



Logistics dictionary

Definitions & terms used in logistics.



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Short form	Full designation	Description
A		
ADR	Accord Dangereux Goods	A European agreement regarding regulations for the internation transport of dangerous goods.
AGS	Aden Gulf Surcharge	An additional fee, due to security measures, in order to pass through the Gulf of Aden.
AGV	Automated Guided Vehicle	A robot that follows marked lines on the floor, uses radio waves, vision cameras, magnets or lasers for navigation, it is often used in industrial applications. Automated warehouse technology that places and retrieve loads from designated locations.
AS/RS	Automated Stoage and Retrieval Systems	
ATA	Actual Time of Arrival	Exact time of arrival at given destination.
ATA-Carnet	Temporary Admission	International export-import document, that's valid for a limited time.
ATD	Actial Time of Departure	Exact time of departure from the point of origin.
ATR-Certificate	Admission Temporaire Roulette Certificate	A certificate for the movement of goods between the EU and Turkey.
AW	Actual Weight	Exact weight of the product including packaging.
AWB	Air Way Bill	Transportation document for airfreight.
B		
B/L	Bill of Lading	A required document, for ocean freight, showing that the carrier received the freight, including details of the shipment.
B2B	Business to Business	Trade between companies.
B2C	Business to Consumer	Trade between company and consumer.
BAF	Bunker Adjustmet	An additional fee levied on shippers, to compensate fluctuations in the price of the ship's fuel.
Barcode	Factor Barcode	Identification for products.
Block pallet	Block pallet	Nine blocks of wood placed in all four corners of the pallet.
Break Bulk	Break Bulk	Goods that cannot be transported in or on a container by (ocean going) vessel due to their exceptionally large dimensions or weight.
Bulk	Bulk	Bulk shipping is the transportation of goods in large quantity, usually not packed but loaded directly into a vessel.
C		
CAF	Currency Adjustment Factor	Additional cost on trades.
Carrier	Transportation service provider	Person or organization that carries out professional transport of goods
CBM	Cubic Meter	Freight volume of the shipment.
CFS	Container Freight Station	A warehouse specilized in (de)consolidation of cargo.
Chassis	Semi hangar	Trailer chassis for transporting goods in containers.
CMR	Carriage of goods document	A document used for regulation of road freight transport, serving as an international agreement.
COD	Change Of Destination	A request to transport your goods to another destination.
Co-Loader	Co-Loader	A third party who consolidates cargo from two or more LCL shipments into a container before handing it over to an ocean carrier. A good used in the production of final goods and services.
Commodity	Commodity	Goods that are still in free circulation in the EU.
Community Goods	Community Goods	Receiver of the goods.
Consignee	Cosignee	The person or organization that sends the goods.
Consignor	Sender/Shipper	The combination of multiple shipments, into one shipment.
Consolidation	Consolidation	An expert group that seamlessly manages, drives and further develops the supply chain and product flow for your business.
Control Tower	Control Tower	Conversion factor from cbm/LM to weight.
Conversion Key	Conversion Key	International trade document that confirms the origin of a shipment.
COO	Certificate Of Origin	A system wherein received goods are immediately readied for shipment.
Cross-docking	Cross-docking	Taking goods through the customs authority to facilitate movement of cargo, both import and export.
Customs Clearance	Customs Clearance	The dimensional weight or gross weight of the shipment, depending on which is higher.
CW	Chargeable Weight	A location where ocean carriers can receive, assemble, hold, store, and deliver containers.
CY	Container Yard	
D		
D/O	Delivery Order	A document issued by an owner, consignee, agent or carrier in order to deliver the goods to another party.
Deep Sea	Deep Sea	The maritime transport of goods on interncontinental routes, crossing the ocean.

