

Shipping Terminology

A.A. ALWAYS AFLOAT
ABT ABOUT
A/C ACCOUNT
ACCT ACCOUNT
A.&C.P. ANCHORS&CHAINS
ACPT ACCEPTANCE
ADCOM ADDRESS COMMISSION
ADD.COMM ADDRESS COMMISSION
ADFT AFT DRAFT
ADV. ADVISE
ADV ADVANCE
A.F. ADVANCED FREIGHT
A.F.B. AIR FREIGHT BILL
AFMT AFTER FIXING MAIN TERMS
AGRD AGREED
AGRT AGREEMENT
AGT AGENT
AGW ALL GOING WELL
A.H. AFTER HATCH
AM MORNING
A.M. ABOVE MENTIONED
AMT AMOUNT
A.N . ARRIVAL NOTICE
A/P ADDITIONAL PREMIUM
APPR APPROXIMATE
APPROX APPROXIMATE
A/R ALL RISKS AGAINST ALL
A/S AFTER SIGHT/ALONGSIDE
ASAP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
ASF AS FOLLOWS
ASST ASSISTANT
ATL ACTUAL TOTAL LOSS
ATTN ATTENTION
AUTO AUTOMATIC
A.V AD VALOREM
AVG AVERAGE
BA BALE CAPACITY
BAF BUNKER ADJUSTMENT FACTOR
BAL BALANCE
BUTC BALTIME UNIFORM TIME CHARTER
BB BELOW BRIDGES
BD BANKING DAYS
B/D BAR DRAUGHT
BDI BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE
BDL BUNDLE
B/E BILL OF EXCHANGE/BILL OF ENTRY
BEAM BREADTH OF THE VESSEL
BENDS BOTH ENDS
BFI BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
B/G BONDED GOODS
BG BAGS

B/H BILL OF HEALTH
BIMCO BALTIC INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONFERENCE
BIZ BUSINESS
B/L BILL OF LADING
BL BILL OF LADING
BLFT BALE FEET
BLK BULK
BLKR BULKER
BLT BUILT
BM BEAM
B. O. BUYER' S OPTION
BOC BANK OF CHINA
B/P BILLS PAYABLE
B/R BILLS RECEIVABLE
B. RGDS BEST REGARDS
B/S BILL OF SALE/BILL OF STORE
B/ST BILL OF SIGHT
B. T. BERTH TERMS/LINER TERMS
C. A. L CURRENCY ADJUSTMENT FACTOR
CANCL CANCELLING
CAPT CAPTAIN
CC CARBON COPY
C.C CIVIL COMMOTIONS
C. C. CONTINUATION CLAUSE
CCIB CHINA COMMODITIES INSPECTION BUREAU
CCIC CHINA COMMODITIES INSPECTION CORPORATION
CCPIT CHINA COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE
C&D COLLECTED AND DELIVERED
C/E CHIEF ENGINEER
CERT CERTIFICATE
C. F. CUBIC FEET
C&F COST AND FREIGHT
CFM CONFIRM
CFMD CONFIRMED
CFR COST AND FREIGHT
CFS CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION
C.G.A CARGO' S PROPORTION OF GENERAL AVERAGE
CHGES CHARGES
C.I. CONSULAR INVOICE
C/I CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE
C&I COST AND INSURANCE
C.I.C CHINA INSURANCE CLAUSE
CIF COST OF INSURANCE AND FREIGHT
CIF&C COST,INSURANCE, FREIGHT AND COMMISSION
CIP CARRIAGE AND INSURANCE PAID TO
CL. CLAUSE
CL. B/L CLEAN BILL OF LADING
CLP CONTAINER LOAD PLAN
C/N CONSIGNMENT NOTE/COVER NOTE CREDIT NOTE
CO. COMPANY
C/O (IN) CARE OF
C/O CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
COA CONTRACT OF AFFREIGHTMENT
C.O.D. CASH ON DELIVERY

