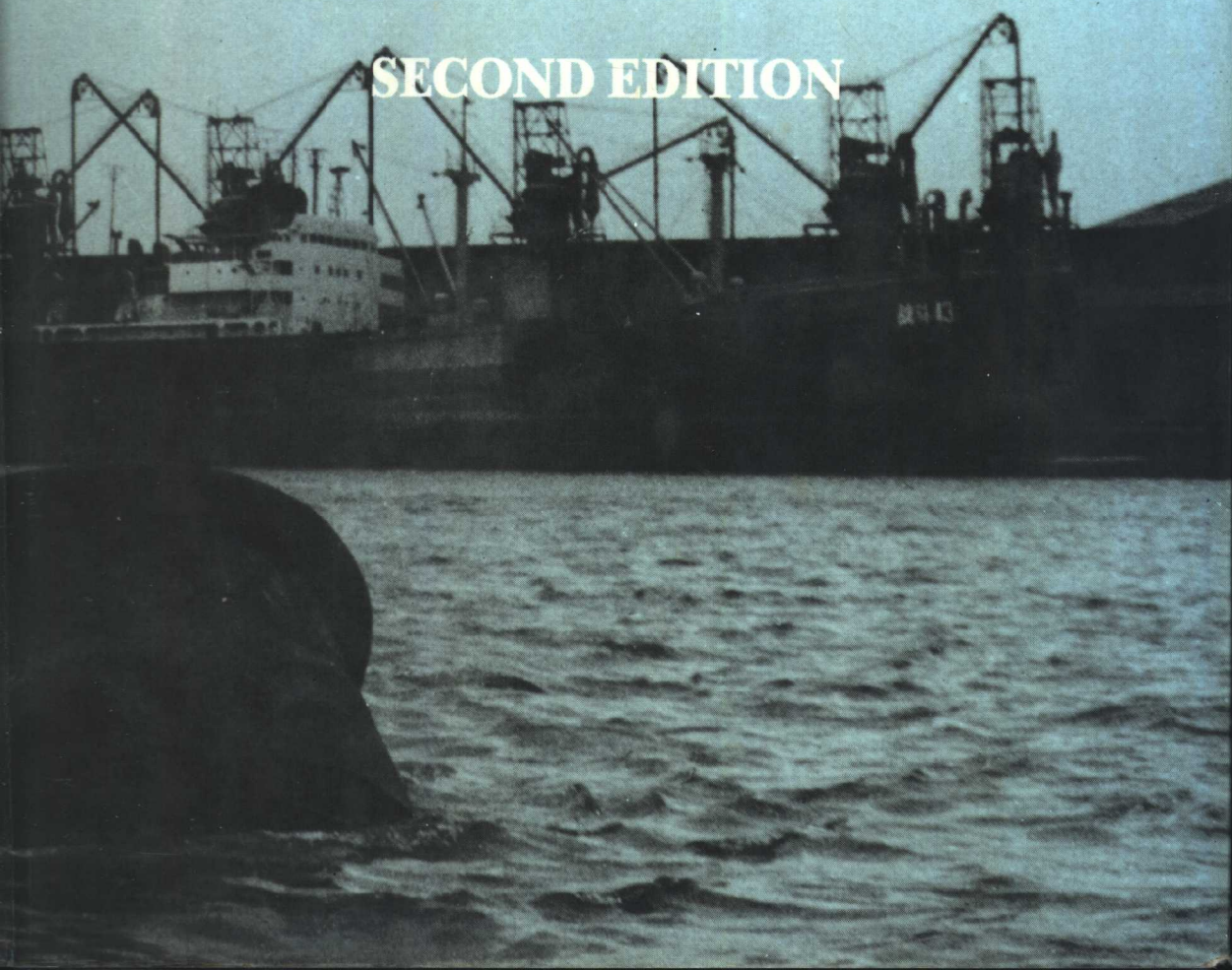


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*Greetings to the kind reader*

# Foreword

The second edition of *The Marine Encyclopaedic Dictionary* is a unique reference volume. Before the publication of the first edition it had long been felt that the diverse maritime terms and technical expressions, so widely used in mercantile business, should be defined in detail for the benefit of all those who, one way or another, are connected with this field.

The information which is now included in the second edition of this book is the fruit of long years of labour and research by the author, initially recorded for his own benefit, and now extended to all connected with the business of shipping, seafaring, trading and commerce.

The text is a compilation of thousands of maritime terms and technical expressions defined in detail and listed in alphabetical order for easy reference. The terms and expressions are those extensively used by all those connected with the business of shipping, navigation, marine insurance, maritime and commercial law, chartering and operation of ships, and nautical students. Also in the *Dictionary* is a vast number of abbreviations used both in mercantile business and general commerce.

For the second edition of this dictionary, the author's work in compilation has been edited by Mr Paul F. Vivian of Lloyd's of London Press.

We are therefore able to present in this second edition of *The Marine Encyclopaedic Dictionary* a work which will be of even greater utility than the first edition and which it is hoped will be of great benefit to all who use it.

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✦ Symbol used by Lloyd's Register of Shipping (Classification Society) to denote that a vessel was built under the supervision of Lloyd's Register surveyors in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the society.

+ Addition; plus.

& Sign for and.

& Co. Sign for and Company.

& Co. Ltd. Sign for and Company Limited.

**100 AI** Character used in Lloyd's Register denoting that a sea-going ship is constructed of iron or steel and is classed with Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

**AI** First Class—a symbol used in Lloyd's Register. It is assigned to ships intended to trade within sheltered waters such as harbours, rivers, estuaries.

**a1** Second Polaris Correction *nautical*.

**AI Conference Clauses** US shipment conditions of frozen or chilled cargoes.

**a2** Third Polaris Correction *nautical*.

**a** About; Acre; Advance; Advanced; Aft *Lloyd's Register notation*; Anno *Italian/Latin*—year; Ante *Latin*—before; First Polaris Correction *nautical*.

**Å** Angstrom unit (after Swedish physicist 1814–74).

**A** Aberdeen; Absolute; Ampere; Atomic Weight; Australian; Austria.

**aa** Absolute Alcohol; Acting Appointment; Author's Alteration; Always Afloat or Always Safety Afloat, *q.v.*

**a.a.** Acting Appointment; After Arrival, *q.v.* Always Afloat or Always Safety Afloat, *q.v.*; Author's Alteration.

**AA** Aerolineas Argentinas *Argentine Airlines*; American Airlines; Average Adjusters; Average Agents.

**A.A.** Advertising Association; Anti-Aircraft; Associate in Accounting; Architectural Association; Apparent Altitude *nautical*. Automobile Association UK.

