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As a result of our duty of market observation, we realise that in spite of established norms and standard specification, it happens time and again that racking/shelving systems are not used in compliant condition.

We expressly point out that a racking/shelving system can only be operated in compliance with regulations if it is equipped with the correct load warning notice. The user/operator is responsible for using the racking/shelving system (exclusively) within the framework of permitted loads (according to the load warning notice).

Even the standards DIN EN 15635 or DIN EN 15512:2022-06, Chapt.14, and the rule of the "Berufsgenossenschaft" (DGUV-I Rule 208-043, Chapt. 4.11) clearly indicate the specification:

- Pursuant to section 9.4.1. in DIN EN 15635, the shelving systems must be checked for the presence of current and compliant load and information notices in the annual expert's inspection.
- Para 7 of DIN EN 15635 (c) points out that safe load warning notices shall be updated (...) after all changes to rack configuration.

The correct display of the load warning notice (agreement of data) is also consistently monitored in the course of quality assurance (e.g. RAL-RG 614).

It is therefore urgently recommended and advised to the users/operators of racking/shelving systems to check racks and shelves regularly, also as part of the annual rack inspection, and to ensure correct load signage in order to comply with the specified requirements.

This also saves unnecessary discussions in case of necessary internal risk assessments of work places in the warehouse and shelving systems.

If a racking system is changed, it may be necessary to adapt and recalculate the original load signage. If necessary, users/operators of racking/shelving systems can get advice and support from companies. It is also possible to contact the manufacturer who was responsible for the original installation and utilization concept of the racking/shelving system and who can also calculate and issue a new, adapted original load warning notice. Finally, the rack inspector approved by the association VLB, who mostly has technical knowledge of the specific shelf system on site, can help.



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