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# A

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
Ab	Starting point	"Ab" (e.g., "Ab Billund Lufthavn") is often used to indicate the starting point or origin of a flight or air transport service from a specific airport. It signifies the place or airport from which the service begins
ACI	Advance Cargo Information	ACI is a Canadian system with cargo information to increase cross border trade efficiencies and to improve the protection of Canadian citizens
Ad hoc	Ad hoc	Something that is not fixed or scheduled
ADR	Dangerous goods regulations	Dangerous goods that can cause damage to people, the environment or property
AEO	Authorised Economic Operator	A certification that simplifies customs clearance. Blue Water is AEO certified
AES	Automated Export system	A system that process export declarations for all goods moving directly and indirectly to countries outside the EU
AGS	Aden Gulf surcharge	Security surcharge against piracy
AMS	Automated Manifest System	All shipments entering or passing through the US waters provide details about their cargo content due to security reasons
ATA	Actual Time of Arrival	The exact time a vessel or any other form of transportation arrives at its destination
ATA Carnet	ATA Carnet	An international customs document that ensures smooth border crossing for goods that do not require customs clearance e.g., exhibition goods
ATD	Actual Time of Departure	The exact time a vessel or any other form of transportation is dispatched from the point of origin
AWB	Air Waybill	A document that accompanies goods shipped by an international air courier to provide detailed information about the shipment and allow it to be tracked

## E

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
B/L or BoL	Bill of Lading	A legal document issued by a transportation company to a shipper that details the type, quantity, and destination of the goods being carried. This document also serves as a shipment receipt and must always accompany the shipped products, no matter the form of transportation
BAF	Bunker Adjustment Factor	BAF - as fuel prices - are volatile, the shipping line charges a "Bunker Adjustment Factor" fee to cover the fluctuations in global bunker costs
BW	Bonded warehousing	A warehouse where goods can be stored without paying taxes until the goods are ready for distribution

# C

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
CAF	Currency Adjustment Factor	CAF is a surcharge to the sea freight (often a percentage) if freight is payable in a currency which is subject to major exchange rate fluctuations
Cbm	Cubic metre	CBM is the freight volume of the shipment. This measurement is calculated by multiplying the width, height and length. CBM = (Length x Width x Height) x Quantity of items. If the shipment has different sized items, simply repeat the formula for each size and add up the volumes
CFR	Cost and freight	Incoterm where the seller is responsible for costs and freight up to the agreed port, airport or terminal (depending on the mode of transport) in the recipient country. The risk and any additional costs then pass to the buyer. In addition, the CFR trade conditions specify that the seller is responsible for customs clearance of the goods
CFS	Container Freight Station	Refers to the warehouse where cargo is being consolidated (grouped) or deconsolidated (degrouped) from various exporters or importers before being shipped (if export) or delivered (if import)
CHAS	Chassis	A rubber-tired trailer under-frame on which a container is mounted for road transportation
CIF	Cost, Insurance and Freight	Incoterm where the seller is responsible for arranging and paying for the transportation of goods, insurance coverage, and all associated costs up to the point the goods are loaded on a vessel for shipment to the specified destination. Once the goods pass the ship's rail, the risk transfers to the buyer. This term is used specifically for sea transport

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
CIP	Carriage and Insurance Paid To	Incoterm where the seller delivers the goods to a carrier, pays for transport to the specified destination, and also provides insurance against the buyer's risk of loss or damage during transit. The buyer assumes responsibility once the goods arrive at the specified location
CMR	International consignment note	Waybill for international road freight transport
Cnee	Consignee	A person or company to whom goods are to be delivered
со	Certificate of Origin	International trade document, certifying that goods in a particular export shipment are wholly obtained, produced, manufactured or processed in a particular country. It is often requested by overseas buyers for customs clearance, payment management and import tariff concessions
COD	Cash on Delivery	Delivery will only be made against payment of the agreed amount between shipper and buyer
COD	Change of Destination	A request to the shipping company for the possibility to change the destination of the shipment to a destination other than the destination stated in the "Port of Discharge" and/or "Place of Delivery" as shown in the Bill of Lading issued
Colli /Kolli	A piece of goods	The term for a single piece of goods where the actual packaging form is not known
Congestion surcharge	Congestion surcharge	A carrier fee to cover the extra charges if ports are congested due to e.g. weather, political issues, strikes etc.
Conversion key	Conversion key	A conversion factor between volume and actual weight