**A&A** Additions and Amendments.

**AAA** or **A.A.A.** Agriculture Adjustment Act *USA*; American Automobile Association; Association of Average Adjusters.

**AAAA** Always Accessible and Always Afloat *charterparty term*.

**AAACC** Association of Asian-American Chambers of Commerce.

**AAAE** American Association of Airport Executives.

**AAAS** American Association for the Advancement of Science.

**A.A.B.** Air Authority Board.

**AAC** Aeronautical Advisory Council.

**AACC** Air Association Co-ordinating Council.

**A.A.C.C.A.** Associate of the Association of Corporate and Certified Accountants, now *A.C.C.A. q.v.*

**AACLA** Association of American Chambers of Commerce in Latin America.

**AACO** Arab Air Carriers Organisation.

**AAE** Association of Aircraft Enthusiasts.

**A.A.I.A.** Associate of the Association of International Accountants.

**AAIB** or **A.A.I.B.** Associate of the Association of Insurance Brokers.

**AAIE** American Association of Industrial Engineers.

**A.A.I.E.C.** Afro-Asian Organisation of Economical Co-operation.

**A.A.I.I.** Associate of the Australian Insurance Institute.

**AALC** Amphibious Assault Landing Craft *USA*.

**AAMS** or **A.A.M.S.** All American Marine Slip, *q.v.*

**a.a.O.** am angeführten Orte *German*—At the place quoted.

**AAPA** American Association of Port Authorities.

**AAPG** American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

**a.a.r.** After Action Report; Against All Risks or All and Any Risks, *q.v.*; Aircraft Accident Report/Record; Average Annual Rainfall.

**AAR** Aircraft Accident Report.

**A.A.S.A.** Associate of the Australian Society of Accountants.

## AASR

**AASR** Airport and Airways Surveillance Radar.

**AATCR** Air and Air Traffic Control Regulations 1981.

**A.A.T.T.A.** Air Association of Tourism and Travel Agents.

**AAUP** American Association of University Professors.

**AAW** Anti-Air Warfare USA.

**AB** or **A.B.** Able-Bodied Seaman, *q.v.* also *abbrev.* ABS; Advisory Board; Air Board; American Bureau Classification Society, which is similar to American Record AR; Artium Baccalaureus *Latin*—Bachelor of Arts; Asthmatic Bronchitis.

**A/B** Aktiebolaget, Swedish Limited Company.

**a/b** or **abn** Airborne.

**Ab Initio** *Latin*—From the beginning.

**ABA** or **A.B.A.** American Bankers Association, founded in 1875; American Bar Association; Associate of British Archeologists.

**Aback** From or on the back; Against the masts of the sails pushed back by the wind or when the wind is pushing against the fore side of the sails.

**Abaft** Stern or towards the stern of the ship; Behind.

**Abandon Ship** An order, usually only given verbally by the master, for all personnel on a vessel to leave it during an emergency.

**Abandon Ship Ladder** A rope ladder used either with the lifeboats or the sides of the ship in the event of abandoning a ship while in distress. *Abbrev.* A.S.L.

**Abandonment** The right a marine assured has to abandon property in order to establish a constructive total loss. An underwriter is not obliged to accept abandonment, but if he does he accepts responsibility for the property and liabilities attaching thereto, in addition to being liable for the full sum insured. See **Notice of Abandonment**.

**a bas** *French*—Down with.

**ABBA** American Board of Bio-Analysis.

**Abbr** or **Abbrev.** Abbreviated; Abbreviation.

**Abbrasion of Coins** The ordinary wear and tear occurring in the daily use of coinage resulting in the loss of the original mint weight.

**ABC** or **A.B.C.** Advance Booking Charter; Advanced Biomedical Capsule; Air Bridge to Canada; Alphabet; Alphabetical Time Table for Air and Train Schedules; Already Been Converted; American Broadcasting Company; American Bureau of Circulation; Audit Bureau

of Circulation; the rudiments of any subject; America-Britain-Canada; Book-prices Current; Animal Birth Control; Argentina-Brazil-Chile; Automated Binar Computer; Automatic Brake Control.

**ABCA** Army Bureau of Current Affairs.

**A.B.C.B.** Association of Birmingham Clearing Banks.

**A.B.C.C.** Arab/British Chamber of Commerce; Association of The British Chambers of Commerce.

**ABCD** America, Britain, China, Dutch East Indies.

**ABC Islands** Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles.

**ABCM** Association of British Chemical Manufacturers.

**Abdnt** Abandonment, *q.v.*

**ABDP** Association of British Directory Publishers.

**Abeam** A direction at right angles to a ship's fore-and-aft line.

**Aber** or **Abr.** Aberdeen, UK.

**ab extra** *Latin*—From Without.

**Abeysance** Uncertain right of ownership or title of dignity or estate.

**A.B.F.** Associated British Foods.

**Abf** Abfahrt *German*—Departure.

**Abft.** Abaft, *q.v.*

**abgk** Abgekurst *German*—Abbreviated.

**A.B.I.** Associate of the Institute of Book-keepers; Associazione Bibliotecari Italiani *Italian* Association of Book-Keepers.

**A.B.I.A.** Associate of the Bankers' Institute of Australasia.

**A.B.I.M.** American Board of International Missions; Association of British Insecticide Manufacturers.

**ABIRS** or **ABSIRS** American Bureau's Information Retrieval System.

**abk** Abkürzung *German*—Abbreviation.

**ABLA** American Business Law Association.

**Able Bodied Seaman** A seaman, certificated by examinations, who must have had at least three years' service at sea. *Abbrev.* A.B. An unqualified seaman who has nine months' sea service or more is called an Ordinary Seaman, *q.v.* and *abbrev.* O.S. See also **Before the Mast**.

