



Transport/Shipping Terms Abbreviations Nomenclature

A

AA - Always Afloat

AAAA - Always Accessible Always Afloat

AARA - Amsterdam-Antwerp-Rotterdam Area

ABT - About

ADCOM - Address Commission

ADV - Advice

AFSPS - Arrival First Sea Pilot Station (Norway)

AFFREIGHTMENT - The hiring of a ship in whole or part

AFT - At or towards the stern or rear of a ship

AGW - All Going Well

AHL - Australian Hold Ladders

ANTHAM - Antwerp-Hamburg Range

ANF - Arrival Notification Form. A document which advises a consignee or a container operator that goods or containers have arrived at the port of discharge (BIMCO)

APA – Administrative Procedure Act

APS - Arrival Pilot Station

ARAG - Amsterdam-Rotterdam–Antwerp-Gent Range

A/S - Alongside

ASPW - Any Safe Port in the World

ATA - Actual Time of Arrival

ATD - Actual Time of Departure

ATDNSHINC - Any Time Day or Night Sundays and Holidays Included

ATUTC - Actual Times Used to Count

B

BAF - Bunker Adjustment Factor. A Fuel Surcharge expressed as percentage added or subtracted from the freight amount reflecting the movement in the market place price for bunkers.

BALLAST - Heavy weight, often sea water, necessary for the stability and safety of a ship which is not carrying cargo.

BAREBOAT CHTR - Bareboat Charter - Owners lease a specific ship and control its technical management and commercial operations only.

B/B - Break Bulk

BBB - Before Breaking Bulk

BDI - Both Dates Inclusive

BENDS - Both Ends (Load & Discharge Ports)

BI - Both Inclusive

BIMCO - The Baltic and International Maritime Council

BL - (1) Bill of Lading (A document signed by the carrier which acts as a receipt and evidence of title to the cargo) / (2) Bale

BM - Beam

BEAM - The maximum breadth of a ship

BOB - Bunker on Board

BOFFER - Best Offer

BROB - Bunkers Remaining on Board



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BSS - Basis

BSS 1/1 - Basis 1 Port to 1 Port

BT - Berth Terms

BUNDLING - This is the assembly of pieces of cargo, secured into one manageable unit. This is a very flexible description; a rule of thumb is to present cargo at a size easily handled by a large (20 tons) fork lift truck.

BUNKERS - Name given for vessels Fuel and Diesel Oil supplies (Originates from coal bunkers)

BV - Bureau Veritas

BWAD - Brackish Water Arrival Draft

C

CAF - Currency Adjustment Factor (a surcharge on the ocean freight reflecting the fluctuation of currency exchange rates)

CBM - Cubic Meter

CBFT (or CFT) - Cubic Feet

C&D - Collect and Delivery (carriage from/to customers premises to/from CFS)

CFR (or C&F) - Cost and Freight

CFS - Container Freight Station (place for packing and unpacking LCL consignments)

CHOPT - Charterers Option

CHTRS - Charterers

CIF - Cost, Insurance & Freight. Seller pays all these costs to a nominated port or place of discharge.

COA - Contract of Affreightment - Owners agree to accept a cost per revenue ton for cargo carried on a specific number of voyages.

COACP - Contract of Affreightment Charter Party

COB - Close of Business

COD - Cash On Delivery

COGSA - Carriage of Goods by Sea Act

CONS - Consumption

COP - Custom Of Port

CNEE - Consignee

CNOR - Consignor

CP (or C/P) - Charter Party

CPD - Charterers Pay Dues

CPT - Carriage Paid To

CQD - Customary Quick Despatch

CROB - Cargo Remaining on Board

CRN - Crane

CST - Centistoke

CTR - Container Fitted

D

DAPS - Days all Purposes (Total days for loading & discharging)

D.C. - Detention Clause

D.D. - Due Date



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DDU - Delivered Duty unpaid.

DDP - Delivered Duty Paid.

DEM - Demurrage

DESP - Despatch

DEST - Destination

DET - Detention

DG - Dangerous Goods

DHDATSBE - Despatch Half Demurrage on Actual Time Saved Both Ends

DHDWTSBE - Despatch Half Demurrage on Working Time Saved Both Ends

DISCH - Discharge

DK - Deck

DLOSP - Dropping Last Outwards Sea Pilot (Norway)

DO - Diesel Oil

D/O - Delivery Order

DOP - Dropping Outward Pilot

DOT - Department of Transport

DNRSAOCLONL - Discountless and Non-Returnable Ship and/or Cargo Lost or Not Lost

DRAFT - Depth to which a ship is immersed in water. The depth varies according to the design of the ship and will be greater or lesser depending not only on the weight of the ship and everything on board, but also on the density of the water in which the ship is lying.

