

**CODES OF ABBREVIATIONS TO:  
TRANSPORT, FORWARDING & COMMERCIAL TERMS**

Codes	Description
	<b>A</b>
aa	always afloat
a.a.r.	against all risks
AC	account current
A/C	for account of
acc.	acceptance; accepted
acc. cop.	according to the custom of the port
a.c.v.	actual cash value
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
ADP	automated data processing
ADR	European Agreement concerning the inter-national 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
Agcy	agency
Agt.	agent
a.g.wt.	actual gross weight
AMT	Air Mail Transfer
A.O.	account of
A/or	and/or
A/P	account paid
approx.	approximately
A/R	all risks (insurance)
arr.	arrival
arrd.	arrived
a/s	after sight
A/S	alongside
asap	as soon as possible
ass.	associate
ATA	actual time of arrival
ATD	actual time of departure
ATP	Agreement of the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs
Atty	attorney
auth.	authorized
aux.	auxiliary
AWB	Air Waybill
	<b>B</b>
B.A.C.	bunker adjustment charge
BACAT	barge aboard catamaran
BAF	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
Bk.	bank
Bkge	bokerage
B/L	bill of lading
bik.	bulk
BPO	Rail Tariff Balkans - Near East (Balkan Proche Orient)
bri.	barrel
BUP	Bulk Unit Programme
B.W.	bonded warehouse
bxs.	boxes
	<b>C</b>
CAC	currency adjustment charge
C.a.d.	Cash against documents
C.A.F.	currency adjustment factor
C.A.S.	currency adjustment surcharge
CASS	Cargo Accounts Settlement System (IATA)

Codes	Description
	<b>J</b>
JIG	an outline to confirm an aircraft interior contour when building up pallet loads
JIT	Just in Time
	<b>K</b>
kg(s)	kilogram(s)
km	kilometer
km.p.h.	kilometers per hour
km <sup>2</sup>	square kilometer
kn	knot(s)
kW	kilowatt
kWh	kilowatt-hour
Kyoto	International, Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (1973)
Convention	
	<b>L</b>
LASH	lighter aboard ship
lb(s)	pound(s)
L/C	letter of credit
LDG	leading
l. & d.	loss and damage
l. & 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
Lkg/Bkg	leakage & breakage
LNG	liquified natural gas
L.O.A.	length over all
LO/LO	lift on, lift off
load	loading
LPG	liquified petrochemical gas
LSD	landing, storage and delivery charges
LT	letter telegram
L.T.	local time
L/T	liner terms
LTA	lighter than air system (airships)
ltge	lighterage
lump	lump sum
	<b>M</b>
M	minimum (rate classification)
m	meter(s)
m <sup>3</sup>	cubic meter(s)
MACH	modular automated container handling
MFN	Most Favoured Nation
M.H.	Merchants Haulage
M/R	mate's receipt
M + R	maintenance and repair (center)
MAWB	Main Air Waybill
Mdse	merchandise
MIC	Mature industrialized country
MMT	Material Movement Ticket
msbl	missing bill of lading
msca	missing cargo
MT	motor tanker
MTD	multimodal transport document
MTO	Multimodal Transport Operator
M/V	Motor (merchant) Vessel
M/S	Motor Ship
M/w	Measurement/weigh
	<b>N</b>
N	normal (rate classification)
NAABSA	not always afloat but safely aground
NAOCC	Non Aircraft Operating Common Carrier
n.c.v	non customs/commercial value
n.e.s	not elsewhere specified
n.f.o.	not free out