**ABLE** Activity Balance Line Evaluation.

**ABLS** Bachelor of Arts in Library Science.

**A.B.M.** Anti-Ballistic Missile; Associate in Business Management.

**ABMEX** Association of British Mining Equipment Exporters.

**ABMS** American Bureau of Metal Statistics.



**ABMTM** Associated British Marine Tool Makers.

**abn** or **a/b** Airborne.

**Abn** or **Aber.** Aberdeen, *UK*.

**Aboard** On board a ship.

**A.B.O.F.** Association of British Organic Fertilizers.

**A.B.O.G.** American Board of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

**A.B.O.I.** Association of British Oceanic Industries.

**à bon marché** *French*—Cheap; a good bargain.

**Abort** To abandon or cancel a take-off already started by an aircraft.

**A.B.O.S.** American Board of Oral and/or Orthopaedic Surgery.

**About** To change tack; To go about *nautical*.

**Above Par** When the market value of the shares are higher than that of the normal price they are called above par.

**ABP** American Business Press.

**ABR** American Board of Radiology.

**abr.** Abridge; Abridged.

**Abreast** Side by side; Alongside.

**ABS** or **A.B.S.** American Bureau of Shipping, *q.v.* or American Bureau of Shipping Standards; Auxiliary Boiler Survey *Lloyd's Register notation*; Aeronautical Broadcast Service *aviation*.

**abs.** Absolute.

**ABSCOMP** American Bureau of Shipping Computers Inc., *q.v.*

**Absence Indicator** A Pendant, *q.v.*, hoisted on the mast to indicate that the Commanding Officer or Staff Officer is not on board.

**Absence Flag** A square blue flag of small dimensions hoisted on a yacht when the owner is not on board. This is substituted by a blue light signal during darkness.

**Abse.re.** Absent reo *Latin*—The defendant being absent.

**Absolute Humidity** Mass of water vapour per unit volume of air. Expressed in grams per cubic metre.

**Absolute Insurance** See **Assurance**.

**Absorption** An International Air Transport Association term practised by associated air traffic companies when airfreight cargoes are accepted in accordance with air traffic conditions.

**Absqua ulla nota** *Abbrev.* a.u.n., *q.v.*

**ABSTECH** ABS Worldwide Technical Services Inc., *q.v.*

**A.B.S.W.** Association of British Science Writers.

**ABS Worldwide Technical Services Inc.**

A wholly-owned subsidiary of the American Bureau of Shipping providing inspection and technical services throughout the world for land and offshore structures, equipment, machinery, etc. *Abbrev.* ABSTECH.

**Abt** About.

**A.B.T.** Association of Building Technicians.

**ABTA** or **A.B.T.A.** Allied Brewery Traders' Association; Association of British Travel Agents; Australian British Trade Association.

**ABTAC** Australian Book Trade Advisory Committee.

**ABU** or **A.B.U.** American Board of Urology.

**Abudul-Bagi al Bakri** Civil Law of Iraq *Arabic*.

**ab uno disce omnes** *Latin*—From an example you may judge the rest.

**Aburton** *Similar to Athwartships*, *q.v.*

**abv** or **ab.** Above.

**ABYA** or **A.B.Y.A.** Association of British Yacht Agents.

**Abyssalbenthic Zone** Part of the sea which is deeper than a thousand metres. See **Arechibenthic Zone**.

**Ac** Admiralty Coefficient; Altocumulus Clouds, *q.v.*

**ac** Acre, *q.v.*

**AC** or **A.C.** Aero Club; Air Command; Air Commodore; Air Control; Air Council; Alternating Current *electricity*; Altocumulus Clouds, *q.v.*; Analogue Computer; Analytical Chemist; Annual Conference; Ante Cibum *Latin*—Before Meals; Appeal Case; Appeal Court; Army Corps; Artillery College; Arts Council; Assistant Commissioner.

**a.c.** or **A.C.** or **A/C** A capo *Italian*—Fresh line; Account; A compte *French*—An account; Account Current; Aircraft; Aircraft Only; All Conveniences; Altered Course *nautical*; Alternating Current *electricity*; Author's Corrections.

**ACA** or **A.C.A.** Accession or Accessory Compulsory Account *Customs Procedures*; Adjacent Channel Attenuation; Advanced Combat Aircraft; American Composers Alliance; Arts Council of America; Associate of the Institution of Chartered Accountants.

**A.C.A.A.** Associate of the Australasian Institution of Chartered Accountants.

**A. Cant.** After Can Frames *ship construction*.

**Acap.** Acapulco, *Mexico*.

**ACAS** or **A.C.A.S.** Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

**ACB** Amphibious Construction Battalion *USA*.

## ACBI or A.C.B.I.

**ACBI or A.C.B.I.** Associate of the Institute of Book-Keepers.

**ACC or A.C.C.** Acceptance; Accepted; Area Control Centre *aviation*; Army Catering Corps.

**acc or acce** Account, *q.v.* Acceptance, *q.v.*

**ACCA or A.C.C.A.** Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America; Agricultural Central Co-operative Association; Air Charter Carriers Association; Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants.

**ACCAI** Air Cargo Agents Association of India.

**Acc. Dmge.** Accidental Damage.

**Acc** Said of an air pilot who has shot down many enemy aircraft during combat.

**Acceleration** Increase of speed, rate of change of velocity (e.g. of an aircraft).

**Acceleration Acceptance** During the initial stages of a business deal offers or counter offers are exchanged between the prospective buyers, the sellers and, on some occasions, by the brokers. If agreement is reached that would lead to the introduction for the approval of the contract. *Abbrev.* ACP or A.C.P. or ACC or A.C.C. or acpt.

**Acceptance or Accepting Houses** Merchant bankers specialising and dealing in foreign trade transactions and possessing a high degree of experience in financial business affairs. One of their functions is the acceptance of Bill of Exchange, *q.v.* on behalf of customers for a nominal fee.

**Acceptance Supra-Protest** An acceptance for the sake of saving honour due to a protest such as: A protested Bill of Exchange, *q.v.*, is accepted by another party so as to avoid dishonour to the drawee. *See* **Accommodation Bill**.

**Accetilation** A legal Scottish term meaning the release from a debt.

**Accepting Authority** Senior naval officer or senior civilian contractor who is designated to deal on behalf of the government in accepting a naval ship USA.

**Acceptor** That person who has accepted liability of a Bill of Exchange, *q.v.* *See* **Acceptance Supra-Protest, Accommodation Bill** and **Bill of Exchange**.

**ACCESS** Air Canada Cargo Enquiry Service System; Name of a credit card used in the UK.

**Accessories Clause** A motor vehicle insurance clause. Accessories of a motor vehicle are not covered by the insurance unless the whole vehicle is stolen or lost.

