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A

ABB

General conditions of passengers and luggage carriage

ABC

"World Airways Guide" and "Air Cargo Guide"
Timetables and routings of major passenger and cargo airlines

ADR

European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by road
(European agreement on international dangerous goods road shipments)

ad. val.

(lat.) ad valorem, of (good's) value

AE

Export declaration

AG

Export licence

AGF

Long-haul freight trucking association

AGK

General terms of road haulage

AGN

Short-haul freight trucking association

AGNB

General conditions of short-haul freight trucking

AHStatGes

Act on statistics of international cargo shipments

AIST

Association for the promotion and development of cross-border road haulage

Air Waybill AWB

Accompanying document for air shipments

AKB

General road haulage insurance clauses

AKM

Statistical export control report

ACP-States

African, Carribean and Pacific states, having signed a preferential agreement with the European Community

Acquisition

Cargo procurement and brokerage

ALFA

Automated procedure applied for import air cargo shipments

AMÖ

Federal association of removal operators

A.R.A.-ports

Ports of Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam

Association agreements

Agreements of non-EC states with the European Community Union on the granting of customs preferences

AT

Preferential tariff

ATA

Customs admission booklet for cargo's temporary export or import

ATP

Agreement on transports of perishable goods and on special means of transport to be used for such shipments

Advise

Notification to consignee on cargo's arrival or despatch

Average

Damage sustained by a ship or its cargo as a result of marine accident

AWB

Air Waybill

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B

BAF

Bunker adjustment factor applied in marine traffic

BAG

Federal office for goods transports; Federal Labour Court

Barge

Cargo riverboat, lighter

BIC

Bureau International des Containers - International Container Bureau

Bill of lading, B/L

Legal document issued by the forwarder stating his obligations related to cargo's delivery to the B/L's legitimate holder, serving as security

BMV

Federal minister of transport

Bordero

Cargo manifest issued by the consolidator to inform the deconsolidator about details of the individual shipments

Break bulk

Cargo shipped neither in containers nor on pallets

BRT

Gross register ton - unit of measurement of a vessel's entire space to indicate a ship's loading capacity,

BRVS

Rail cartage insurance policy

BRZ

Gross space figure - Figure indicating a ship's hold

BSchG / BSchVG

Act on inland shipping

BSK

Experts group for heavy duty shipments and craning of the federal forwarding and logistics association

BSL

Federal forwarding and logistics association

Bulk Carrier

Vessel for shipments of bulk goods (e.g. ore, grain etc.)

BWE

Federal short-haul road transport and waste disposal association

BWV

Federal association of works forwarders and loaders

BZG

Federal central road traffic cooperation

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C

Cabotage

Operating inland shipments outside one's country of registration

CAF

Currency adjustment factor applied in ocean shipping

Carnet-A.T.A.

Customs booklet admitting cargo's temporary import or export issued for international road hauliers

Carnet-T.I-R.

Customs booklet admitting free transit passage issued for international road hauliers

Carrier

A person or firm engaged in the carriage of passengers or goods

Cartage

Expression for the rate charged for picking up goods from sender or for house delivery of general cargo and groupage cargo formerly used when this was done by cart

CEMT

(Conférence Européenne des Ministres des Transports) Permanent conference of European traffic ministers

CEP-services

Courier, express and parcel services

Cession

Legally passing on something someone is entitled to to another legal entity

CFR

Incoterm Cost and freight

CFS

Container Freight Station (Container stuffing station)

CH

Carrier's haulage (container's road haulage to be done by shipowner)

Charter contract

Sea carriage contract. A vessel is entirely or partly leased for a voyage or for a period

CIF

Incoterm Cost, insurance, freight

CIM

(Convention Internationale concernant le Transport de Marchandises par Chemin de Fer)
International Convention concerning the carriage of goods by rail

Clarification

Operations linked to a ship's calling at a port, sailing and berthing

C.L.E.C.A.T.

Comité de Liaison Européen des Commissionnaires et Auxiliaires de Transports du Marché Commun
(Alliance of forwarders of EU countries in Brussels)

CMR

(Convention relative au contrat de transport international de marchandises par route)
Convention on the contract of carriage in international road traffic

COD

Payment term Cash on delivery

Collico

Reusable rail-owned collapsible boxes made of steel or light metal sheets

Compliance Office

IATA office monitoring compliance with IATA resolutions

Conditional booking

Provisional, non-binding reservation of a ship's freight capacity

Congestion Surcharge

Amount charged additionally due to port's congestion

Connex right of lien

Right of lien which can be exercised only for cargo directly related to the claim

CONNI price system

Transfracht price system applied for national container shipments

Consignee

Receiver of goods

COTIF

(Convention relative aux transports internationaux ferroviaires) Convention on international rail traffic