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TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
СРТ	Carriage Paid To	Incoterm where the seller delivers the goods to a carrier
		and pays for the transportation to a specified destination.
		However, the risk of loss or damage to the goods, as well
		as any additional costs due to events occurring after the
		goods have been handed over to the carrier, are trans-
		ferred from the seller to the buyer. This term can be used
		for any mode of transport
CY	Container Yard	A container yard is a designated area where shipping
		containers are stored, stacked and organised for loading
		onto ships, trucks or trains for onward distribution
cw	Chargeable Weight	A conversion factor used to determine the price you
		will pay to ship your goods. It can be either the gross
		weight (i.e. actual weight) or the volumetric weight (i.e.
		dimensional weight) of the shipment, whichever is greater

### D

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
angerous oods	Dangerous goods	Also named Hazardous cargo or IMDG cargo.  Dangerous goods are materials or substances that pose risks to health, safety, property, or the environment during transportation. It requires additional care and special documents provided by shipper to ship dangerous goods
АР	Delivered at Place	Incoterm where the seller is responsible for all costs, including transport and risk, up to a specified place of destination. The buyer assumes responsibility for unloading and any further costs from that point onward, including import duties and taxes
AT	Delivered at Terminal	Incoterm where the seller delivers the goods, unloaded from transport, at a specified terminal. The seller covers all risks and costs up to unloading, after which the buyer assumes responsibility
C or DV	Dry Cargo / Van Container	The standard type of shipping container used to transport general cargo that does not require temperature control, such as clothing, furniture, and electronics. It is sealed and weatherproof, protecting goods from external elements
DP	Delivered Duty Paid	Incoterm where the seller assumes all responsibilities and costs for delivering goods to a specified destination, including transportation, insurance, and all import duties and taxes
eep sea	Long distance sea freight	Refers to the transportation of goods over long distances across the open ocean, typically between continents
emurrage	Space rental penalty fee	A fee charged by the shipping line if container is not moved from the shipyard within the allowed free days
etention	Container rental to the shipping line	Detention is a fee charged by the shipping line if a container is not returned to terminal within the allowed free days

# D

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
DEV	Deviation	When a shipment does not go as planned or promised.  The error that occurs is a deviation
DGR	Dangerous Goods Regulations	Guidelines and rules established by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) for the safe transportation of hazardous materials by air. The DGR provides specific instructions on how to handle, package, label, and document dangerous goods to ensure they can be transported safely without posing a threat to aircraft, personnel, or the environment
DOC	Document of Compliance	A certificate issued to companies operating ships under the International Safety Management (ISM) Code, indicating that the company's safety management system has been audited and found compliant with the ISM Code's requirements
Domestic	Domestic	Within a country's borders
Dry bulk cargo	Dry cargo shipped without packing	A load that is not packaged e.g., grain, sand