**Accident Insurance** An insurance covering accidents while travelling by land, sea or air.

**Accident Prevention Board or Bureau** An American organisation established in San Francisco in 1927 devoted to the prevention of accidents involved in cargo handling operations. All accidents are studied and recommendations made to the Pacific Maritime Association. *Abbrev.* APB or A.P.B. *See* **P.A.B.** or **PAB** or **PMA**.

**Accidental Vanishing Point** Any vanishing point in the perspective which is not in the Horizontal Line, i.e. the line drawn on the picture plane at eye level. *Abbrev.* AVP or A.V.P.

**accom.** Accommodation.

**Accommodation Bill** This is an endorsed Bill of Exchange *q.v.*, to safeguard another party. The person signing it is holding himself responsible as guarantor if the other party does not pay at the proper time. Sometimes, though not very often, it is termed Kite. *See* **Acceptance Supra-Protest**.

**Accommodation Ladder** A Gangway, *q.v.*, ladder with flat steps and handrails on either side enabling passengers and members of the ship's crew to embark or disembark. *Abbrev.* A.L.

**Accomplished Bill of Lading** The consignee presents the original Bill of Lading to the ship's agents duly endorsed which is then retained for record purposes. This endorsed bill of lading is called 'accomplished'.

**According to Customs of Port** *See* **Customary Despatch**.

**Account** Arithmetical calculations; Statement of business transactions.

**Account Current** *see* **Current Account**.

**Account Days** A Stock Exchange *q.v.*, expression referring to the days when settlements have to be made. Other similar terms are Settlement Days, *q.v.* or Pay Days, *q.v.*

**Account Sales** When merchandise is sent on consignment, credit or stock, the receiver or agent periodically (normally every month) gives a detailed account of the sales effected, including his commission and the remaining stock.

**Account of Wages** A full account of the ship's crew's wages including pension contribution, national insurance, holidays, allotments, withdrawals etc. The account of wages is signed by the crew and countersigned by the master.

**Accountant** A person engaged in book-keeping.

**ACCP or A.C.C.P.** American College of Chest Physicians.

**accred** Accredited.

**Accrued Interests** Accumulated interest on securities or interest due but still unpaid.

**A.C.C.S.** Associate of the Corporation and Corporate Secretaries. Now **A.C.I.S.**, *q.v.*

**Acct.** Account *Stock Exchange*; Accountant.

**Accumulative Hours** A coal charterparty expression whereby the owners are to give ample notice to the charterers as to the actual day when the vessel will be available at the loading berth. This is also expressed **Hours Accumulative**.

**ACD** Adaptive Compass Drive *computer*.

**ACDA** Arms Control and Disarmament Agency *USA*.

**ACE** or **A.C.E.** Advisory Centre of Education *UK*; Alcohol-Chloroform-Ether; American Council of Education; Association of Circulation Executives; Association of Consulting Engineers; Association of Cultural Exchange; Australian College of Education; Automatic Computing Engine.

**ACEA** Action Committee of European Aerospace.

**Acey-deucy** Nautical slang for backgammon.

**A.C.F.A.** Air Charter Forwarders Association.

**ac. ft.** Acre foot.

**A.C.G.B.** Arts Council of Great Britain.

**A.C.G.I.** Associate of City & Guilds of London Institute.

**ACGIH** or **A.C.G.I.H.** American Conference of Government Industrial Hygiene.

**ACHR** American Society of Human Rights.

**A.Ch.S.** Associate of the Society of Chiroprapists.

**ACI** or **A.C.I.** Associate of Clothing Industry; Associate of the Institute of Commerce; *Assuré Contre l'incendie French*—Insured against fire.

**A.C.I.A.** Associate of the Corporation of Insurance Agents.

**A.C.I.A.A.** Australian Commercial and Industrial Artists Association.

**A.C.I.B.** Associate of the Corporation of Insurance Brokers.

**ACIC** Aeronautical Chartering and Information Center *USA*.

**ACICAFE** Association du Commerce et/de l'industrie du Café dans la C.E.E. *French*—Association for the Coffee Trade and Industry in the European Economic Community.

**Acid Test Ratio** Also known as Current Ratio. The proportion between liabilities and assets of a business concern.

**A.C.I.I.** Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute.

**ACILA** or **A.C.I.L.A.** Associate of the Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters.

**A.C.I.S.** Associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

**A.C.I.T.** Associate of the Chartered Institute of Transport.

**A.C.I.V.** Associate of the Commonwealth Institute of Valuers.

**Acid** Any chemical compound having a pH value, *q.v.* pH 7 is very neutral and 0 is extreme acidity.

**ack.** Acknowledge; Acknowledgement.

**ACL** Acknowledgement; Associated Container Lines—group of internationally known shipowners who formed the first company to use container ships.

**ACLC** Air Cadet League of Canada.

**ACLS** American Council of Learned Societies; Automatic Carrier Landing System.

**ACM** Association for Computing Machinery *USA*; Asian Currency Market; Authorised Control Material.

**ACMA** Associate of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants. Formerly **ACWA** or **A.C.W.A.**, *q.v.*

**ACMC** Association of Canadian Medical Colleges.

**ACME** Advanced Computer for Medical Research; Advisory Council on Medical Education *USA*; Association of Canadian Medical Education; Association of Consulting Management Engineers *USA*.

**ACMET** or **A.C.M.E.T.** Advisory Council on Middle East Trade.

**ACMF** or **A.C.M.F.** Air Corps Medical Forces *USA*; Australian Commonwealth Military Forces.

**A.C.M.P.** Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

**A.C.M.R.R.** The Advisory Committee on Marine Resources—research for the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

**ACMT** American College of Medical Technologists.

**A.C.N.** Ante Christum Natum *Latin*—Before the Birth of Christ.

**acn** or **a.c.n.** All concerned notified.

**ACNA** or **A.C.N.A.** Arctic Institute of North America.

**ACO** or **A.C.O.** Admiralty Compass Observatory; Administrative Contracting Officer *USA*.

**acog** or **ACOG** Aircraft on Ground.

**A.Com.** or **A.Comm.** Associate in Commerce.

## A.Comm.A.

**A.Comm.A.** Associate of the Society of Commercial Accountants.

**a compte** *French*—On account; Part payment; Payment by instalments.

**ACORP** Alaska Co-operative Oil Spill Responsive Planning Committee. Established to draft and design a joint oil spill contingency plan for the state of Alaska.