DRK - Derrick

DUNNAGE - Materials of various types, often timber or matting, placed among the cargo for separation, and hence protection from damage, for ventilation and, in the case of certain cargoes, to provide space in which the forks of a lift truck may be inserted.

DWAT (or DWT) - Deadweight. Weight of cargo, stores and water, i.e. the difference between lightship and loaded displacement.

E

EC - East Coast

EIU - Even if Used

ELVENT - Electric Ventilation

ETA - Estimated Time of Arrival

ETB - Expected Time of Berthing

ETC - Estimated Time of Completion

ETD - Estimated Time of Departure

ETS - Estimated Time of Sailing

EXCL - Exclusive

EXW - Ex Works

F

FAS - Free Alongside Ship. Seller delivers goods to appropriate dock or terminal at port of embarkation and buyer covers costs and risks of loading.

FCA - Free Carrier

FCL - Full Container Load

FD - Free of Despatch

FDD - Freight Demurrage Deadfreight



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FDIS - Free Discharge
FEU - Forty foot container equivalency unit - Standard 40' Container
FHEX - Fridays/Holidays Excluded
FHINC - Fridays/Holidays Included
FILO - Free In/Liner Out. Seafreight with which the shipper pays load costs and the carrier pays for discharge Free In/Out. Freight booked
FIO - includes the seafreight, but no loading/discharging costs, i.e. the charterer pays for cost of loading and discharging cargo.
FIOS - Free In/Out Stowed. As per FIO, but includes stowage costs.
FIOT - Free In/Out and Trimmed. As per FIOS but includes trimming - the levelling of bulk cargoes
FIOSLSD - Free In/Out Stowed, Lashed, Secured and Dunnaged. As per FIO, but includes cost of lashing securing and dunnaging cargo to Masters Satisfaction.
FIOST - Free In/Out Stowed and Trimmed. Charterer pays for cost of loading/discharging cargo, including stowage and trimming.
FIT - Free In Trimmed
FIW - Free In Wagon
FIXING - Chartering a Vessel
FLT - Full Liner Terms - Shipowner pays to load and discharge the cargo
FMC - Federal Maritime Commission - US government agency
FMS - Fathoms - 6 feet
FO (IFO) - Fuel Oil/Intermediate FO
FOB - Free on Board. Seller sees the goods „over the ship’s rail“ on to the ship which is arranged and paid for by the buyer
FOFFER - Firm Offer
FOG - For Our Guidance
FOQ - Free On Quay
FOR - Free On Rail
FORCE MAJEURE - Clause limiting responsibilities of the charterers, shippers and receivers due to events beyond their control.
FOT - Free On Truck
FOW - (1) First Open Water / (2) Free On Wharf
FREE OUT - Free of discharge costs to Owners
FWAD - Fresh Water Departure Draft
FYG - For Your Guidance
FYI - For Your Information

G

GA - General Average
GLS - Gearless
GNCN - Gencon - a standard BIMCO charter party form
GN (or GR) - Grain (capacity)
GO - Gas Oil
GRD - Geared
GRT - Gross Registered Tonnage
GSB - Good Safe Berth
GSP - Good Safe Port
GTEE - Guarantee



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H

2H - Second Half
HA - Hatch
HBL - House Bill of Lading
HDWTS - Half Despatch Working Time Saved
HMS - Heavy Metal Scrap
HO - Hold
HR / HRS - Hour(s)
HW - High Water

I

ILOHC - In Lieu of Holds Cleaning
IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
IMO - International Maritime Organisation
IND - Indication
INS - Insurance
INTERMODAL - Carriage of a commodity by different modes of transport, i.e. sea, road, rail and air within a single journey.
INV - Invoice
ISO - International Standards Organisation
ISPS - International Ship & Port Facility Security
ITF - International Transport Federation - international body that regulates crewing of ships
IU - If Used
IUATUTC - If Used, Actual Time Used To Count
IUHATUTC - If Used, Half Actual Time Used To Count
IWL - Institute Warranty Limits

L

LANE METER - A method of measuring the space capacity of Ro/Ro ships whereby each unit of space (Linear Meter) is represented by an area of deck 1.0 meter in length x 2.0 meters in width.
LASH - (1) Lighter Aboard Ship - a vessel that loads small barges direct from the water / (2) To hold goods in position by use of Ropes, Wires, Chains or Straps etc.
LAT - Latitude
LC or L/C - Letter of Credit
LOA - Length Overall of the vessel
LOW - Last Open Water
LS (or LUMPS) - Lumpsum
LSD - Lashed Secured Dunnaged
LT - Liner Terms
LTC - Lay time calculations
LW - Low Water
LYCN - Laycan (Layday Cancelling Date)