## Ε

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
EAN	European Article Numbering	Numbering system that gives products a unique number
EBS	Emergency Bunker Surcharge	EBS is a surcharge added to the freight to cover fuel costs in emergencies
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange	It refers to the structured electronic exchange of business documents, such as orders, invoices and shipping notices, between trading partners in a standardised format
E-Export	IT programme	E-Export is a digital software solution that automates and enhances export-related tasks, including documentation, compliance, and logistics management.  By streamlining processes and ensuring regulatory adherence, it contributes to the efficient and accurate execution of international trade operations
ELI	Electrically Initiated Lithium Ion batteries	ELI - Electrically Initiated Lithium Ion - ELI batteries, designed for applications requiring electrical initiation for activation
ELM	Lithium Metal Bat- teries	ELM - Lithium Metal Batteries - ELM batteries use lithium metal for high energy density, suitable for applications requiring long-lasting, lightweight power sources
ЕТА	Estimated Time of Arrival	Approximate time of a shipment's arrival based on an estimation
ETD	Estimated Time of Departure	Approximate time of a shipment's departure from its terminal based on an estimate
ETS	Emissions Trading System	The EU Emission Trading System is an instrument from the EU to help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
EUR-1 certificate	Movement certificate	Enables importers in certain countries to import goods at a reduced or nil rate of import duty under trade agreements between the UK and partner countries

# E

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
Euro pallet	Standard pallet	Dimensions of a Euro pallet are 120 x 80 cm
EXW	Ex Works	EXW is a shipping arrangement in which a seller makes a product available at a specific location, but the buyer has to pay the transport costs

# F

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
FAS	Free Alongside Ship	FAS means that the goods are considered to be delivered when the seller's ship arrives alongside the buyer's ship or destination port. The buyer bears the shipping expense
FCA	Free Carrier	It's an international trade term from the Incoterms that specifies the point at which the seller fulfills their delivery obligation by handing over the goods to a carrier nominated by the buyer at a specified place or point of departure. The buyer then assumes responsibility for the transportation costs and risks from that point onward
FCL	Full Container Load	FCL describes sea shipping for cargo loads large enough to fill a 20' or 40' shipping container. FCL usually loaded in one point (mostly at the shipper's warehouse)
Feeder (shortsea)	Ships on shorter distances	Smaller ships that typically only sail within their own continent - typically with containers
FEU/FFU	Forty Foot Equivalent Unit/Forty Foot Unit	It used to describe the size of a container. 1 FEU = 40 ft container
FOB	Free on Board	FOB shipping means that the supplier retains ownership and responsibility for the goods until they are loaded 'on board' a shipping vessel. Port of delivery should be mentioned due to risk
FR	Flat Rack container	A platform used for over-sized cargo where the cargo may be over wide, over high and/or over length
Freight forwarding	Freight forwarding	Freight forwarding is the coordination and shipment of goods from one place to another via a single or multiple carriers via air, marine, rail or highway. Receiving and sending goods on behalf of others, arranging transhipment, customs clearance, finalisation of documents, consolidation and warehousing

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TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
Freight forwarder/ forwarding agent	Freight forwarder	A company or person that provides freight forwarding services
FSC	Fuel Surcharge	FSC is charged based on the current price variations on the fuel. It is usually the receiver who pays for the fuel surcharge, and the reason is to compensate for the volatility of the fuel prices. This surcharge can be applied to several transportation modes, from road freight to air freight or ocean freight transport
Full load / F/L / FTL	Full Truck Load	FTL, is a type of shipping mode whereby a truck carries one dedicated shipment. In other words, the journey is reserved for one shipment only
Fumigation	Fumigation	Fumigation refers to the techniques deployed to eliminate the pests within a specific container or cargo with the help of effective fumigants. Fumigation of containers is a standard protocol for many countries. Fumigation is done to ensure pests, insects and other harmful living organisms do not enter or leave a country to prevent diseases

# G

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
GC	General Cargo	Goods that can be transported individually in one piece.  This can be a pallet or a package
GDPR / Data Privacy	General Data Protection Regulation	GDPR is a European Union regulation on Information privacy in the European Union and the European Economic Area
GRI	General Rate Increase	GRI is an adjustment of sea freight rates across all or spe- cific trade routes during a set time frame. GRIs are usually spurred by the supply and demand chain within freight shipping and generally initiated by bigger carriers
Groupage	Groupage freight	A shipping method used when unit of goods are transported in bundles to form a consolidated transport i.e. the combination of several smaller shipments into one full container. The groupage process works like this: the general cargo is collected from various shippers and combined into a groupage cargo in the warehouse of the forwarding agent. After delivery, they are separated again in the corresponding warehouses
GSP Certificate	The Generalised System of Preferences Certificate	The GSP Certificate is an official document that validates an exporter's eligibility for preferential tariff treatment within GSP-recipient countries. By showcasing the origin of goods and adherence to programme requirements, it facilitates smoother international trade and tariff reductions