**Acoustic** Science of sound concerned with the production, reception, propagation, properties and uses of sound.

**Acoustic Sounding** *Similar to Echo Sounding, q.v.* The use of a special sounding device emitting sound waves through sea water which averages 4900 ft. per second. The depth is automatically recorded on a luminous scale or printed out on a strip of paper. This useful marine instrument enables the master to record the depth of the sea and thus avoid any accident involving his ship touching ground.

**ACP or A.C.P.** Acceptance, *q.v.* African Caribbean-Pacific Countries; American College of Physicians.

**A&CP or A. & C.P.** *Lloyd's Register notation* for Anchors and Chains Proved.

**acpt.** Acceptance, *q.v.*

**Acquittance** Written repudiation of liability, contract debt etc.

**ACR** Airfield Control Radar/s.

**Acre** An area of 4,840 square yards.

**Acre ft.** Acre foot.

**ACRI** Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute USA.

**ACRL** Association of College and Research Libraries USA.

**ACS or A.C.S.** Admiralty Computing Service; American College of Surgeons; Assembly Control System; Associate in Commercial Science; Airport Catering Services; Automatic Control System in Air Cushion Vessels; Australian Computer System; Auxiliary Crane Ship USA.

**ACSC** Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre, Canberra, Australia.

**A/cs Pay** Accounts Payable.

**A/cs Rec** Accounts Receivable.

**Act** Acceptance; Accepted; Decree; Law.

**ACT or A.C.T.** Advanced Corporation Tax; Advisory Council on Technology; Associated Container Transportation; Australian Capital Territory; Australian College of Technology.

**a cta a cuenta** *Spanish*—By instalment; On account; Part payment.

**Actg.** Acting.

**Actio debit or debitoris mei** *Latin*—My debtor's debtor.

**Active Balance of Payments** International financial and trade transactions between a country and others. It is more or less similar to a statement of accounts of income and expenditure between one country and all the others. It is also termed as Favourable Balance of Payments or Trade.

**Active Bonds** Bonds which are paid from the date of issue at a fixed rate of interest.

**Active Debt** A debt upon which interest is actually paid. *See* **Passive Debt**.

**Active Market** Certain types of popular Stocks and Shares, *q.v.* which are continually on the market.

**Active Partner** A shareholder in a company or a firm who participates in the running of the business for which service he is paid. If a partner or a shareholder does not take an active part he is called **Dormant or Sleeping Partner, q.v.**

**Act of Bankruptcy** When a firm or company becomes insolvent and is officially declared as such it publishes or declares an act of bankruptcy. By so doing its normal activities virtually come to a halt and the creditors start claiming moneys due through official or legal quarters. The procedure takes some time as the auditors in charge of the dissolution of the company, due to its insolvency, will have to assess the relative and proportional payment for each and every claim. Sometimes it is called Keeping House.

**Act of God** An inevitable event occurring without the intervention of man—such as flood, tempest, or death—operating in case of certain contracts, such as those of insurers or carriers.

**Act of Omission of Shipper or Owner of the Goods or Agents** An excepted peril of the sea in the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1924, subsequently amended. The carrier is exonerated from any consequences due to omission or carelessness on the part of the shippers or his/their agents.

**Act of Public Enemies** An excepted peril of the sea in the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1924, subsequently amended. This refers to an act of piracy.

**Act of War** An excepted peril of the sea in the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1924, subsequently amended, which includes wars of all nations. The nationality of the ship is immaterial.

**Actual Total Loss** *Abbrev.* ATL or A.T.L. This relates to an insurance policy and can occur in any of four ways: (1) The property is completely destroyed; (2) The owner is irretrievably deprived of the property; (3) Goods change their

character to such a degree that they can be said to be no longer the thing insured by the policy; (4) The subject matter of the insurance, be it ship or goods on board the ship, is recorded as 'missing' at Lloyd's.

**Actuary** An expert in the insurance business who estimates or assesses premiums or various types of insurance risks.

**Actus reus** *Latin*—The material element.

**ACUE** American Committee of United Europe.

**A cuenta** *Abbrev. a.cta., q.v.*

**ACUS** Atlantic Council of the United States.

**acv** or **a.c.v.** or **A.C.V.** Actual Cash Value; Air Cushion Vehicle *Hovercraft, q.v.*

**A.C.V. Form** A Lloyd's policy form of insurance on an Air Cushion Vessel *Hovercraft*, consisting of three forms. *A.C.V. Form 1* covers damage incurred to the hull, but excluding fire, theft, burglary, wear and tear as well as machinery and mechanical parts. *A.C.V. Form 2* refers to the Returns Clause or to the allowance of return of premium to the assured should the policy be mutually withdrawn or if the *hovercraft* is laid up for at least 30 days. *A.C.V. Form 3* refers to the recovery of legal expenses; third party liability; personal injuries to the passengers and baggage damage and loss or damage to cargo.

**A.C.V. 1** See **A.C.V. Form.**

**A.C.V. 2** See **A.C.V. Form.**

**A.C.V. 3** See **A.C.V. Form.**

**acw** or **ACW** or **A.C.W.** Air Contact and Warning; Alternating Continuous Waves; Automatic Car Wash.

**ACWA** or **A.C.W.A.** Amalgamated Clothing Works of America; Associate of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants, now **ACMA**, *q.v.*

**ACWRRE** or **A.C.W.R.R.E.** American Cargo War Risk Reinsurance Exchange.

**ACWS** Aircraft Control and Warning System.

**acy** or **ACY** Accuracy; Average Crop Yield.

**A/D** *Anno Domini Latin*—In the Year of Christ or After Christ; After Date, *q.v.*; Alongside Date, *q.v.*

**AD** or **A.D.** After Draught (Draft); *Anno Domini Latin*—In the Year of Christ or After Christ; Average Deviation; Assigned Draught (Draft) *nautical*; Average Demurrage, *q.v.* Norwegian Limited Company.

**ad** *Addatur Latin*—Let there be added; Average Deviation *nautical*; Advertisement.

**a.d.** or **a/d** After date, *q.v.* *Ante diem Latin*—Before the day.

**ADA** or **A.D.A.** Action data Automation; Agriculture Development Association; Air Defence Agency *USA*; Aluminium Development Association; American/Australian Dental Association; Americans for Democratic Action; Atomic Development Authority.