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C.B.	container base
c. & d.	collection and delivery
C. & I.	cost and insurance
c.b.d.	cash before delivery
cbm	cubic metre
cc	charges collect
CCL	customs clearance
CCS	consolidated cargo (container) service
C/D	customs declaration
CEM	European Conference on Goods train timetables
CFR	cost and freight (Incoterms)
CFS	container freight station
C.H.	carriers haulage
C.H.C.	cargo handling charges
Ch. fwd	charges forward
CI	Consular invoice
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 & exchange
c.i.f. & i.	cost, insurance, freight and interest
C & f	Cost and Freight
CIFC	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, commission
c.i.f.L.t.	cost, insurance and freight, London terms
c.i.f.w.	cost, insurance and freight/war
CIM	International Convention concerning the Carriage of Goods by Railway
CIP	Freight Carriage and Insurance paid to (Incoterms)
CIP	Cargo Investigation Panel (IATA)
CIV	International Convention on the Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Railway
CKD	completely knocked down/unassembled
clean B/L	clean bill of lading
cm	centimeter(s)
cm <sup>3</sup>	cubic centimeter(s)
CMR	Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road
C/N	consignment note
cnee	consignee
cnmt/consht.	consignment
C/O	certificate of origin
C.O.D.	cash on delivery
C.O.F.C.	Container-on-Flat-Car (rail flatcar)
Coltrainer	collapsible container
COMBITERMS	Delivery terms for international groupage traffic (among forwarders)
COP	customs of port
C.O.S.	cash on shipment
COTIF	Convention Concerning International Carriage by Rail (CIM - CIV)
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
GSC	International Convention of the Safe Transport of Containers (UN)
CST	Conatiner Service Tariff
C/T	Container Terminal
C.T.	conference terms
CT	combined transport
CTD	combined transport document
CTO	combined Transport Operator
C.T.P.C.	Cargo Traffic Procedures Committee (IATA)
cu.ft.	cubic foot (feet)

Codes	Description
NGO	non governmental organization
n.l.t.	not later than
n/n	non-negotiable
N.,Nr	number
N/O	no orders
n.o.e.	not otherwise enumerated
non-sked	non-scheduled airline or flight
n.o.p.	not otherwise provided
N.O.R	not otherwise rated
no show	a person who reserves space on an aircraft but neither uses or cancels the reservation
N.O.S.	not otherwise specified
N/R	not of readiness
NRT	net registered ton
Nt.	Net weight
n.v.d.	no value declared
NVOCC	Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier
	<b>O</b>
OBO	Ore Bulk Oil Carriers
O.B.S.	Oil Bunker Surcharge
Oc B/L	Ocean Bill of Lading
ODS	operating differential subsidy
OFA	Ocean freight agreement
O/P.	on deck
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
OT	open top (container)
o.t.o.r	on truck or railway
	<b>P</b>
p.a.	per annum - per year
P.A.	particular avarage
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. & I. Clug	Protection and Indemnity Clug
P. & L.	profit and loss
payt.	payment
P/C	Paramount Clause
pd.	paid
p.D.	partial delivery
p.h.d.	per hatch / per day
PIM	International prescription for handling of rail Consignments (CIT)
Pkge	package
P.L.	partial loss
PLP	parcel post
PLTC	port liners term charges
Pmt	prompt
P/N	promissory note
P.O.B.	post-office-box
P.O.D	payment on delivery; paid on delivery
POD	port of debarkation (or disembarkation)
POE	port of embarkation
POR	port of refuge
ppd.	prepaid
p.t.	per ton
pt/dest	port of destination
pt/disch	port of discharge
PTL	partial total loss
ptly pd	partly paid
p.t.w.	per ton weight
	<b>Q</b>
Q	Quantity (rate classification)
Q.c.o.	quantity at captain's option

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cu.in.	cubic inch(es)
CVGP	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
	<b>D</b>
D/A	documents against acceptance
DAF	Delivered at frontier (Incoterms)
D.A.S.	delivery resp. delivered alongside ship
Dbk	drawback
DCAS	Distribution Cost Analysis System
DCP	Freight Carriage paid to (Incoterms)
DDP	Delivered Duty Paid (Incoterms)
DDU	Delivered duty unpaid
DEQ	Delivered ex. quai
DES	Delivered ex. ship
dia	diameter
dir.	direct
dm <sup>3</sup>	cubic decimeter(s)
D/O	delivery order
D/P	documents against payment
DWCC	dead weight cargo capacity
DWT	dead weight ton
	<b>E</b>
E. & O.E.	errors and omissions expected
E.B.C.	europaean barge carrier system
ECE Con- vention	International Convention for the Harmoniza tion of Frontiers, Controls of Goods
ECU	europaean currency unit
EdI	electronic data interchange
EDP	electronic data processing
e.g.	for example
EIR	equipment interchange receipt (containers)
EMA	European Monetary Agreement
EMARA	Europe Middle East Rate Agreement
ETA	expected time of arrival
ETD	expected time of departure
ETS	expected time of sailing
excl.	excluding
EXW	ex works - costs and risks to be accepted ex factory (Incoterms)
	<b>F</b>
F.a.	Free alongside
F.A.A.	free of all average
FAB	Forwarder Air Bill
f.a.c.	fast as can (loading or discharge)
F.A.C.	forwarding agent's commission
FAF	Fuel Adjustment Factor
FAK	freight all kinds
FALPRO	Special Programme on Trade Facilitation (UNCTAD)
F. and D.	Freight and demurrage
FAQ	free alongside quay or free at quay
f.a.q.	fair average quality
FAS	free alongside ship (Incoterms)
F.b.h.	free on board harbour
FBL	FIATA Negotiable Combined Transport Bill of Lading
FCA	Free Carrier (named point) (Incoterms)
FEFC	Far Eastern Freight Conference
FCL	Full container load
Fco.	franco, free
FCR	Forwarders Certificate of Receipt (FIATA Document)
FCSR & CC	free of capture, seizure, riots and civil