C/P

Charter Party (contract of carriage in tramp navigation)

CPT

Incoterm Carriage paid

Cross-Trader

Vessels operating international regular navigation services without calling at a port of the country of their registration

CSC

Container Service Charge

CSP

Container Service Port (port offering inward and outward bound FCL and LCL container services only by liner vessels)

CST

Container Service Tariff

CT B/L

Combined Transport Bill of Lading (B/L issued for all shipments shipped in containers in compliance of container service tariffs)

CTO

Combined Transport Operator (Forwarder rendering combined traffic and operating as carrier, see MTO)

CY

Container yard (container depot)

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D

D/A

Payment term Documents against acceptance

DAF

Incoterm Delivered at frontier

DDP

Incoterm...Delivered duty paid

DDU

Incoterm...Delivered duty unpaid

Decade

Period of ten days

Declare

Making a full statement of dutiable cargo

Delivery order

Stipulations on cargo's delivery

DES

Incoterm...Delivered ex ship

DEQ

Incoterm...Delivered ex quai

DFK

Duisburg freight convention (signed in the city of Duisburg)

DFÜ

Remote data transfer

DgebrZT

German Customs tariff

DGR

(Air traffic) Dangerous Goods Regulations

Dispache

Statement listing damages and determining a fair division of loss between insurers both of ship and cargo costs in the event of general average

Dispacheur

Expert adjusting general average

Disposable jurisdiction

Flexible jurisdiction (amendable by contract)

Distribution

Delivery

D/P

Documents against payment

dwcc

Deadweight cargo carrying capacity

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E

EE

Import declaration

EFTA

European Free Trade Association

EG/EU

European Community / European Union

EG

Import licence

EKM

Statistical import control report

Endorsement

Signature on the back of order papers as a mark of transmission

ERA

Unified directions on use of document l/c's

ESTA

European society for heavy duty shipments automobile cranes

EUROP

European freight car union

EUS_t

Turnover tax on imports

EV

Supplementary contract

EVO

Rail traffic regulations

EWG

European Economic Community

EXW

Incoterm Ex works

EZC

European Zone Charge (Tariff as basis for shipowners to calculate containers's haulage when Carrier's Haulage has been agreed)

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F

FAK Rates

Freight all kinds (flat-rate tariff irrespective of kind of cargo)

FAS

Incoterm Free alongside ship

Fault freight, dead freight

Freight rate charterer has to pay in the event of withdrawal from the contract prior to despatch

FBL

FIATA Combined Transport Bill of Lading
(FIATA-B/L for combined traffic Forwarders, Through Bill of Lading)

FCA

Incoterm Free carrier

FCL

Full Container Load

FCR

Forwarders Certificate of Receipt

FCT

Forwarders Certificate of Transport (Forwarders through shipping document)

Feeder service

Additional service rendered to deliver / pick up cargo to and from ports / regions not directly called by the shipping lines' container ships

FIATA

Fédération Internationale des Associations de Transporteurs et Assimilés
(International Forwarders Association)

Flat

Container size platform with fixed front walls as cargo support

FOB

Incoterm Free on board

Freight contract

(1) Under a freight contract, haulier is obliged to ship cargo to its destination and to deliver it to consignee
(2) Under a freight contract, sender is obliged to pay agreed freight charges.

Franchise

Limit beyond which an insurance company does not come up for partial loss

Frankatur

Prepayment Note

FTB

Freight rates and tariffs of inland navigation

FWR

FIATA Warehouse Receipt

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G

GATT

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GbV

Ordinance on the appointment and instruction of dangerous goods advisers in companies (Appointment of dangerous goods advisers ordinance)

GGVBinSch

Ordinance concerning the carriage of dangerous goods by inland waterways

GGVE

Ordinance concerning the carriage of dangerous goods by rail

GGVS

Ordinance concerning the carriage of dangerous goods by road

Greyhound system

Reduced rates of duty are granted each applicant until an overall quota has been exhausted

GüKG

Road haulage act

GüKUMT

Long and short haul tariff for removals and merchandise furniture shipments in furniture transporters

GVB

Society for traffic administration and logistics

gVV

Standardized export procedure applied by EU member states

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H

Haulage

Pre- and Oncarriage

H.L.

Heavy lift (Additional amount charged by ocean shippers)

HZA

Chief customs office

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I

IATA

International Air Transport Association (Umbrella organization of air cargo operators)

ICAO

International Civil Aviation Organization

ICC

Institute Cargo Clauses (Transport insurance clauses)

ICC

International Chamber of Commerce

ICH

IATA Clearing House (Central accounting board of IATA member states)

Id-Nr.

