



## Transport and Forwarding Terms

Commercial Terms (including Incoterms) International Conventions

3PL third party logistics provider

4PL fourth party logistics provider

### A

Aa always afloat

a.a.r. against all risks

AC account current

A/C for account of

ACEP Approved Continuous Examination Program

ACI Advance Commercial Information

acc. acceptance; accepted

a.d. a/d after date

Add-on tariff (also proportional rate or arbitrary [in USA ])

ad val. (a/v) ad valorem (according to value)

ADN European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods on Inland Waterway

ADP automated data processing

ADR European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road





AETR European Agreement concerning the work of crews of vehicles engaged in international road transport  
AFRA average freight rate assessment  
Aft At, near or towards the stern or rear of a vessel or an aircraft  
Agcy agency  
Agt. Agent  
AGVS Automated guided vehicle system  
a.g.w.t. actual gross weight  
AHS automated highway systems  
AIM automatic identification manufacturers  
AMS automated manifest system  
AMT Air Mail Transfer  
A.O. account of  
A/or and/or  
A/P account paid  
APD additional product documentation  
approx. approximately  
A/R all risks (insurance)  
arr. arrival  
arrd. Arrived  
ATP available to promise  
a/s after sight  
A/S alongside  
asap as soon as possible  
ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange  
ass. Associate  
ASYCUDA Automated Sstem for Customs Data  
ATA actual time of arrival  
ATD actual time of departure  
ATP Agreement for the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs  
Atty. attorney





auth. authorized

aux. Auxiliary

av average

AWB Air Waybill

**B**

B2B business to business

B2C business to consumer

B.A.C. bunker adjustment charge

B.A.F. bunker adjustment factor

Bags/Bulk part in bags, part in bulk

B.C. bulk cargo

B/D bank(er's) draft

b.d.i. both dates (days) inclusive

bdth. breadth

Bdy. boundary

B/G bonded goods

B/H bill of health

Bkge brokerage

B/L bill of lading

BL bulk load

blk. Bulk

BOM bill of material

brl. Barrel

BRP business requirements planning

BUP Bulk Unit Programme

B.W. bonded warehouse

bxs. boxes





## C

CAC currency adjustment charge  
CAConf Cargo Agency Conference (IATA)  
CAD cash against documents  
CAF currency adjustment factor  
CAS currency adjustment surcharge  
CASS Cargo Accounts Settlement System (IATA)  
C.B. container base  
CBP Customs and Border Protection  
c.& d. collection and delivery  
c.b.d. cash before delivery  
cbm cubic metre  
cc charges collect  
CCL customs clearance  
CCS consolidated cargo (container) service  
ccx collect  
C/D customs declaration  
CEM European Conference on goods train  
Timetables  
CEVNI European Code for Inland Waterways  
CFR Cost and freight (Incoterms)  
CFS container freight station  
C.H. carriers haulage  
C.H.C. cargo handling charges  
Ch. fwd. charges forward  
c/i certificate of insurance  
c.i.a. cash in advance  
CIF cost, insurance and freight (Incoterms)  
c.i.f. & e. cost, insurance, freight and exchange  
c.i.f.i. & e. cost, insurance, freight, interest and exchange





c.i.f. & i. cost, insurance, freight and interest  
c.i.f. & c. cost, insurance, freight and commission  
c.i.f.c. & e. cost, insurance, freight, commission and exchange  
c.i.f.c. & i. cost, insurance, freight, commission and interest  
c.i.f.i. & c. cost, insurance, freight, interest and commission  
c.i.f.L.t. cost, insurance and freight, London terms  
c.i.f.w. cost, insurance and freight plus war risk  
CIM International Convention on the Transport of Goods by Railway  
CIP Carriage and insurance paid to (Incoterms)  
CIV International Convention on the Carriage of  
Passenger and Luggage by Railway  
CKD completely knocked down (unassembled)  
Cl. classification  
clean B/L clean Bill of lading  
cm centimetre(s)  
cm<sup>3</sup> cubic centimetre(s)  
CMR Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road  
C/N consignment note  
cnee consignee  
cnmt/consht. consignment  
cnor consignor  
C/O certificate of origin  
COB collection on board  
C.O.D. cash on delivery  
COGSA Carriage of Goods by Sea Act  
C.O.F.C. Container-on-Flat-Car (rail flatcar)  
COP customs of port  
COOS call-of and order survey  
C.O.S. cash on shipment





