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Preface

The 5th edition has over 200 new, revised and expanded terms. Since the 4th edition, there have been two main areas of change in the shipping world: the liner sector is seeing the impending removal of the block exemption for liner conferences in some parts of the world, notably in Europe, thus ending the liner conference system in Europe. This will affect agreements between shipping lines and will also have a knock-on effect on the way in which freight surcharges, such as the currency adjustment factor (CAF) are calculated.

Security measures for the supply chain, including ports, are under constant review, with changing operational and documentary requirements for the various participants, especially those involved in moving containers. New equipment is being introduced to provide tracking capabilities and to guard against terrorism.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

Abbreviations are shown in upper case, and without full stops, unless usage demands otherwise. In practice, abbreviations may appear in upper or lower case, or both, and with full stops and without.

3PL Third party logistics *qv*. Often used to mean a third party logistics provider.

A/A Always afloat *qv*.

AB Able seaman *qv*.

ABS American Bureau of Shipping *qv*.

Abt About, as, for example, in a telex or email containing an offer for the charter of a ship which might describe her as **abt 2,500 tonnes DWCC**.

A/C Account. Used when referring to a bank account, for example a **current a/c**, and when allocating costs, such as in the phrase **for the a/c of charterers**.

Ad val Ad valorem.

Addcomm. Address commission *qv*.

AFRA Average freight rate assessments. *See* **London Tanker Brokers' Panel**.

AHR Antwerp–Hamburg range. *For definition, see* **Range of ports**.

AHTS vessel Anchor handling tug supply vessel or Anchor handling tug support vessel.

AP (1) All purposes *qv*.

AP (2) Additional premium.

APS

APS Arrival pilot station *qv.*

APT After (Aft) peak tank *qv.*

AS Alongside.

ATDN Any time day or night *qv.*

ATS All time saved *qv.*

ATUTC All time used to count *qv.*; actual time used to count *qv.*

BAF Bunker adjustment factor. *See* **Bunker surcharge.**

BB Below bridges.

BBB Before breaking bulk *qv.*

BBL Bolero bill of lading *qv.*

BCI Baltic Capesize Index *qv.*

BCTI Baltic Clean Tanker Index *qv.*

Bd Bundle.

BDN Bunker delivery note *qv.*

BDTI Baltic Dirty Tanker Index *qv.*

Bends Both ends *qv.*

BHMI Baltic Handymax Index *qv.*

BHP Brake horse power.

BIMCO Baltic and International Maritime Council *qv.*

BKI Biro Klasifikasi Indonesia *qv.*

B/L Bill of lading *qv.*

Blt Built.

B/N Booking note *qv.*

BOL Bill of lading *qv.*

BPI Baltic Panamax Index *qv.*

B/S Bunker surcharge *qv.*

BSC Bunker surcharge *qv.*

Bs/L Bills of lading. *For definition, see Bill of Lading.*

BT Berth terms *qv.*

BTN Brussels Tariff Nomenclature *qv.*

BV Bureau Veritas *qv.*

CA Controlled atmosphere. *See* **Controlled atmosphere container.**

CABAF Currency and bunker adjustment factor *qv.*

CAD Cash against documents *qv.*

CAF Currency adjustment factor *qv.*

CBR Commodity box rate *qv.*

CCS China Classification Society *qv.*

CENSA Council of European and Japanese National Shipowners' Associations *qv.*

C&F Cost and freight *qv.*

CFS Container freight station *qv.*

Chopt In charterers' option. *See under Charterer.*

CIF Cost, insurance and freight *qv.*

CIFC Cost, insurance, freight and commission.

CIFFO

CIFFO Cost, insurance and freight free out *qv*.

CIM International convention on the carriage of goods by rail. *See* **Inter-governmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail**.

CIP Calling-in-point *qv*.

CKD Completely knocked down *qv* or cars knocked down *qv*.

CLP Container load plan *qv*.

CMI Comité Maritime International *qv*.

CMR Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road *qv*.

CNG Compressed natural gas *qv*.

COA Contract of affreightment *qv*.

COFC Container on flatcar *qv*.

COJ Chilled orange juice from concentrate. *See* **Orange juice**.

COP Custom of the port *qv*.

COTIF Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail. *See* **Inter-governmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail**.

COW Crude oil washing *qv*.

C/P Charter-party *qv*.

CPC Cellular palletwide container *qv*.

CPD Charterer pays dues.

CPP Clean petroleum products *qv*.

CQD Customary quick despatch *qv*.

Cr (1) Crane.

Cr (2) Credit.

CR (1) China Corporation Register of Shipping *qv*.

CR (2) Croatian Register of Shipping *qv*.

CSC Convention for Safe Containers.

CSD Closed shelter-deck ship *qv*.

CSI Container Security Initiative *qv*.

cSt Centistokes *qv*.

CSU Continuous ship unloader *qv*.

CT Conference terms *qv*.

CTL Constructive total loss *qv*.

C-TPAT Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism *qv*.

CTU Cargo transport unit *qv*.

Cu ft Cubic feet.

CY Container yard *qv*.

DBB Deals battens and boards *qv*.