**Ada.** Adelaide, *Australia.*

**ADAA** American Dental Assistants Association.

**AD** or **A.D.** or **ADC** or **A.D.C.** Advise Duration; Advise Duration and Charge; Aide-de-Camp, *q.v.*

**adaml** or **ADAML** Advice by Airmail.

**ADAPSO** Association of Data Processing Organizations *USA*

**ADAPTS** Air Deliverable Anti-Pollution Transfer System, *US Coast Guard System.*

**Ad arbitrium** *Latin*—At pleasure.

**ADAS** Action Data Automation System *US Navy electronics*

**A. Day** Assault or Attack Day.

**ADB** or **A.D.B.** Accidental Death Benefit, *insurance*; Asian Development Bank.

**Adcom** or **Ad. Com** or **ADCOM** Address Commission, *q.v.* Administrative Command *USA.*

**ADD** or **A.D.D.** Average Due Date, *q.v.*

**add.** To be added; Addenda; Addendum; Addition; Address.

**à demi** *French*—Half; By halves.

**ADDIZ** Air Defence Identification Zone.

**ad die** *Latin*—From that day.

**Additional Expense Clause** Strike Risks. See **Strikes Diversion Expenses Clause.**

**Additional Premium** Occasionally no sufficiently detailed information can be furnished by the insurance broker to the underwriters about the insured client. In this case and always subject to good faith on the part of the insured, pending the particulars required, an additional premium is accordingly assessed and submitted. *Abbrev. A/P or A.P.*

**Add'l** Additional.

**Addns.** Additions.

**Address Commission** A remuneration allowed to the charterers in some charterparties after the bills of lading are signed. This virtually reduces the rate of freight. If no similar remuneration or address commission is given to the charterers it is referred to as Free of Address *q.v.* *Abbrev. Adcom or Ad. Com or ADCOM.*

**A des.** A destra *Italian*—To the right.

**Ad eund.** Ad eundem gradum *Latin*—To the same degree.

**Ad extremum** *Latin*—To the extreme; at last.

## Adenosine Triphosphate

**Adenosine Triphosphate** Energy Carrying Chemical. *Abbrev.* ATP.

**ADF or A.D.F.** Automatic Direction Finder.

**adf or ADF** After deducting Freight; Air/Automatic Direction Finder.

**A.D.F.A.** Australian Dried Fruit Association.

**ad finem** *Latin*—Near or towards the end.

**ADFOA** Australian Duty Free Operators Association.

**ad gustum** *Latin*—To one's taste.

**ad h.l.** Ad hunc locum *Latin*—To or at this place; On this passage.

**ad hoc** *Latin*—For a particular occasion; For a special purpose.

**ad hominem** *Latin*—Personal; To the man.

**ad hunc locum** *Latin*. *Abbrev.* ad h.l., *q.v.*

**ad inf.** Ad infinitum *Latin*—Without end; To infinity.

**ad infinitum** *Latin*. *Abbrev.* ad inf., *q.v.*

**ad init.** Ad initium *Latin*—To or at the beginning.

**ad initium** *Latin*. *Abbrev.* ad init., *q.v.*

**ad int.** Ad interim *Latin*—In the meantime; Meanwhile.

**ad interim** *Latin*. *Abbrev.* ad int., *q.v.*

**ADIS or A.D.I.S.** Automated Computer Based Data Interchange System.

**ADIZ** Air Defence Identification Zone.

**Adj.** Adjourned; Adjustable; Adjuster; Adjutant.

**Adjacent Zone** Alternatively known as 'Contiguous Zone'. It is the area beyond the International Territorial Zone. Some nations still impose their rights to a further 150/200 miles over the three or 12 miles limit to safeguard their national security so as to protect fisheries, offshore oil exploration etc.

**ADJAG or A.D.J.A.G.** Assistant Deputy Judge Advocate General.

**Adjble.** Adjustable.

**Adjr.** Adjuster.

**Adjt.** Adjuster; Adjustment; Adjutant.

**Adjudication Order** A demand or order by law declaring one's property to be held under power of a trustee when one has filed for bankruptcy.

**Adjuster/s** In insurance claims these are appointed persons or accountants nominated by the owners or their representatives/brokers whose duties are to compile all the relative expenses in relation to repairs or damage sustained by the ship. These adjusters are generally known as 'Average Adjusters'. *Abbrev.* Adj.

**adk. or A.dk.** Awning Deck *Lloyd's Register notation*.

**ADL or A.D.L.** Automatic Data Logging.

**a.d.l.** Activities of daily living.

**ad lib or ad libit** Ad libitum *Latin*—At pleasure; To any extent; To the extent required.

**ad libitum** *Latin*. *Abbrev.* ad lib or ad libit, *q.v.*

**ad loc** Ad locum *Latin*—At the place.

**Adm or ADM** Admiral; Admiralty.

**ADM or A.D.M.** Annual Delegated Meeting.

**ADMA** American Drug Manufacturers Association; Aviation Distributors and Manufacturers Association USA.

**ADMATT** Advanced Mobile Torpedo Target USA.

**Admeasurement** The confirmed or official dimensions of a ship.

**admin.** Administer; Administration; Administrator, *q.v.*

**Administrative Lead Time** The time or interval taken in the formalities before an actual contract or order is concluded. This custom is generally practised in America.

**Administrator** A person appointed by law to act and administer estates when no testators are mentioned in the will.

**Admiral of the Ocean Sea Award** An American award assigned annually to the person who has rendered outstanding service to shipping. The award consists of a silver statuette of Christopher Columbus. The recipient is also entitled to the honorary distinction of Admiral of the Ocean Sea. The committee responsible for the selection comprises US government officials, presidents, managers of private shipping companies, officers and many others engaged in the marine field. The first award was granted by Queen Isabella of Spain in 1493 to Christopher Columbus after he had discovered America. *Abbrev.* AOTOS.

**Admiralty Droit** Money obtained by selling wrecks or derelicts or from ships seized by the Admiralty, especially during time of war.

**Admiralty Law** Maritime Law.

**Admiralty Measured Mile** 6,080 feet or 1,853.184 metres as distinguished from the nautical mile of 6,045.95 ft. or 1,842.8055 m. The mean nautical mile is 6,076.91 ft. or 1,852.2421 m. *Abbrev.* AMM or A.M.M.

**A.D.M.O.** Assistant Director of Meteorological Office *Civil Aviation Section*.

**admov.** Admoveatur *Latin*—Let it apply.

**A.D.M.T.** Association of Dental Manufacturers and Traders.

**ad nauseam** *Latin*—To the point of disgust; Enough to make a person sick.

**ADO or A.D.O.** Advanced Development Objective; Association of Dispensing Opticians.

**ADPLAN** Advanced Planning.

**ADR or A.D.R.** Agreement of Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road; Advisory Routes, *q.v.* Advise by Return.

