

Term	Definition
AWB	Air Waybill. Air transport document of title.
B/B	Break bulk. Goods that can't be packed into a container, e.g. cars, oversized machines, etc.
B/L	Bill of lading. A sea transport document of title, outlining the delivery of specific goods.
Bill of Exchange	A written order addressed from one person to another, requiring the receiver to pay the sum to a specified bearer.
CFS	Container Freight Station. A depot where LCLs are opened and unpacked (consolidated and deconsolidated).
CHEP	CHEP pallet (blue exchange pallet). Australian company providing domestic pallet exchange.
CIF	Cost, Insurance and Freight. INCOTERM. The seller's price includes the cost of the goods, insurance and freight to the consignee's port.
Co-load	Transferring cargo between different freight forwarders.
Consignee	The party to whom the cargo is consigned (receiver).
Consignor	The party sending the shipment (supplier).
CTO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cargo Terminal Operator. Used in shipping and land transport. 2. Container Terminal Operator. Used in air cargo and land transport. 3. Combined Transport Operator. Used by multimodal shipping lines and other multimodal transport operators to describe themselves.
Cut off	The last date export cargo will be taken on a vessel.
CY	Container Yard. Where empty containers are stored.
D/O	Delivery Order. A document exchanged for the bill of lading, authorising delivery of a shipment.
DAWR	Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. An inspection service which protects Australia's animal, plant and human health status.
Delivery Agent	A company that delivers unloaded cargo to its destination.
Demurrage	Charges applied for detaining a vessel, cargo or truck.

Detention	Charges applied for delays in returning containers.
DDP	Delivery Duty Paid. INCOTERM. All costs paid for by the shipper including import duties and taxes.
DDU	Delivery Duty Unpaid. INCOTERM. All costs paid for by shipper excluding duties and taxes.
Destination	The port where a shipment is consigned to (ultimate destination).
DSCG	Discharge. The port where the container is taken off vessel.
DTAF	Date of Australian First Arrival. The date that the cargo first arrives in Australia.
EDN	Export Document Number. The number assigned by Customs authorising the exportation of goods.
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival. The estimated time for a shipment to arrive at destination port.
ETD	Estimated Time of Departure. The estimated time for a shipment to depart its load port.
EXW	Ex Works. INCOTERM. All costs are paid for by the consignee from the shipper's door.
FAK	Freight All Kinds. A full set of different cargo belonging to different parties.
FCL	Full Container Load. A full container that contains cargo from one shipper to one consignee only.
FCX	Consolidated Full Container Load. A container that contains cargo of more than one supplier for one consignee.
FOB	Free on Board. INCOTERM. Goods delivered on board with all charges paid by shipper.
Gross Weight	Overall weight of a container/cargo and packaging.
GVM	Gross Vehicle Mass. The amount of weight a vehicle is allowed to carry. Also known as payload.
HAWB	House Air Waybill. The waybill issued by the forwarder.
HBL	House Bill of Lading. The forwarder's bill of lading.
IMDG Code	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code. The code for the carriage of dangerous goods by sea.
ISO	International Standards Organisation Tank. A tank container that meets ISO standards.
K	Bulk. Goods shipped in a vessel's hold that come in large bulk, e.g. asphalt, coal, petrol, etc.
Lading	The act of loading cargo.

LCL	Less than Container Load. Cargo that doesn't fill a full container load and can be grouped.
Lo/Lo	Lift on, Lift off. Moving a container off its original place, onto its next mode of transportation.
Manifest	The list of cargo being carried.
Mark off	The bill of lading handed off to a forwarder or shipping company in exchange for the delivery order.
MAWB	Master Air Waybill. A waybill issued by the airline.
Nature 10	The code for the entry of imported goods for home consumption.
Nature	The code for the entry of imported goods for warehousing.
NVOCC	Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier. A carrier who issues bills of lading for cargo carried on vessels they neither operate, nor own.
OBL	Original Bill of Lading. The original copy of a transport document.
OT	Open Top Container. A container with a fixed tarp or removable roof to store things more easily inside the container or oversized.
PRA	Pre-Receipt Advice. Informs a terminal of incoming cargo.
POD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proof of Delivery. A signed receipt proving delivery. 2. Place of Delivery. Where a forwarder's liability ends. 3. Port of Discharge. Discharge point.
PSC	Port Service Charge. A charge for loading a container on and off vessels at wharf terminals.
RF	Reefer Container. A temperature-controlled container to store perishable items.
Seal	Container Seal. A lock put on a container for security.
Short Shipped	When something is invoiced as shipped but hasn't arrived, for reasons such as not being shipped yet or not shipped on its intended vessel.
SLI	Shipper's Letter of Instruction. The consignor's instruction for the movement of a shipment.
Tare Weight	The weight of an empty container or vehicle.
TEU	Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit. The measurement unit to describe the carrying capacity of a container vessel.

Time Slot	Time designated to collect containers from the wharf off vessels and/or into yards
Transshipment	Transferring containers from one vessel to another.
ULD	United Load Device. Specialised container and pallet bases used with aircraft cargo.
Under bond	Movement of cargo under the control of Customs.
WB	Waybill. A document issued by the carrier giving details and instructions relating to the shipment of a consignment of goods.
20GP	20 General Purpose Sea Container — max capacity: 28cbm.
40GP	40 General Purpose Sea Container — max capacity: 58cbm.
40HC	40ft High Cube Sea Container — max capacity: 68cbm.