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**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, Caribbean 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**

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**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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**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<sub>t</sub>**

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**

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**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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**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

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**Haulage**

Pre- and On-carriage

**H.L.**

Heavy lift (Additional amount charged by ocean shippers )

**HZA**

Chief customs office

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# I

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**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 m<sup>3</sup>)

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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 waggons

**RVS**

Cartage insurance certificate

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**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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**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