# MPS 18 – Secure Transport and Logistics

**Category:** Protection

**Tags:** transport security, logistics management, chain of custody, risk mitigation, insurance compliance, asset protection, protection

**Description:** Minimum Performance Standard for Secure Transport and Logistics. Defines the intent, required actions, and guidance for ensuring the safe, controlled, and documented movement of company assets. Emphasises structured route planning, real-time tracking, insurance compliance, handover verification, and risk-based controls to maintain the integrity, security, and safety of valuable or critical assets throughout the chain of custody. Aligns with international best practices in supply chain security, asset protection, and risk management.

## Assessment Criteria (Structured)

1. 1.

**Requirement:** An approved Transport and Logistics Security Policy or SOP must govern all asset movements and be reviewed annually.

**Evidence:** Signed and approved policy/SOP document with review history.

2. 2.

**Requirement:** Route planning protocols must define approved routes, GPS tracking, and geo-fencing for sensitive movements.

**Evidence:** Route plans, GPS tracking configurations, and geo-fence maps.

3. 3.

**Requirement:** Electronic or automated tracking systems must monitor assets in real-time and detect anomalies or off-route behaviours.

**Evidence:** Tracking logs, alert reports, and assurance validation evidence.

4. 4.

**Requirement:** Workflow management systems must be integrated with tracking to support escalation and incident response.

**Evidence:** Escalation protocols, incident response plans, and system linkage proof.

5. 5.

**Requirement:** Support and contingency response plans must define immediate actions for transport-related incidents.

**Evidence:** Response plans, communication protocols, and incident logs.

6. 6.

**Requirement:** Handover procedures must document custody transfers with signature verification and audit trails.

**Evidence:** Custody transfer forms, electronic signature records, and audit logs.

7. 7.

**Requirement:** Fuel management systems must track fuel use and raise alerts for tampering or unusual consumption.

**Evidence:** Fuel logs, anomaly reports, and sensor data.

8. 8.

**Requirement:** Vehicle licensing, roadworthiness, and insurance compliance must be monitored through automated systems.

**Evidence:** Compliance dashboards, renewal schedules, and inspection reports.

9. 9.

**Requirement:** Insurance coverage must be verified per movement, with third-party provider compliance confirmed.

**Evidence:** Insurance certificates, movement-specific cover records, and provider validation logs.

10. 10.

**Requirement:** Carrier and contractor due diligence must verify insurance, credentials, and alignment with company standards.

**Evidence:** Due diligence forms, performance reviews, and audit findings.

11. 11.

**Requirement:** Transport-specific risk assessments must be conducted for routes, cargo, and service providers.

**Evidence:** Risk assessment reports and mitigation strategy documentation.

12. 12.

**Requirement:** Staff involved in transport must receive training on security protocols, emergency response, and confidentiality.

**Evidence:** Training records, session materials, and staff sign-off sheets.