Demurrage Detention DGD DGR DR Dry Bulk Cargo	Demurrage Detention Dangerous Goods Declaration Dangerous Goods Regulations Direct Representation Dry Bulk Cargo	A fee levied by the conignor on a consignee, when cargo remains on the port after a specified time. A fee charged for the amount of days the cargo has been away from port, beyond the allotted free time. A document certifying that the shipment has been packed, labeled and declared according to the Dangerous Goods Regulations. The global reference for shipping dangerous goods by air. European legislation that enables the declaring party to appoint an authorised representative. Dry bulk cargoes cover a range of produce and raw katerials that have two features in common: they are unpacked and are homogeneous.
E		
EAN EDD EDI ERP ETA ETD E U R-1 Eur-Pallet EX-A Export	European Article Numbering Explosive Detection Dogs Electronic Data Interchange Enterprise Resource Planning Estimated Time of Arrival Estimated Time of Departure EUR-1 Certificate EURO-Pallet Ex-A Document Export	A series of numbers and letters in a unique order, to identify specific products within your own inventory. A cargo screening tecnique for the detection of explosives, performed by dogs. Intercompany communication of business documents, entirely electronical. An integrated approach to planning and operations, wherein a business can manage its finances, logistics, operations, and inventory. Expected time of a transport system to arrive at its destination. Expected time of a transport system to depart from its point of origin. A certificate to proof the origin of goods moving into European Union territory. The standard pallets used for transport in Europe. A required export document for a consignment orginiated or customs cleared in the EU, leaving European territory. The process of transporting locally produced goods from one country to another.
F		
FCL Feeder FEU/FFU Forwarder FSC FTL Fyco	Full Container Load Feeder Forty Equivalent/Forty Foot Unit Forwarder Fuel Surcharge Full Truck Load Physical Inspection	A shipment that occupies a full container. Trasport in small vessels to and from smaller ports to (un)load larger vessels for further transport. A standard size intermodal container. A person or organization that dispatches or delivers goods. A fee to cover the fluctuations in fuel costs. A shipment by truck, which is fully dedicated to a single load (single consumer). A physical inspection done by customs, by opening containers and checking the content.
G		
GSP Cerificate GW	General System of Preference Certificate Gross Weight	Removal of tariff from products imported into the EU and other developed countries from developing or the least developed countries. Total weight of the shipment.
H		
HAWB HAZMAT HB/L HS code HT	House of Air Way Bill Hazardous Material House of Bill Lading Harmonized System Code Heat Treatment	A transport document issued by a forwarder to a shipper, indicating a confirmation of delivery to an agreed destiantion. Substances which pose a threat to life, property or environment if handled carelessly. A bill of lading issued by a forwarder or non-vessel operating company, as a receipt of goods. A product code used by customs officers worldwide to categorise products. Heat treatment technology that treats and disinfects packaging wood and dunnage, according to regulations.
I		
IATA IBC IM-A Import Incoterm ISPS	International Air Transport Association Intermediate Bulk Container IM-A Import International Commercial Terms International Ship and Port Facility Security Code	International trade association for the world's airline industry. A reusable, mulit-use container for transporting and storing solid and liquid goods. An import document, which controls the import of goods that originate outside of the EU and are intended to remain in the EU. The process of receiving and bringing in goods from abroad for the purpose of trade. Trade terms, between the buyer and seller, defining who arranges payment and handling of the goods during shipping. A set of measures to regulate and control the security and safety of ships and port facilities.
K		
KC	Known Consignor	A shipper that is authorised to ship on its own account, the known consignor meets the security standards and regulations for transporting freight by air.