Identification number for charging turnover tax

Igloo

Air cargo loading appliances

IMCO

International Maritime Consultative Organization (United Nations organisation)

IMDG-Code

International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (International code for dangerous goods sea shipments)

IMO

International Maritime Organization (IMCO follow-up organisation founded 1982)

Incoterms

International Commercial Terms expressing the sharing of costs and risks between buyer and seller

Inkonnex right of lien

Right of lien which can be exercised for all claims (contractual right of lien which supersedes the legal right of lien)

Integrator

Forwarder rendering door-to-door shipments including forwarder's service

Interline agreement

Agreement concluded among airline operators on the mutual acknowledgement of transport documents and for standardizing mutual accounting

INTRASTAT

Statistics on the goods flow among EU countries

IRU

International Road Transport Union

ISO

International Standardization Organization

IWF

IMF International Monetary Fund

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J

JIT

Just in time (delivery) at the precise moment

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K

Obligation to contract

Legal obligation to conclude a carriage contract (i.g. for the national railways company)

KVO

Road haulage regulations

KWZ

Low water surcharge (Freight surcharge for cargo shipped on inland waterways at exceptionally low water levels)

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L

Label

Tag marking cargo, is essential for air cargo shipments. Each place has to be marked by labels indicating AWB number, airport of destination, marking and consignee

LASH carrier

Lighter Aboard Ship carrier

L/C Letter of credit

Warranty of buyer's bank to effect payment in favour of seller (creditor = beneficiary) provided the latter implements his obligations from the sales contract

LCL

Less than Container Load (Part load of a container stuffed in port)

Liner Terms

Transport terms of a shipping line

L.L.

Length lift (Ocean shipping surcharge)

LNGT

Tariff of air cargo accessory charges

Loading time

Maximal permissible period for loading or unloading cargo

Loading weight

Loading capacity, loading weight

Loco-Cargo

Consignee of Groupage cargo shipment is located at seat of deconsolidator. So cargo does not have to be shipped beyond local place (lat. locus)

LVG

Civil aviation act

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M

Manifest

Register of all consignments loaded aboard a ship / plane

Margin

Scope between minimal and maximal limits

Margin tariff

Tariff not providing for fixed charges, but for freight charges within a certain margin

MAWB

Master air waybill (Air waybill applied for consolidation cargo)

MH

Merchant 's haulage (Container's trucking done by sender or forwarder)

MTO

Multimodal Transport Operator (Freight forwarder operating combined shipments and thus acting as carrier), see CTO

Multimodal shipment

Multistage shipment operated by several carriers. Combined international shipment

MWM

Unit of measurement to indicate a removal vehicle's capacity (1 MWM = 5 m³)

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N

Neutralise

Removing signs of origin

NL

Carrying capacity, payload

Notify-Adress

Adress stated in the order B/L to be contacted by shipping line to advice ship's arrival

NRT

Net register ton

NRZ

Net space figure: Proportional figure indicating a ship's commercial space (Cargo hold, passengers' cabins etc.)

NRZZ

Nomenclature of the Council for customs cooperation

NVOCC

Non Vessel Operating Common Carrier (Freight forwarder operating as shipowner without running own ships)

NVP

Local traffic price list

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O

ÖTV

Trade union of Public servants and the transport and traffic sector

ORKB

Upper Rhine conditions of B/L

Outsider

Shipowner operating a line without entering into a conference

OZL

Bonded warehouse

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P

Police

Insurance certificate

Pool agreement

Alliance of companies to share profit from joint (pool) operations under a certain ratio formula
Freight pools are common among shipowners

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R

Refund / rebate

Supplementary reduction of freight charges

RFS

Road Feeder Service (Cargo haulage from and to airports)

RGST

Guidelines for wide-body and heavy-lift shipments

RICo

Regulations on international container rail shipments

RID

Règlement internationale concernant le transport des marchandises dangereuses par chemin de fer (Regulations on international dangerous goods shipments by rail)

RIEx

International express rail cargo shipments

RIP

Regulations on international rail shipments by private waggons

RIV

Regolamento Internazionale Veicoli (Regulations on the multilateral use of rolling stock in international traffic) - short: International Wagon Union

Ro/Ro

Roll on/Roll off (Technology used for loading and unloading trucks and other "rolling" cargo onto and from ships)

Road Railer

Trailer train. Semi truck trailers loaded on a siding on bogie wagons and composed into a full train

Roadstead port

Port with shallow water, so that ships anchor in some distance from the shore ("in the roads") for loading and unloading which is handled by lighters or via pipelines

Rolling road

Special form of combined rail - road - shipments with whole truck trailers or semi-trailer trucks being transported on low-bed rail wagons