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TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
Haulier	A trucking company or carrier	Is the British word for trucking company. A haulier is a specialised transportation service provider responsible for transporting goods, commodities or cargo using trucks or other road vehicles
Hazardous cargo	Dangerous goods	Also named Dangerous goods or IMDG cargo.  Dangerous goods are materials or substances that pose risks to health, safety, property or the environment during transportation. It requires additional care and special documents provided by shipper to ship dangerous goods
HC, High-Cube or HQ	High Cube container	HC container is a type of container that is 1 foot more in height than a standard 40' container
HPL	Half pallet	HPL is a compact and space-efficient pallet that is approximately half the size of a standard pallet. Dimensions of a half pallet are 80 x 60 cm
HS code	Harmonised System Codes	The HS code is a standardised numeric classification assigned to products, enabling uniform categorisation and streamlined customs procedures for international trade. It serves as a universal language for identifying goods and plays a key role in facilitating accurate tariffs and trade data analysis
HSSEQ	Health, Safety, Security, Environment & Quality	It represents a comprehensive framework that organisations implement to ensure the well-being of their employees, the protection of their assets and the preservation of the environment while maintaining high-quality standards in their operations

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
IATA	The International Air Transport Association	IATA is a trade association that represents the global airline industry, facilitating standards, regulations, and cooperation among airlines for safe and efficient air transportation
IATA DGR	International Air Transport Association Dangerous Goods Regulations	It is a globally recognised set of guidelines and standards for the safe transportation of hazardous materials by air. These regulations provide detailed instructions on how to classify, package, label, and handle dangerous goods to ensure the safety of passengers, crew, and aircraft during air transportation
IMDG	The International Maritime Dangerous Goods	Dangerous goods are materials or substances that pose risks to health, safety, property, or the environment during transportation. It requires additional care and special documents provided by shipper to ship dangerous goods
IMO	International Maritime Organization	IMO is a specialised agency of the United Nations responsible for regulating shipping. The IMO's primary purpose is to develop and maintain a comprehensive regulatory framework for shipping and its remit today includes maritime safety, environmental concerns, legal matters, technical co-operation, maritime security and the efficiency of shipping
Incoterms	International Com- mercial Terms	Incoterms are universally recognised rules that guide buyers and sellers to fulfil a contract for the shipment of goods
ISF	Importer Security Filing	ISF is a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) requirement for ocean cargo imports into the United States. The importer or their agent must electronically submit information related to the shipment such as shipper, commodity, cargo details etc.

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
ISO	International Organization for Standardization	ISO is a globally recognised body that develops and publishes international standards, fostering consistency and excellence across various industries. ISO standards cover diverse areas, including quality and environment, providing guidelines that help organisations achieve higher levels of performance and sustainability
ISPS	International Ship and Port Facility Security Code	It is a comprehensive set of security measures developed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to enhance the security of ships and port facilities against potential threats such as terrorism, piracy and smuggling. The ISPS Code mandates the implementation of security protocols, training and infrastructure to ensure the safety of vessels, passengers and cargo during international maritime operations

# L

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
LCL	Less than Container Load	If shipper does not have cargo enough for a full container, cargo can be shipped as LCL (less than container load) where cargo is combined in a container with cargo from different shippers
Ldm	Load Displacement Meter	Loading meter - 1 m in the full width of the trailer
Lo/Lo	Lift-on/Lift-off	It refers to a method of cargo handling in shipping where specialised cranes or equipment are used to lift cargo on and off a vessel