L		
L/C	Letter of Credit	A letter, used to prove creditworthiness of an importer and guarantees payment of goods upon receipt.
Lashing/Securing	Lashing/Securing	Fixing of cargo on or in a container with wood, chains or other materials to stuff the cargo safe and seaworthy.
LCL	Less than Container Load	A mode of shipping via ocean, your shipment will be consolidated with other LCL shipments into one container.
LDM	Loading Meter	The standard unit of measurement used to calculate the size of goods transported by a truck.
Lo/Lo	Lift on/Lift off	An onboard crane that loads and unloads cargo from an ocean vessel.
LOI	Letter Of Indemnity	A document obligating the shipper to take responsibility for any harm or loss caused by breach of contract.
LTL	Less than Truckload	Transportation of smaller loads or quantities of freight.
M		
MAWB	Master Air Way Bill	A transport document issued by a carrier to a forwarder upon receiving a shipment.
MBL	Master Bill of Lading	A bill of lading issued by a carrier as a receipt of transfer.
MSDS	Material Safety Data	A document providing information on the potential hazards of a product, and how to safely handle it.
N		
Non-Community Goods	Non-Community Goods	Goods that are not in free circulation in the EU.
NOR	Non-Operating Reefer	A refrigerated container, with a disabled refrigeration unit, they are loaded with cargo used for a general purpose container. A party notified with shipment information by a carrier upon arrival of cargo at its destination.
Notify Party	Notify Party	Additional costs in case the shipment needs extra handling (adjusting AWB, re-packing, unloading).
NRFC charges	Not Ready For Carriage Charges	An organization that offers the same service as an ocean carrier, without owning or operating a vessel.
NVOCC	Non Vessel Operating Common Carrier	
P		
PDA	Personal Digital Assistant	A handheld scanner, which is used to read barcodes on labels.
POD	Proof Of Delivery	A document that confirms receipt of shipment.
POL	Port Of Loading	Port where shipments are loaded and secured aboard the vessel.
Prefix	Prefix	Internationally used two or three digit identifiers of a country.
R		
RE	Reefer Containers	Refrigerated containers used for the transport of temperature-sensitive cargo.
REST	Remote Explosive Scent	A survey methodology based on the usage of dogs and rats to detect landmines and explosive remnants of war.
RFC	Tracing Ready For Carriage	A shipment that is acceptable and ready to be transported by a carrier.
Ro/Ro	Roll on/Roll off	A vessel that is specialized in the transportation of wheeled cargo, which is driven on and off the ship on its own wheels.
S		
Shipper	Consignor	A person or organization that is responsible for organizing and transporting goods from A to B.
SLA	Service Level Agreement	Agreement between a logistics provider and its customer, containing the obligations of both parties.
SSC	Security Surcharge	Additional costs that cover security measures mandated by airport authority.
SSS	Short Sea Shipping	The maritime transport of goods over relatively short distances.
Stevedore	Stevedore	The act of loading or offloading a cargo to and from a ship.
Storage	Storage	The activity of storing products at warehouses and logistics centers.
Stripping	Stripping	The act of unloading various small consignments from a single container.
Stuffing	Stuffing	The act of loading a container.
SWB	Sea Way Bill	Transportation document for ocean freight that serves as evidence of a carriage contract and receipt of goods.
T		
T1	T1 Document	A customs document allowing goods that originated from outside of the EU to move freely within the EU.
T2	T2 Document	Document for the movement of free-circulation goods within the community for which duties and other charges have been paid at the point of entry.
TEU	Twenty-Foot Container Equivalent Unit	A measurement unit of cargo equivalent to a twenty foot long and eight feet wide container.

THC	Terminal Handling Charges	Fees charged by shipping terminals against handling equipments and maintenance.
TMS	Transport Management System	A platform designed to streamline transportation process.
Ton-Kilometer	Ton-Kilometer	Unit measurement used in transport, indicating evolution of freight traffic.
Transit Port	Trans-shipment port	A port where handled cargo is merely en route to its destination.
U		
ULD	Unit Load Device	A device used to move air freight cargo.
V		
VAL	Valuable Cargo	High-value shipments that need special care to ensure secure transport.
W		
W/M	Weight/Measurement	The foundation of assessing freight charges, based on weight and measurement of shipment.
Waiver	Waiver	A shipping document needed when transporting goods to or through Central and Western African countries.
WMS	Warehouse Management System	Software application developed to support and optimize distribution center management and warehouse functionality.
X		
X-Ray	Energetic High-Frequency Electromagnetic Radiation	A screening technique, using a highly advanced machine, to screen large cargo volumes.
OTHER		
3PL	Third Party Logistics	The involvement of a third-party in a corporation's logistics operations
4PL	Fourth Party Logistics	Outsourcing of the entire logistics operations by a single partner.



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