Codes	Description
Qn.	Quotation
q.v.	quod vide (which see)
	<b>R</b>
R	reduced class rate (rate classification)
R/c	return cargo
Rcd.	received
RCU	rate construction unit
REMCE	remittance
Rentcon	rent-a-Container
rest.	restrict(ed)
retd.	returned or retired
R.I.	reinsurance
RID	international regulations concerning the inter- national 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-oll/roll-off
ROT	reference our telex
round	round charter party
C/P R.P.	reply paid
r.t.b.a.	rate to be arranged
Ry.	railway
	<b>S</b>
S	surcharge (rate classification)
SAD	Single Administrative Document
S/C	surcharge
s & c	shipper and carrier
S. & F.A.	shipping and forwarding agent
SHEX	Sunday and Holidays expected
SCR	specific commodity rate
S/D	saling date
S.d.	small damage
S/d	sight draft
SDR	Special Drawing Rights
SDT	Shippers Declaration for the Transport of Dangerous Good (FIATA approved)
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
sl. & c.	shippers's load and count
S.L. / NL.	Ship lost or not lost
SLI	shippers letter of instruction
S.O.L.	shipowner's liability
SOLAS	International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea
S.P.A.	subject to particular average
sq.cm(s)	square centimeter(s)
sq.in(s)	square inch(es)
SRCC	strike, riots, civil commotions
S/S	steamship
stvdrs	stevedores
sub L/C	subject to letter of credit being opened
sub licence	subject to licence being granted
S.W.I.F.T.	Society for world wide interbank financial telecommunication
	<b>T</b>
T.A.	telegraphic address
TACT	the air cargo tariff
TBL	through bill of lading
TBN	to be named (ship)
T/C	time charter
T.C.	traffic conference area (IATA)
TC	transcontainer
TCC	Transport and Communications Commission
TD	time of departure
TDI	Trade Data Interchange (EDP)
TDO	telegraph delivery order
TEC	Trans-European Combined rail service