# Kolli / Colli A piece of goods The term for a single piece of goods where the actual packaging form is not known

## M

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
Maut	German road tax	"Maut" is a German term that translates to "toll" in English.  It refers to a fee or charge imposed on vehicles for using certain roads, bridges, tunnels, or other transportation infrastructure
MAWB	Master Airway Bill	It is a key document used in airfreight shipments. The MAWB is issued by the airline or its authorised agent and serves as a contract of carriage between the shipper, consignee, and the carrier
MBL	Master Bill of Lading	MBL is a crucial shipping document that outlines terms and details of goods transportation between a carrier and shipper, facilitating efficient and organized international trade logistics
MIO	Movement of Goods Inward/Outward	It pertains to the temporary storage of goods in a customs warehouse or bonded warehouse under specific customs procedures. During MIO operations, goods are moved into or out of the customs or bonded warehouse, often under the supervision of customs authorities. This allows for the temporary suspension of customs duties and taxes while the goods are stored, providing flexibility for businesses and facilitating international trade
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	It is a comprehensive document that provides important information about the potential hazards, handling, storage, and emergency procedures related to a specific chemical substance or product. MSDSs are commonly used in workplaces and industries to ensure the safe use, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
NOR	Non-operating reefer	NOR is a reefer container shipped unplugged with dry cargo
Notify party	Notify party	The notify party is the contact person to be notified when the shipment arrives at destination
NSAB	Nordic Association of Freight Forwarders (Nordisk Speditørforbunds Almindelige Bestemmelser)	NSAB 2015 is the general conditions of the Nordic Association of Freight Forwarders. The conditions set forth the freight forwarder's and the customer's rights and obligations towards each other
NVOCC	Non-Vessel Operat- ing Common Carrier	It refers to a type of freight forwarder that arranges shipments and transportation of goods, but doesn't own the vessels (ships) used for transportation

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TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
ОТ	Open Top container	Open Top container - a container used for over-sized cargo where the cargo is over height

## P

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
Pallet	Pallet	Portable packaging on which goods can be stacked and handled with a forklift
Payable weight	Payable weight	Refers to the weight of goods or cargo that is used as the basis for calculating shipping charges. It may include the actual weight of the goods themselves, as well as any associated packaging, pallets, and other materials. The weight a shipment is settled by either real or converted from volume via conversion factor
Pick-up	Pick-up	The term for when goods are picked up
POD	Proof of Delivery	It is a document or record used in logistics and transpor- tation to confirm that a shipment or delivery has been received by the intended recipient
POD	Port of Delivery	Refers to the specific port where the goods are destined to arrive and be received by the consignee. It's the final destination port where the cargo will be unloaded and cleared through customs before distribution or further transportation
POL	Port of Loading	Refers to the specific port where goods are loaded onto a vessel for transportation
PSS	Peak Season Surcharge	It's an additional fee or charge that shipping companies impose during peak shipping seasons or times of high demand. Peak shipping seasons typically coincide with periods of increased shipping activity, such as holidays, major shopping seasons, or events that lead to a surge in cargo shipments

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# Q

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IATION	DESCRIPTION
allet	A Quarter Pallet is a type of pallet that is one-quarter the size of a standard pallet. Dimensions of a quarter pallet are $60 \times 40 \text{ cm}$
	allet

# R

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
Rate	Rate	Price of freight
Reefer	Refrigerated transport	It is a method of transporting goods that require temperature control to maintain their freshness, quality, and integrity. It involves the use of specialized vehicles, containers, or compartments equipped with refrigeration or temperature control systems. This type of transport is commonly used for perishable items such as food products, pharmaceuticals, and other temperature-sensitive goods
RFI	Request for Information	Questionnaire typically prior to tender phase. It is a formal process used in business and procurement to gather information from potential suppliers, vendors, or contractors
RFQ	Request for Quotation	Request for Quotation It's a formal document used in procurement to solicit price quotes or bids from potential suppliers or vendors for specific products or services
RID	Regulations concern- ing the International Carriage of Danger- ous Goods by Rail	These regulations provide guidelines and requirements for the safe and secure transportation of hazardous materials by rail
Ro/Ro	Roll on / Roll off	Roll-on/roll-off ships are vessels that are used to carry wheeled cargo