**ad rem** *Latin*—To the purpose; To the point.

**ad referendum** *Latin*—For further consideration. Although a contract may have been signed, there will be a period of time for final consideration by the party or parties concerned when this phrase is applied.

**Adrift** An object floating at sea and moving with the current, tide or wind. If a ship is at anchor and the anchors are loosened from the seabed she starts drifting unless she is prevented from so doing by her own engines or outside help, such as salvage tugs.

**adr or ADRN or ADR or A.D.R.** Advise by Return.

**ADS** Actual Defined System computer; Atmospheric Diving Suits used in Oil Rigging Operations; Advanced Dressing Station; Additional Duty on Sugar.

**ad.s** Ad sectum *Latin*—At the suit of.

**a.d.s.** Additional Duty on Sugar; Autograph Document Signed.

**ad saec.** Ad saeculum *Latin*—To the century.

**ad saeculum** *Latin*. Abbrev. ad saec., *q.v.*

**ad sectum** *Latin*. Abbrev. ad s., *q.v.*

**ad us.** Ad usum *Latin*—As customary.

**ad us. ext.** Ad usum externum *Latin*—For external use.

**ad usum** *Latin*. Abbrev. ad us., *q.v.*

**ad usum externum** *Latin*. Abbrev. ad us. ext., *q.v.*

**adv (Adv).** Adversus *Latin*—Against; Advice. Advancement on Special Survey Lloyd's Register notation.

**Ad Valorem** *Latin*—According to the value. An ad valorem stamp on deeds or documents is one fixed in proportion to the amount of rent reserved or other element of value expressed in the deed.

**Ad Valorem Freight** Freight paid in accordance or in relation to the value of the merchandise shipped. This is generally based on a percentage against the cost of the shipped cargo.

**Advance Freight or Freight Paid in Advance or Freight Prepaid** Freight which is paid against the delivery or handing over of the original bills of lading to the shipper or consignee by the carrier or the agent. In most cases freight is due for payment on presentation of the shipping order signed by the chief officer or the master of the vessel. This is a formal receipt that

~~the goods have~~ been received on board by a responsible officer representing the carrier. In return for this receipt or for this signed shipping order the original bill of lading, together with other 'non-negotiable' copies of bills of lading, are given to the shippers. The carriers or ship-owners have an advantageous position on such freight as in almost all cases the freight thus paid is not refundable whether 'ship or cargo is lost or not lost' provided, of course, the loss is not due to any fault of the carriers, such as unseaworthiness etc. Abbrev. AF or A.F. or Adv. Frt. See **Freight Paid in Advance**.

**Advance Note or Allotment Note** A draft on a shipowner for wages, given to a seaman on signing Articles of Agreement and redeemable after the ship has sailed with the seaman on board.

**Advance on Freight** Money advanced by the shipper to the master of a ship to pay for his disbursements while in port. It is often repaid by deduction from freight.

**Advancement** Money advanced by an administrator to a beneficiary. See **Administrator**.

**Advance Purchase Excursion** An international pre-air passage booking for 14 days up to 60 days, with a minimum and maximum day allowable. Abrev. Apex or APEX.

**Advancing Tide** Similar to Flood tide, *q.v.*

**Advection Fog** Fog which occurs when warm, damp air moves over a surface which is cooler than the air dewpoint. The frequent fogs on the Newfoundland-Grand Banks occur when warm moist air overlying the Gulf Stream is blown northwards to the Labrador region. See **Radiation Fog**.

**ad verbum** *Latin*—Word for word; Verbatim.

**Adverse Balance** Unfavourable or passive balance of a payment in the international market between one country *vis-à-vis* others.

**Adversus** *Latin*. Abbrev. adv, *q.v.*

**Advice Note** (1) A note more or less on a commercial basis sent by the supplier/consignor to the customer/consignee giving him advance information regarding the quantity and other details of the goods to be despatched either by air, sea or land. (2) Advance information given by the agent of the ship to the consignees or receivers of the imported cargo to prepare them for the receipt of their merchandise without undue difficulty and delay from customs sheds or warehouse. (3) A road transport form describing the details of the merchandise including the names and addresses of the consignors, con-

## Advise Fate

signees, weights, measurements, marks and numbers, quantities, type of merchandise, reference number of the hauliers, etc.

**Advise Fate** A banking term commonly used when enquiring about whether there is enough money to meet the demand on the cheque about to be drawn. If the receiving bank entertains any doubt before honouring the cheque it communicates with the issuing source (by telex or cable) to be advised of the said cheque's fate.

**Advisory Message** A message by the master of a ship to a local government agency giving advance notice of a situation that may arise following a distress signal for assistance if and when the ship's condition continues to deteriorate.

**Advisory Routes** The air passage or air corridor at a specific level wherefrom aircraft in flight can obtain the necessary service from the control towers. More or less similar to **Advisory Service Area**, *q.v.* *Abbrev.* ADR.

**Advisory Service Area** Specific area where advice to the aircraft is available, *Abbrev.* ASA. *See also* **Advisory Routes**.

**Advocate Barrister; Solicitor** A person who holds a law degree and who pleads the cause of others in law courts.

**Advocatus diabli** *Latin*—Devil's advocate.

**Adv. pmt.** Advance payment.

**ae or aet** *Aetatis Latin*—Of age; At the age of.

**AE or A.E.** Adult Education; Aeronautical Engineer/ing; Air Escape; Atomic Energy; Automatic Exposure *photography*.

**AEA or A.E.A.** Agricultural Education Association; Agricultural Engineers' Association; Airline Entertainment Association; American Economic Association; Association of European Airlines; Atomic Energy Authority established in 1945 to control research and development.

**A.E.B.** Associated Examining Board.

**AEC or A.E.C.** Agricultural Executive Company; American Engineering Council; American Express Company; Association of Education Committees; Atomic Energy Commission USA.

**A.E.D.** Association of Engineering Distributors; Automated Engineering Design.

**A.Ed.** Associate of Education.

**AEE** Airborne Evaluation Equipment; Atomic Energy Establishment USA.

**AEF or A.E.F.** Afrique Equatoriale Française, French Equatorial Africa.

**AEG** Active Element Group.

**AEGIS** Arab-Euro-Greek Investment Symposium.

**AEI** Automotive Engineering Inc. A US society of automobile engineers; Amalgamated Union of Engineering and Foundry Workers.