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	commotions
<b>FCT</b>	Forwarders Certificate of Transport (FIATA Document)
<b>f.g.a.</b>	free of general avara
<b>FHEX</b>	Friday and Holidays excepted
<b>f.i.</b>	free in
<b>f.i.o.</b>	free in and out
<b>f.i.a.s</b>	free in and stowed
<b>F.I.B.</b>	free into barge
<b>f.i.c.</b>	freight, insurance, carriage
<b>f.i.h.</b>	free in harbour
<b>firavv</b>	first avialable vessel
<b>FIS</b>	freight, insurance and shipping charges
<b>f.i.w.</b>	free into waggon
<b>FLT</b>	forklift truck
<b>F.o.</b>	Free out
<b>FOB</b>	free on board (Incoterms)
<b>F.O.C.</b>	flags of convenience
<b>F.O.D.</b>	free of damage
<b>F.O.Q.</b>	free on quay
<b>F.o.r</b>	Free on rail
<b>f.o.s.</b>	free on steamer or ship
<b>FOT</b>	free on truck (rail) (Incoterms)
<b>FOW</b>	free on wharf
<b>f.o.w.</b>	first open water
<b>F.P.A.</b>	free of particular average
<b>FPAD</b>	freight payable at destination
<b>FR</b>	flat rack (container)
<b>Fr. fwd.</b>	freight forward
<b>ft. ppd.</b>	freight prepaid
<b>frt. ton</b>	Freight ton
<b>ft</b>	foot (feet)
<b>FWC</b>	full loaded weight & capacity (container)
<b>fwdr.</b>	forwarder
<b>FIATA</b>	Warehouse Receipt
	<b>G</b>
<b>G.A.</b>	general average
<b>G.A.A.</b>	General Average Agreement (bond)
<b>G.A.C.</b>	general average contribution
<b>GATT</b>	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
<b>G.B.L.</b>	Government Bill of Lading
<b>G.C.</b>	general cargo
<b>G.C.R.</b>	general cargo rates
<b>GDP</b>	gross domestic product
<b>GMT</b>	Greenwich Meantime
<b>GFA</b>	general freight agent
<b>GNP</b>	gross national product
<b>GRT</b>	gross registered tonnage
<b>GSA</b>	General Sales Agent
<b>GW</b>	gross weight
	<b>H</b>
<b>HAWB</b>	House Air Waybill
<b>Hague Rules</b>	International Convention of the Unification of Certain Rules relating to Bills of Lading (1924)
<b>Hague/ Visby Rules</b>	Protocol to amend the Interntaional Conven- tion for the Unification of certain rules of Law relating to Bills of Lading (Brussels 1968)
<b>Hamburg</b>	United Nations Cnvention on the Carriage of Rules Goods by Sea (1978)
<b>hdlg</b>	handling
<b>HERMES</b>	Handling European Railway Message Echange- System
<b>hgt</b>	height
<b>h/lift</b>	heavy lift
<b>H.Q.</b>	headquarters
<b>h.p.</b>	horse power
	<b>I</b>

Codes	Description
<b>TECE</b>	Trans-European-Continer Express rail service
<b>TEEM</b>	Trans-European-Express Marchandises rail service
<b>TEU</b>	twenty foot equivalent unit (container)
<b>TIF</b>	international transit by rail
<b>TIR</b>	Customs Convention on the international Transport of goods under cover of TIR carnets (Transport International by Road)
<b>TIS</b>	International declaration of goods carried by Rail (customs)
<b>TL</b>	total loss
<b>TLF</b>	tariff level factor
<b>tng</b>	tonnage
<b>T.O.D</b>	time of dispatch
<b>TOFC</b>	Trailer onboard flatcar
<b>T.O.R.</b>	time of receipt
<b>TOT</b>	time of transmission
<b>TOW</b>	tier on weight (container stacking according to weight)
<b>TPND</b>	theft, pilferage, non delivery
<b>T.T.</b>	terms of trade
	<b>U</b>
<b>u.c.</b>	usual conditions
<b>U.D.</b>	under deck
<b>U.Dk</b>	upper deck
<b>ULCC</b>	Ultra Large Crude (oil) Carrier
<b>ULD</b>	unit load device (aircraft)
<b>USC</b>	United States currency
<b>U/w</b>	Underwriter
	<b>V</b>
<b>val.</b>	value
<b>VAT</b>	value added tax
<b>V.C.</b>	vessels convenience
<b>Ves.</b>	Vessel
<b>VIC</b>	Very Important Cargo
<b>VIO</b>	Very Important Object
<b>VIP</b>	Very Important Person
<b>VLCC</b>	Very Large Crude (oil) Carrier
<b>v.v</b>	vice versa
	<b>W</b>
<b>Warsaw Convention</b>	Convention for the Unification of certain Rules relating to International Carriage by Air -1929
<b>W.A.</b>	with average (Institute Cargo Clause)
<b>W/B</b>	Waybill
<b>w.c.c.o.n</b>	whether cleared customs or not
<b>W/d</b>	working day(s)
<b>wdt/wth</b>	width
<b>w.e.f.</b>	with effect from
<b>whf</b>	wharfage
<b>Whse</b>	Warehouse
<b>WIPON</b>	whether in port or not
<b>WP</b>	weather permitting
<b>w.p.a.</b>	with particular average
<b>W.R.</b>	Warehouse Receipt
<b>W.R.I.</b>	War Risk Insurance
<b>w/t</b>	weight tons
<b>w/v</b>	weight/volume
<b>WW</b>	warehouse warrant
<b>Wwd</b>	weather working days
	<b>X</b>
<b>x l &amp; u l</b>	exclusive of loading and unloading
<b>xp</b>	express paid
<b>x pri</b>	without privileges
	<b>Y</b>
<b>y/c</b>	your cable

