTION	C(
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Camp Coordination and Camp Management	Items for the installation and support of refugee or IDP camp infrastructure	Cement, timber, s
Early Recovery	Supporting materials for programmes involved in restoration of public service or livelihood programmes	Wheelbarrows, s materials
Education	School and student support equipment	Text books, static
Food Security	Food Products for support of the beneficiary	Rice, vegetable of
General Operations	Items not directed towards the beneficiary and not covered by other categories.	Office supplies, s
General Program	Any item required to support sectorial programs	Vouchers, distrib
Health	Any material required for the medical support of beneficiaries	Bandages, portal medicines
Logistics	Materials required for the direct logistical support of programmes	Fuel, motor oil, voportable warehou
Nutrition	Food considered in relation to the body's dietary needs	Plumpy' Sup, Plu biscuits (HEB)
Protection	Any item used to directly support programmes aimed at ensuring all people are protected in accordance with their human rights	Advocacy materi removal equipme items
Shelter	Materials used to protect beneficiaries from the elements	Tarpaulins, tents mattresses, blanl
Telecommunications	Equipment required to directly support field radio and information communications	Radios, satellite
WASH	Water, sanitation and hygiene products for beneficiaries	Hygiene kits, chlo
	and Camp Management  Early Recovery  Education  Food Security  General Operations  General Program  Health  Logistics  Nutrition  Protection  Shelter  Telecommunications	Items for the installation and support of refugee or IDP camp infrastructure  Early Recovery  Education  School and student support equipment  Food Security  Food Products for support of the beneficiary  Items not directed towards the beneficiary and not covered by other categories.  General Program  Any item required to support sectorial programs  Health  Any material required for the medical support of beneficiaries  Logistics  Materials required for the direct logistical support of programmes  Nutrition  Food considered in relation to the body's dietary needs  Protection  Any item used to directly support programmes aimed at ensuring all people are protected in accordance with their human rights  Telecommunications  Equipment required to directly support field radio and information communications

# **Finding Cargo Dimensions**

# **Measuring Cargo for Transport and Storage**

Measuring cargo for storage and transportation requires planners to imagine how those cargo items will realistically occupy space. Though as certain volume of liquid may be contained in a cylinder, the physical cylinder itself will still require additional "real" volumetric space. Real used volumetric space can always be envisioned as a measure of:

Length (I)	x Width (w) x Height (h)
not cubic	e nature of storage facilities and transport facilities, it is helpful to imagine a box around any object, with edges at the longest and tallest points. The length of those imaginary edges will o plan volume for storage and transport.
Unit Type	"Real" Volumes for Storage and Transport
Boxes	To find the volume of regular boxes, multiply the width, length and height of the box along the outer edges.
Cylinders	Though there's a formula for determining liquid volume in a cylinder, the volume for storage and transport is measured by the maximum length of it's edges.

Cargo

Stacked If cargo will be shipped or stored stacked or "nested", measure the volume of all anticipated cargo or Nested items as they will ultimately be shipped or stored, nested into each other or stacked on top of each other. Do not account for the size of each individual unit.

Irregular **Shapes** 

The volume needs of irregular shapes will vary. Unless irregular cargo items are stacked in a pile, planner may need to view the total volume used to properly store or transport an irregular shaped item.

# **Cargo Dimension Calculator**

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## **Unit Converter Tool**

Use the below to switch between different units of measure.

**Dangerous Goods Lookup Tool**