# S

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
SDS	Safety Data Sheet	SDS is a comprehensive document offering information about the hazards, handling, and emergency response procedures for chemical products
Shipper	Sender/consignor	Shipper of goods
Short sea	Short sea freight	Refers to maritime transportation that takes place within a relatively short distance along coastlines, between neighboring countries, or across bodies of water such as seas or bays
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure	Standard Operating Procedure
SSC	Security Surcharge	A Security Surcharge is an additional fee or charge imposed by transportation or shipping companies to cover costs associated with enhanced security measures and precautions
Stevedore	A person employed at a dock to load and unload ships	A person employed at a dock to load and unload ships
Stripping	Unloading	Refers to the process of unloading cargo from a container or transport vehicle, often at a port or distribution center
Stuffing	Loading	Refers to the process of loading cargo into a container or transport vehicle for shipment. This term is often used when goods are placed inside a container, trailer, or other shipping vessel to prepare them for transportation
Subject to customs duty	Subject to customs duty	Customs treatment when trading with non-EU countries

## T

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
TAD	Transport Additional Destination	TAD is an additional to the sea freight at destination, the transport from main port to an outport (e.g. feeder from Hamburg to Oslo, or from Hamburg to Gdynia)
TAO	Transport Additional Origin	TAO is an additional to the sea freight at origin, the transport from outport to main port (e.g. feeder from Oslo to Hamburg)
Terminal	Terminal	A terminal is a handling point for a means of transportation, typically for trucks
TEU	20 ft container	Unit of measurement for container, 1 TEU = 120' container
THC	Terminal surcharge	It refers to a fee imposed by terminal operators at ports or terminals for the handling of containers during the loading, unloading, and storage processes
Track and trace	Track and trace	A system where you can determine the position of your shipment
Transit port	Port of transhipment	A port or location where cargo, passengers, or goods are temporarily held or transferred as part of a journey between their point of origin and their final destination

# U

TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
ULD	Unit Load Device	ULDs are standardised containers or pallets used in avia-
		tion to efficiently load and transport cargo in airplanes

V		
VAL	Valuable shipments	Refers to cargo or goods that are considered valuable due to their high worth, rarity, fragility, or sensitivity

W				
W/M	Weight/Measurement	It's a term commonly used to determine the charges for		
		transporting cargo		
War Risk	War Risk	Refers to a type of insurance coverage that provides		
		protection against losses or damages caused by acts of		
		war, hostilities, civil unrest, or similar events		
Wharfage	Wharfage	Wharfage is a fee charged by ocean carriers to cover		
		the port authority's cost of using a wharf to unload cargo		
		from the vessel		
Wet bulk cargo	Liquid cargo	Refers to goods that are typically transported in liquid		
		form, such as liquids, chemicals, petroleum and other		
		substances. These cargoes are often loaded and trans-		
		ported in bulk carriers, tankers, or specialised vessels		
		designed to handle liquids		

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TERM	EXPLANATION	DESCRIPTION
•	Additional charges	"++" in the context of receiving a rate for airfreight represents additional charges, particularly related to fuel and security costs. When you receive a rate for airfreight, it typically includes the base rate plus these add-ons, which are often stipulated by the "++." This notation indicates that the final price for airfreight will consist of the base rate along with additional charges for fuel and security, making it important to consider the full cost when budgeting or planning for airfreight services
PL	Third Party Logistics	3PL is when a company outsource supply chain elements such as distribution and warehousing. Blue Water is a 3PL company
PL	Fourth Party Logistics	4PL is basically the same as 3PL but have a much broader roll within the supply chain. Blue Water also provides 4PL