COS call-of-schedule  
COTIF Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (CIM-CIV)  
COW collection on wheels  
C.P. Customs of Port  
CP carriage paid  
C/P charter party  
C/P blading charter party bill of lading  
CPLTC Conference Port Liner Term Charges  
CPT Carriage paid to (Incoterms)  
CRP Continuous Replenishment Program  
CSC Container service charge  
CSC International Convention of the Safe Transport of Containers (UN)  
CSConf Cargo Services Conference (IATA)  
CSI Container Security Initiative  
CSL Container Stuffing List  
CST Container Service Tariff  
C/T Container Terminal  
C.T. conference terms  
CT combined transport  
CTD combined transport document  
CTO combined transport operator  
C-TPAT Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism  
CTPC Cargo Traffic Procedures Committee (IATA)  
cu.ft. cubic foot (feet)  
cu.in. cubic inch(es)  
cur. currency  
CVGK customs value per gross kilogram  
CVGP customs value per gross pound  
CWE cleared without examination  
cwt hundredweight  
CWO cash with order





CY container yard

cy currency

**D**

D/A documents against acceptance

DAF Delivered at frontier (Incoterms)

DAP documents against payment

D.A.S. delivery resp. delivered alongside ship

DAWB direct airway bill

DCAS Distribution Cost Analysis System

DDC Destination Delivery Charge

DDP Delivered duty paid (Incoterms)

DDU Delivered duty unpaid (Incoterms)

DES Delivered ex ship (Incoterms)

DEQ Delivered ex quay (duty paid) (Incoterms)

DFP duty-free port

DGR IATA, Dangerous Goods Regulations

dia diameter

dir. Direct

DIT Destinalional Interchange Terminal

dm3 cubic decimetre(s)

DMT Destinalional Motor Terminal

DOCIMEL Document CIM Electronique (Electronic CIM document)

D/O delivery order

D/P documents against payment

DSTN destination

DWCC dead weight cargo capacity

DWT dead weight ton





## **E**

EAN European article numbering  
E.& O.E. errors and omissions excepted  
ECB Express Cargo Bill  
ECR Efficient Consumer Response  
EDI Electronic Data Interchange  
EDIF Electronic Design Interchange Format  
EDIFACT Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport  
EDIFOR Electronic Data Interchange Forwarding  
EDP electronic data processing  
EFT Electronic Funds Transfer  
e.g. for example  
EIR equipment interchange receipt (containers)  
encl. enclosure  
ETA expected time of arrival  
ETD expected time of departure  
ETS expected time of sailing  
EVA Economic Value Added  
excl. excluding  
EXW Ex works (Incoterms)

## **F**

FAA free of all average  
f.a.c. fast as can (loading or discharge)  
F.A.C. forwarding agent's commission  
FAK freight all kinds  
FALPRO Special Programme on Trade Facilitation (UNCTAD)







f.a.q. fair average quality  
FAS Free alongside ship (Incoterms)  
FAST Free and Secure Trade  
FBL negotiable FIATA Multimodal Transport Bill of Lading  
FCA Free carrier (Incoterms)  
FCL full container load  
Fco. franco; free  
FDI foreign direct investment  
FEU Forty foot Equivalent  
FFI FIATA Forwarding Instructions  
f.g.a. free of general average  
FHEX Friday and Holidays excepted  
FIATA FCR Forwarders Certificate of Receipt  
FIATA FCT Forwarders Certificate of Transport  
FIATA SDT Shipper's Declaration for the Transport of Dangerous Goods  
FIATA SIC Shippers Intermodal Weight Certification  
f.i. free in  
f.i.o. free in and out  
f.i.a.s. free in and stowed  
f.i.o.s. free in and out stowed  
F.I.B. Free into barge  
f.i.c. freight, insurance, carriage  
f.i.h. free in harbour  
firavv first available vessel  
FIS freight, insurance and shipping charges  
f.i.w. free into wagon  
FLP freight logistic provider  
FLT forklift truck  
f.o. free out  
FOB Free on board (Incoterms)