**A.E.L.E.** Association Européenne de Libre-échange *French*—European Free Trade Association.

**A.E.&M.P.** Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary similar to **A.E. & P.**, *q.v.*

**A.E.M.T.** Association of Electrical Machinery Trades.

**A. En.** Associate in English.

**A.Eng.** Associate in Engineering.

**A.E.O.S.** Astronomical, Earth and Ocean Sciences USA.

**A.E.&P.** Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary similar to **A.E. & M.P.**, *q.v.*

**aeq.** *Aequales Latin*—Equal; Equals.

**aequales** *French. Abbrev.* aeq., *q.v.*

**aer.** Aeronautic/s; Aeroplane.

**A.E.R.E.** Atomic Energy Research Establishment.

**Aer. E or Aero. E.** Aeronautical Engineer.

**Aer Lingus** Irish Republic International Airlines.

**Aerial Lights** These come under the category of lighthouses. They are generally posted on high poles to provide navigational directions to aircraft during the course of the flight, landing and take-off. They are also commonly seen as beacons at airports.

**Aerodynamics** The scientific effects of a moving body while passing through the air and gases.

**Aeroflot** Soviet State Airlines.

**Aerolineas Argentinas** Argentina International Airlines.

**Aerometer** An instrument used to measure the specific gravity of fluids.

**Aeromexico** Mexico International Airlines.

**Aero O/Y** Finnair; Finnish Airlines.

**Aeron** Aeronautics.

**AEROSAT** Aeronautical Communications Satellite.

**AES or A.E.S.** Aerospace Electrical Society USA; Airways Engineering Society USA; Association of Engineering School, in the marine field.

**AEST** Allgemeiner Europäische Stuckgut-tarif *German*—similar to **EPLT**, *q.v.*

**aet or ae** *Aetatis Latin*—Of age; At the age of.

**aetatis** *Latin. Abbrev.* aet or ae, *q.v.*

**A.E.T.** Associate in Electrical/Electronic Technology.

**AEW or A.E.W.** Airborne Early Warning.



**See Airborne Early Warning and Control System.**

**AEW&CO** or **A.E.W. & Co.** Airborne Early Warning and Control System, *q.v.*

**AEWL** Association of Employers of Waterside Labour.

**AEWS** or **A.E.W.S.** Aircraft Early Warning System.

**AF** or **A.F.** or **A/F** Advanced Freight. *See Freight Prepaid; All Faults; Anti-flooding; Anti-fouling.*

**AF** or **A.F.** or **af** Admiral of the Fleet; Anglo French; Audio Frequency radio; Air France French National Airlines; All Freighter aircraft. Also for *Reports of Call*.

**a/f** Also for *Reports of Call*.

**af** or **alf.** A favor Spanish—In Favour; anno futuro Italian—Next Year; All faults.

**Af.** Africa; African; Afrikaans; Afghani *Afghanistan unit of currency.*

**AFA** Air Force Association USA; American Foundrymen's Association.

**A.F.A.I.M.** Associate Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management.

**AFAR** Azores Fixed Acoustic Range.

**A.F.A.S.** Associate of the Faculty of Architects and Surveyors.

**AFB** or **A.F.B.** Air Freight Bill *similar to Airway Bill* or *Air Waybill*.

**A.F.C.** Australian Flying Corps.

**a.f.c.** Automatic Frequency Control.

**AFCAC** African Civil Aviation Commission.

**A.F.C.A.I.** Associate Fellow of the Canadian Aeronautical Institute.

**AFCE** or **A.F.C.E.** Automatic Flight Control Equipment; Associate in Fuel Technology and Chemical Engineering.

**AFCENT** Allied Forces in Central Europe NATO.

**AFCS** or **A.F.C.S.** or **a.f.c.s.** Adaptive/Automatic Flight Control System.

**AFD** Auxiliary Floating Drydock; Actual Forward Distance.

**AFDC** Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

**AFDM** Auxiliary Floating Drydock Medium.

**Aff.** **AIB** Affiliate of Associated Insurance Brokers.

**Affidavit** A written statement on oath witnessed in the presence of an authorised or legal personality, i.e. a magistrate, senior clerk of the law courts, Notary Public, Public Major, Consul, Commissioner of Oaths etc. *Abbrev.* **Afft.**

**Affirmant** A person making a solemn declar-

ation in giving *viva voce* evidence instead of an oath or affidavit.

**Affirmative Flag** An international letter Code Flag 'C' signifying 'Yes'. *A small flag having blue, white and red striped horizontal colours.*

**AFISCO** Aerodrome Flight Information Service Officer *aviation UK.*

**Affreightment** A contract to carry goods by sea or air. Charterparties and bills of lading are contracts of affreightment. *See Charterparty.*

**Afft.** Affidavit, *q.v.*

**Afghani** Unit of currency of Afghanistan. *Abbrev.* **Af.**

**AFI** or **A.F.I.** American Film Institute; Air Freight Institute; Associate of the Faculty of Insurance.

**AFIA** or **A.F.I.A.** American Foreign Insurance Association; Associate of the Federal Institute of Accountants *Australia.*

**AFIAS** Associate Fellow of the Institute of Aerospace Science *USA.*

**AFII** American Federation of International Institutes.

**A.F.I.I.M.** Associate Fellow of the Institute of Industrial Managers.

**AFL** Aeroflot *Soviet Airlines*; American Federation of Labor.

**AFL CIO** American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations.

**Afloat** The act of remaining on the surface of a liquid and not touching the bottom or ground. Opposite of aground. In most of the charterparties one of the conditions enumerated is that the vessel is to load always afloat. In some other charterparties the phrase 'touching on soft ground' is tolerated. *Abbrev.* **Aft.** *See Always Afloat.*

**Aft.** Afloat, *q.v.*

**AFMENCO** Africa and Middle East Management Consultancy.

**AFNOR** Association Française de Normalisation. French Standards Association.

**a fortiori** Latin—With stronger reason.

**AFR** or **A.F.R.** Air Fuel Ratio.

**A.Fr.** Algerian franc. *An Algerian unit of currency*; Anglo French.

**Afr.** Africa.

**AFRA** or **A.F.R.A.** Average Freight Rate Assessment.

**AFRAMAX** A ship up to a maximum of 79,999 metric tons deadweight capacity which can economically and commercially pass through the Panama Canal.

**AFRAS** or **A.F.R.A.S.** Associate for Rescue at Sea.