RVS

Cartage insurance certificate

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S

Shipping Company

Group of persons jointly owning a ship and using it to gain profit from commercial marine shipments for joint account

Shipowner

Owner of a ship used to gain profit from commercial marine shipments

Ship register

District court's register listing a port's entire fleet of ships

SDR

Special Drawing Rights with the IMF - fictitious money as a calculation basis (e.g. for maximal liability under CMR)

SDT

Shipper's Declaration for the Transportation of Dangerous Goods

SGKV

Society for studies into combined traffic

Single administrative document

Standardized customs document used in all EU countries

Slot

Segment of a container ship's cell into which a container is loaded

SLVS

Freight forwarder's-logistics-and-warehousing insurance policy

SMGS

Soglaschenije Meshdunarodnyh Grusowyh Ssoobschtschenii (International rail traffic agreement of Eastern European states)

SOLAS

International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea

Split-Charter

Charter with acquired capacity split for use among several clients

Splitting

Applied by Road hauliers to split the maximal permitted loading weight under one concession into permissions for several trucks of max. 30 tons

SST

Sea port forwarder's tariff

Stripping

Unloading cargo out of container

Stuffing

Loading cargo into container

StVG

Road traffic act

StVO

Road traffic regulations

StVZO

Road traffic registration regulations

Surcharge

Amount charged to settle additional costs in ocean shipping

SVG

Road hauliers' cooperative

SVS/RVS

Freight forwarder's insurance policy / cartage insurance policy

SZR

Special Drawing Rights - see SDR

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T

TACT

The Air Cargo Tariff

Tally company

Company measuring sea cargo and monitoring cargo's loading onto ship

TBL

Through Bill of Lading

tdw

Deadweight all told (vessel's loading capacity)

TC

(IATA's) Traffic Conference

Terminal

Berth at which a container ship is loaded or unloaded

TEU

Twenty foot equivalent unit (Measure of container's loading capacity, converted into 20 feet units)

TFG

Transfracht Deutsche Transportgesellschaft GmbH - German container carrier

THC

Terminal Handling Charges - charged for container's lifting from quay to ship / from ship to quay

Three-Letter-Code

Three-letter-Code indicating airports and airlines

Tidal port

Port navigable only during high tide

TIR

Transport International des Marchandises par la Route
(Preferential forwarding procedure for the truck haulage of bonded goods)

TKF

Tariff commission on long distance haulage

TKM

Tariff commission on furniture shipments

tkm

Indicator of vehicles or forwarding company's performance - figure expressing proportion of tonnage moved per kilometer

Trade Terms

National commercial terms

Trailer

Non self-propelled vehicle coupled on a motor tractor

Traject

Trainferry

Transaction value

Invoice amount as basis for determination of customs value

Transshipment

Reloading

Transit

Passage

TRG

Act on the reform of transport law

TVG

Act on collective agreement on union wage rates

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U

UIC

(Union Internationale des Chemins de Fer) - International railway union

UIRR

International union of pick-a-back service providers

UKV

Transshipment company operating combined shipments

ULCC

Ultra Large Crude Carrier (Tank vessel with min. capacity of 320 000 tdw)

ULD

Unit Load Device (Loading unit, i.e. one pallet)

ULD-Rates

Air shipment container rates

ÜLG

Overseas countries and areas

USL

Forwarding and warehousing consultant

Uz

Declaration of origin

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V

VAE

Export declaration

VAD

Value added tax

Valorizes-insurance

Insurance of valuables

VBGL

Conditions of contract for road haulage and logistics operators (registered with the Federal road haulage, disposal and logistics association)

Visby Rules

International agreement on the contract of sea carriage, stipulating, among others, conditions of liability

VLCC

Very Large Crude Carrier (Large tank vessel with min. capacity of 160 000 tdw)

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W

WA (or WAK)

Warsaw agreement on the standardization of conditions of passengers' and luggage carriage in international air traffic

Waiver clause

Client's statement to refrain from insurance coverage on cargo damages for national shipments

Warehouse receipt

Receipt issued by warehouse manager on cargo's acceptance for storage

WGT

Economic goods tariff

WPA

With particular average (former cover of Institute Cargo Clauses, since 1983 replaced by clause B)

WTO

World Trade Organization

WVB

Movement certificate guaranteeing preferential customs clearance

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Y

York-Antwerp-Rules

International rules on general average

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Z

ZG

Customs act

ZK

Customs code

ZK-DVO

Ordinance on the implementing of the Customs code

ZnA

Customs clearance by documents

ZnG

Customs clearance after being exempted from obligation to present cargo before customs officers

ZnV

Customs clearance by simplified customs declaration

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