F.O.C. flags of convenience  
F.O.D. Free of damage  
f.o.w. first open water  
FMC Federal Maritime Commission  
FMCG fast-moving consumer goods  
F.P.A. Free of particular average  
FPAD freight payable at destination  
FR flat rack (container)  
Frt. Fwd. freight forward  
frt. ppd. freight prepaid  
frt. ton freight ton  
ft foot (feet)  
FTZ Foreign Trade Zone  
FWC full loaded weight & capacity (container)  
fwdr. Forwarder  
FWB non-negotiable FIATA Multimodal Transport Waybill  
FWR FIATA Warehouse Receipt

#### **G**

G.A. general average  
G.A.A. General Average Agreement (bond)  
G.A.C. general average contribution  
G.B.L. Government Bill of Lading  
G.C. general cargo  
G.C.R. general cargo rates  
GDP gross domestic product  
gds goods  
GMT Greenwich Meantime  
GFA General Freight Agent  
GNP gross national product





GOH Garment-on-hanger  
GRI General Rate Increase  
GRT gross registered tonnage  
gr wt gross weight  
GSA General Sales Agent  
GST goods and services tax  
GTL gas-to-liquid  
Guatemala City Protocol to amend the Convention for the  
Protocol Unification of certain Rules relating to International Carriage by Air signed at (1971) Warsaw on 12 October  
1929 as amended by the Protocol at the Hague on 28 September 1955 (not in force)  
Guadalajara Convention Supplementary to the Warsaw  
Supplementary Convention for the Unification of certain  
Convention Rules relating to International Carriage  
(1961) by Air performed by a person other than  
the contracting carrier  
**H**  
HAWB House Air Waybill  
Hague Prot. Protocol to amend the Convention for the Unification of certain Rules  
(1955) relating to the International Carriage by Air signed at Warsaw on 12 October 1929  
Hague Rules International Convention of the Unification of Certain Rules relating to Bills of Lading (1924)  
Hague/ Visby Rules Protocol to amend the International Convention for the Unification of certain Rules of Law relating  
to Bills of Lading ( Brussels 1 1968)  
Hamburg Rules United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea (1978)  
hdlg handling  
HAZCHEM Hazardous Chemicals Code  
HAZMAT Hazardous Materials  
HERMES Handling European Railway Message Exchange-System  
hgt height





h/lift heavy lift  
HS Harmonized System (CCC Convention)  
H.Q. headquarters  
I  
IA Independent Action  
i.a.w. in accordance with  
I.C.C. Institute Cargo Clauses  
ICD inland clearance depot  
IMO/IMCO International Maritime Control Organisation  
IMC Intermodal Marketing Company  
IMDG International Maritime Dangerous  
Goods Code  
in. inch(es)  
info information  
incl. including  
INCOTERMS Standard conditions for sale and delivery of  
goods (issued by ICC, Paris)  
INMARSAT International Convention on the International  
Maritime Satellite Organization  
ins. insurance  
INTRM intermediate point  
inv. Invoice  
IPI Inland Point Intermodal  
I.P.A. including particular average  
ISA Information System Agreement  
ISDN Integrated Services Digital Network  
ISPS International Ship and Port Facility Security Code  
IT Immediate Transportation Entry  
ITIGG International Transport Implementation Guidelines Group





ITU Intermodal transport unit

**J**

JIT just-in-time

JOT Journal of Commerce

**K**

k.d. knocked down

kg(s) kilogram(s)

km kilometre

km.p.h. kilometres per hour

km<sup>2</sup> square kilometre

kn knot(s)

kW kilowatt

kWh kilowatt-hour

Kyoto International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of  
Convention Customs Procedures (1973) (CCC Convention)

**L**

L/A Lloyd's agent

LASH lighter aboard ship

Lat., lat . latitude

lb(s) pound(s)