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M

MB - Merchant Broker
MDO (DO) - Marine Diesel Oil
MIN/MAX - Minimum/Maximum (cargo quantity)
MOLCHOPT - More or Less Charterers Option
MOLOO - More or Less Owners Option
MT - Metric Tonne (i.e. 1,000 kilos / 2204.6lbs)
M/V - Motor Vessel

N

N.A. - Not Available
NAABSA - Not Always Afloat But Safely Aground
NCB - National Cargo Bureau
NESTING - Implies that cargo is presented stacked in the contour of similarly shaped cargo, it may be likened to a stack of plates.
NON-REVERSIBLE - (Detention). If loading completed sooner than expected, then saved days will not be added to discharge time allowed.
NOR - Notice of Readiness
NRT - Net Registered Tonnage
NYPE - New York Produce Exchange

O

OO - Owners Option
OOG - Out of Gauge. Goods whose dimensions exceed those of the container/flat rack in which they are packed.
OP - OPerator
OSH - Open Shelter Deck
OT - On Truck
OWS - Owners

P

PASTUS - Past Us
PC - Period of Charter
PCGO - Part Cargo
PCT - Percent
PDPR - Per Day Pro Rata
PERDIEM - Per Diem - By the Day
PHPD - Per Hatch Per Day
POD - Port of Discharge
POL - Port of Loading
PRATIQUE - License or permission to use a port

R

RCVR - Receivers



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REVERSIBLE - (Detention) If loading completed sooner than expected at load port, then days saved can be added to discharge operations.

ROB - Remaining On Board

RT - Revenue Tonne (i.e. 1.0 metric Tonne or 1.0 cubic meter, whichever greater). The overall RT is calculated on a line by line basis of the Packing List using the largest amount. The overall freight liability is calculated on the total RT amount, multiplied by the freight rate.

S

SATPM - Saturday P.M.

SB - Safe Berth

SD (or SID) - Single Decker

SEAFREIGHT - Costs charged for transporting goods over the sea. This does not cover any haulage or loading/discharging costs but the sea transport only.

SELFD - Self Discharging

SF - Stowage factor. Cubic space occupied by one ton (2,240 lbs/1,000 kgs) of cargo.

SHINC - Sundays/Holidays Included

SHIPT - Shipment

SHPG - Shipping

SHEX - Sundays/Holidays Excluded

SKIDS - Are bearers (timber or steel) positioned under cargo to enable fork lift handling at port, and for ease of rigging and lashing on board ship.

SL - Bale (capacity)

SLI - Shippers Letter of Instruction

SN - Shipping Note

SOB - Shipped On Board

SOC - Shipper Owned Container

SOF - Statement Of Facts

SP - Safe Port

SRBL - Signing and Releasing Bill of Lading

SSHEX (or SATSHEX) - Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays Excluded

SSHINC (or SATSHINC) - Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays Included

STABILITY - It is paramount that a vessel is stable in all respects at all times. When cargo is loaded/discharged, the stability is monitored by a computer, which takes into account the weight and position of cargo within the vessel.

STARBOARD - Subject To Enough Merchandise (Availability of Cargo)

STD - Standard

STERN - The aft part of a ship

SUB - Subject (to)

SUPERCARGO - Person employed by a ship owner, shipping company, charterer of a ship or shipper of goods to supervise cargo handling operations. Often called a port captain.

SWAD - Salt Water Arrival Draft

SWDD - Salt Water Departure Draft

T

TBC - to be confirmed

TBN - to be nominated



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TC - Time Charter - Owners agree to hire a particular ship for a set length of time
TCT - Time Charter Trip
TCP - Time Charter Party
T. DK - Tween Deck
TEU - Twenty Foot Equivalency Unit - Standard 20' Container
THC - Terminal Handling Cost
TO - Transshipment Order
TS - Transshipment
TTL - Total
TW - Tween Decker

U

UCP - Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits
UD - Under Deck
U.DK - Upper Deck
USC - Unless Sooner Commenced
UU - Unless Used
UUIUATUTC - Unless Used If Used Actual Time Used To Count

V

VAT - Value Added Tax
VPD - Vessel Pays Dues
VSL - Vessel

W

WCCON - Whether Customs Cleared Or Not
WIBON - Whether In Berth Or Not
WIFPON - Whether In Free Pratique or not
WIPON - Whether In Port Or Not
WLTOHC (distance) - Water Line-To-Hatch Coaming
WOG - Without Guarantee
WPD - Weather Permitting Day
WRIC - Wire Rods In Coils
WT - Weight
WWD - Weather Working Day
WWR - When, Where Ready
WWWW - Wibon, Wccon, Wifpon, Wipon

Y

YAR - York Antwerp Rules