DD Dry dock *qv*.

Demob Demobilisation *qv*.

Der Derrick *qv*.

Dets Details. *For definition, see Subject details.*

DGN Dangerous goods note *qv*.

Disport Discharge port.

Disrate Rate of discharge *qv*.

Dly Delivery *qv.*

DNV Det Norske Veritas *qv.*

DO Diesel oil *qv.*

DOC Document of compliance *qv.*

DOP Dropping outward pilot *qv.*

DPP Dirty petroleum products *qv.*

DT Deep tank *qv.*

DWAT Deadweight all told *qv.*

DWCC Deadweight cubic capacity *qv.*

DWT Deadweight *qv.*

D½D Demurrage half despatch *qv.*

E/B eastbound.

EBAF Emergency bunker adjustment factor. *See* **Bunker surcharge.**

EBS Emergency bunker surcharge *qv.*

ECAF Emergency currency adjustment factor. *See* **Currency adjustment factor.**

EDH Efficient deck hand *qv.*

EFAF Emergency fuel adjustment factor. *See* **Bunker surcharge.**

EIR Equipment Interchange Receipt or Equipment Interchange Report *qv.*

EIU Even if used *qv.*

ETA Estimated time of arrival.

ETC Estimated time of completion.

ETD Estimated time of departure.

ETR Estimated time of readiness.

ETS Estimated time of sailing.

F Fresh.

FAC (1) Forwarding agent's commission *qv*.

FAC (2) Fast as can *qv*.

FACCOP Fast as can, custom of the port. *See* **Fast as can**.

FAF Fuel adjustment factor. *See* **Fuel oil surcharge**.

FAK Freight all kinds *qv*.

FAS Free alongside or free alongside ship. *For definition, see* **Free alongside ship**.

F&CC Full and complete cargo *qv*.

FCL Full container load *qv*.

FCL allowance. *See under* **Full container load**.

FCL/FCL. *See under* **Full container load**.

FCL/LCL. *See under* **Full container load**.

FCOJ Frozen concentrated orange juice. *See* **Orange juice**.

FD (1) Free despatch *qv*.

FD (2) Free discharge *qv*.

FD&D Freight, demurrage and defence *qv*.

FEU Forty foot equivalent unit *qv*.

FFA Forward freight agreement *qv*.

FFABA

FFABA Forward Freight Agreement Brokers Association *qv.*

FHEX Fridays and holidays excluded *qv.*

FILO Free in liner out *qv.*

FILTD Free in liner terms discharge. *See* **Free in liner out.**

FIO Free in and out *qv.*

FIOLS&D Free in and out, lashed, secured and dunnaged *qv.*

FIOS Free in and out and stowed *qv.*

FIOT Free in and out and trimmed *qv.*

FLT Fork-lift truck *qv.*

FMC Federal Maritime Commission *qv.*

FO (1) Free out *qv.*

FO (2) Fuel oil.

FOB Free on board *qv.*

FOB charges *See under* **Free on board.**

FOQ Free on quay *qv.*

FOR Free on rail *qv.*

FOS Fuel oil surcharge *qv.*

FOT Free on truck. *For definition, see* **Free on rail.**

FOW First open water.

FP (1) Free pratique *qv.*

FP (2) Flash point *qv.*

FPSO Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (vessel or unit) *qv.*

FPT Fore peak tank *qv.*

FROB Freight remaining on board *qv.*

Frt Freight *qv.*

FTL Full truckload *qv.*

FTZ Foreign-Trade Zone *qv.*

FW Fresh water *qv.*

FWA Fresh water allowance *qv.*

GA General average *qv.*

Gen set Generator set *qv.*

GL Germanischer Lloyd *qv.*

GM Metacentric height *qv.*

GMT Greenwich Mean Time.

GO Gas oil *qv.*

GP General purpose. *See* **General purpose container** and **General purpose rating**.

GPS Global Positioning System *qv.*

Gr Grain. *See* **Grain** or **grain capacity**.

GRI General rate increase *qv.*

GRT Gross register tonnage or gross registered tonnage. *For definition, see* **Gross tonnage**.

GT Gross tonnage *qv.*

Ha Hatch or hatchway *qv.*

Hazmat Hazardous materials. *See* **Dangerous Goods**.

HC High cube. *See* **High cube (general purpose) container**.

HD Half despatch *qv*.

HFO Heavy fuel oil. *See* **Bunker C**.

Ho Hold *qv*.

HP Horse power.

HRC Hot rolled coils.

HRCI Howe Robinson Container Index *qv*.

HS Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System *qv*.

HSS Heavy grain, sorghum and soya.

HW High water.

HWONT High water ordinary neap tides.

HWOST High water ordinary spring tides.

IA Independent action *qv*.

IACS International Association of Classification Societies *qv*.

IAF Inflation adjustment factor *qv*.

IBC Intermediate bulk carrier *qv*.

ICC International Chamber of Commerce.

ICD Inland container depot *qv*.

ICS (1) International Chamber of Shipping *qv*.

ICS (2) Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers *qv*.

IF Intermediate fuel oil *qv*.

IFO Intermediate fuel oil *qv*.