L/C Letter of credit

I. & d. loss and damage

I. & u. loading and unloading

LCL less than container load





(less than car load)  
LEL lower explosive limit  
LFL lower flammable limit  
lgt. long ton; long tons  
lifo last-in-first-out  
liq. liquid  
Lkg/Bkg leakage & breakage  
LNG Liquefied natural gas  
L.O.A. length over all  
LO/LO lift on, lift off  
loc. local; location  
Long., long. longitude  
LPG Liquefied petrochemical gas  
LSD landing, storage and delivery charges  
LSA logistic support analysis  
L.T. local time  
L/T liner terms  
LTA lighter than air system (airships)  
LTL Less than Truckload  
ltr. lighter  
lump lump sum  
**M**  
M minimum (rate classification)  
m metre(s)  
m3 cubic metre(s)  
MACH modular automated container handling  
mat material  
MEGC's Multiple Element Gas Containers  
MFN Most Favoured Nation





M.H. Merchants Haulage  
m.i.p. Marine Insurance policy  
M/R mate's receipt  
M + R maintenance and repair (centre)  
MAWB Master Air Waybill  
Mdse merchandise  
mi mile(s)  
Montreal Convention (1999) Convention for the Unification of certain Rules Rules relating to International Carriage by Air  
Montreal Prot. No.4 (1975) Protocol to amend the Convention for the Unification of certain Rules relating to International Carriage by Air signed at Warsaw on 12 October 1929 as amended by the Protocol done at the Hague on 28 September 1955  
msbl missing bill of lading  
msca missing cargo  
MT motor tanker  
MTD multimodal transport document  
MTO multimodal transport operator  
M/S motor ship  
M/V motor vessel  
N  
N normal (rate classification)  
NAOCC Non Aircraft Operating Common Carrier  
NAWB Neutral Air Waybill (forwarders Air Waybill)  
NCV non customs (commercial) value  
n.e.s. not elsewhere specified  
NGO non governmental organization  
n.l.t. not later than  
n/n non-negotiable  
N.,No,Nr. number





N/O no orders  
n.o.e. not otherwise enumerated  
n.o.p. not otherwise provided  
n.o.r. not otherwise rated  
n.o.s. not otherwise specified  
N/R note of readiness  
NRT net registered ton  
NT Net Tons  
nt wt net weight  
n.v.d. no value declared  
NVOCC Non Vessel Operating Common Carrier  
**O**  
O.B.S. Oil Bunker Surcharge  
OB/L Ocean Bill of Lading  
OCP Overland Common Port  
OCR Optical Character Recognition  
O/D on deck  
ODS operating differential subsidy  
OFA ocean freight agreement  
OMT Original Motor Terminal  
O.P. open Policy  
O.R. owner's risk  
O.R.B. owner's risk of breakage  
O.R.D. owner's risk of damage  
O.R.F. owner's risk of fire  
ORT Original Rail Terminal  
OS&D over, short and damage  
OT open top (container)







## **P**

p.a. per annum (per year)  
P.A. particular average  
Para paragraph  
P.B.A. paid by agent  
P & D pick up and delivery  
P.& I. Protection and Indemnity Association  
P.& I.clause Protection and indemnity clause  
P.& L. profit and loss  
payt. Payment  
PAV personal air vehicle  
P/C Paramount Clause  
p.c.f. pounds per cubic foot  
pct percent  
P.chgs. particular charges  
pd. paid  
p.D. partial delivery  
p.h.d. per hatch per day  
pkg package  
P/L partial loss  
PLP parcel post  
PLTC port liner term charges  
pmt prompt  
P/N promissory note  
P/O purchase order  
P.O.B. post office box  
P.O.D. payment on delivery; paid on delivery  
POD port of discharge and proof of delivery  
POL port of loading  
pp/ppd prepaid/prepaid





PSI pre-shipment inspection  
p.t. per ton  
PTSC Port and Terminal Service Charge  
PTI Pre-Trip Inspection  
ptly pd partly paid  
p.t.w. per ton weight

**Q**

Q Quantity (rate classification)  
Q.c.o. quantity at captain's option  
qlty Quality  
qty Quantity  
QM Quality Management  
Qn Quotation  
QR Quick response  
q.v. quod vide (which see)

**R**

R reduced class rate (rate classification)  
rcpt receipt  
rcvd received  
r/c return cargo  
red. Reduced  
rep representative  
RCU rate construction unit  
ref reference  
Rentcon rent-a-container  
rest. restrict(ed)  
retd. returned or retired





RFID radio-frequency identification  
R.I. reinsurance  
RID International regulations concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by rail  
RMD Rhine-Main-Danube Navigation System  
RNR rate not reported  
R/O routing order  
R.O.G. receipt of goods  
RO/RO roll-on/roll-off  
round C/P round charter party  
r.t.b.a. rate to be arranged  
Ry. railway  
**S**  
S surcharge (rate classification)  
SAD single administrative document  
SAFETEA-LU Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users  
S/C surcharge  
s & c shipper and carrier  
SCEP supply chain enterprise portal  
SCM supply chain management  
S. & F.A. shipping and forwarding agent  
SHEX Sundays and Holidays excluded  
SCR specific commodity rate  
S.d. small damage  
s.d. short delivery  
S/d sight draft  
SDR Special Drawing Right  
sld sailing date  
s.l.& c. shippers' load and count





SLI shippers letter of instruction  
SKU Stock Keeping Unit  
S.O.L. shipowner's liability  
SOLAS International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea  
S.P.A. subject to particular average  
sq.cm(s ) square centimetre(s)  
sq.in(s) square inch(es)  
SRCC strike, riots, civil commotions  
S/S steamship  
STC said to contain  
stvdrs stevedores  
sub L/C subject to letter of credit being opened  
sub licence subject to licence being granted  
**T**  
t ton  
TACT the air cargo tariff (IATA)  
TBL through bill of lading  
TBN to be named (ship)  
T/C time charter  
TC traffic conference area (IATA)  
TC transcontainer  
TD time of departure  
TEU twenty foot equivalent unit (containers)  
THC Terminal handling Charge  
TIF international transit by rail  
TIR Customs Convention on the international transport of goods under cover of TIR carnets (for international road transport)  
TL total loss  
TLF tariff level factor





t.l.o. total loss only  
tnge tonnage  
T.O.D. time of dispatch  
TOFC Trailer on flatcar  
T.O.R. time of receipt  
TOS Terms of Sale  
tot terms of trade  
tot. total  
TOW tier on weight (container stacking according to weight)  
TPND theft, pilferage, non delivery  
TQC Total Quality control  
TQM Total Quality management  
tr tare  
TRC Terminal Receiving Charge  
T/S transshipment  
**U**  
u.c. usual conditions  
UCC uniform code council  
U.D. under deck  
U.DK. upper deck  
ULCC Ultra Large Crude Carrier (oil)  
ULD unit load device (aircraft)  
UN/EDIFACT United Nations Electronic Data Interchange for Admin., Commerce and Transport  
UPC uniform/universal product code  
USS uniform symbology specification  
u.t. unusual terms  
U/w Underwriter  
**V**





val. value  
VAT value added tax  
V.C. vessels convenience  
Ves. Vessel  
VIC Very Important Cargo  
VIO Very Important Object  
VIP Very Important Person  
VLCC Very Large Crude Carrier (oil)  
VMI vendor-managed inventory  
VOCC Vessel Operating Common Carrier  
vol volume  
VSA Vessel Sharing Agreement  
v.v. vice versa

**W**

Warsaw Convention for the Unification of certain  
Convention Rules relating to International Carriage by Air (1929)  
W.A. with average (Institute Cargo Clause)  
W/B Way-bill  
w.b.d. will be done  
w.c.c.o.n. whether cleared customs or not  
W/d working day(s)  
wdt/wth width  
w.e.f. with effect from  
WG Working Group  
wgt weight  
whf wharfage  
Whse warehouse  
WIG wing-in-ground  
wk. week





w/m weight/measurement  
W/O,w/o without  
w.p.a. with particular average  
W.R. Warehouse Receipt  
W.R.I. War Risk Insurance  
wt. weight  
w/t weight tons  
w/v weight/volume  
WW warehouse warrant  
ww world-wide  
Wwd weather working days  
www world wide web

**Y**

yd yard  
yday yesterday  
YTD Year to date  
y/l your letter  
y/o your order