COM COMMISSION
COMM. COMMISSION
CONBILL CONFERENCE BILL OF LADING
CONGEN CONFERENCE GENERAL CARGO BILL OF LADING
CONSEC CONSECUTIVE
CONT CONTINENT OF EUROPE
CO-OP CO-OPERATION
CORP. CORPORATION
C/P CHARTER PARTY
C. P. D. CHARTERERS PAY DUES
CPT CARRIAGE PAID TO
CQD CUSTOMARY QUICK DESPATCH
C. R. CURRENT RATE
CST CENTISTOKE
C. T. L. CONSTRUCTIVE TOTAL LOSS
C. T. L. O. CONSTRUCTIVE TOTAL LOSS ONLY
CTR CONTRACT
CUB CUBIC
CUD COULD
CUFT CUBIC FEET
CUM CUBIC METER
CY CONTAINER YARD
D DIESEL OIL
D206 DIESEL OIL 206 TONG
D/A DIRECT ADDITIONAL
D/A DOCUMENTS AGAINST ACCEPTANCE
DAF DELIVERED AT FRONTIER
D.B. DEALS AND BATTENS (TIMBER)
D/C DEVIATION CLAUSE
DD DATED
D/D DELIVERED AT DOCKS
D/D DEMAND DRAFT
D/D DAYS AFTER DATE
D. D. O DISPATCH DISCHARGING ONLY
DDP DELIVERED DUTY PAID
DDU DELIVERED DUTY UNPAID
DEL DELIVERY
DEM DEMURRAGE
DEP DEPARTURE
DEPT DEPARTURE
DEPT DEPARTMENT
DEQ DELIVERED EX QUAY
DES DELIVERED EX SHIP
DESP DESPATCH MONEY
DEST DESTINATION
DF DEAD FREIGHT
DFL DRAFT FULL LOAD
DFT DRAFT
DHD DEMURRAGE AND HALF DESPATCH
DHDWTS DESPATCH ; MONEY HALF DEMURRAGE AND FOR WORKING TIME SAVED
DHDWTS DESPATCH MONEY BENDS HALF DEMURRAGE AND FOR WORKING TIME SAVED AT BOTH ENDS
DIA. DIAMETER
DISCH DISCHARGE
DIST DISTANCE

D.L.O DISPATCH LOADING DELIVERY ONLY
DLVY DELIVERY
DO DITTO
D/O DELIVERY ORDER
D.O. DIESEL OIL
DOCS DOCUMENTS
DOZ DOZEN
D/P DOCUMENTS AGAINST PAYMENT
DP DIRECT PORT
D/S DEVIATION SURCHARGE
D.S. DIRECT SURCHARGE
D.S. SEA DAMAGE
D.T.A. DEFINITE TIME OF ARRIVAL
DTLS DETAILS
D.W. DOCK WARRANT
D.W. DEADWEIGHT
DWC DEADWEIGHT CAPACITY
DWCT DEADWEIGHT CARGO TONNAGE
DWT DEAD WEIGHT TONNAGE
DWTC DEAD WEIGHT TONNAGE OF CARGO
EFF EFFICIENCY
E.G. EXAMPLE GRATIA, FOR EXAMPLE
EIU EVEN IF USED
E/M EXPORT MANIFEST
ENCL ENCLOSURE OR ENCLOSED
ENG ENGINEER
ENG ENGINE
E.&O.E. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS EXCEPTED
EQ EQUAL
E.R. EN ROUTE
EST ESTIMATED
ETA ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL
ETAD EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE
ETB EXPECTED TIME OF BERTHING
ETC EXPECTED TIME OF COMMENCEMENT
ETC. ET CETERA
ETCD ESTIMATED TIME OF COMMENCING DISCHARGING
ETD ESTIMATED TIME OF DEPARTURE
ETE ESTIMATED TIME EN-ROUTE
ETL ESTIMATED TIME OF LOADING
ETS ESTIMATED TIME OF SAILING
EX EXCLUDING
EXP EXPORT
EXPS EXPENSES
EXT EXTENSION
EXW EX WORK
F FUEL OIL
FAA FREE OF ALL AVERAGE
FAQ FAIR AVERAGE QUALITY
FAS FREE ALONGSIDE SHIP
FC FLOATING CRANE
F/C FORECAST
FCA FREE CARRIER
FCL FULL CONTAINER LOAD

F. D. FREE DISCHARGE
FDFT FORE DRAFT
F.&D. FREIGHT AND DEMURRAGE
FEFC FAR EAST FREIGHT CONFERENCE
FEU FORTY EQUIVALENT UNIT 40
F. I. FREE IN
F. I.B. FREE INTO BUNKERS
F. I.B. FREE INTO BARGE
FILO FREE IN AND LINER OUT
FILSD FREE IN LASHED, SECURED AND DUNNAGED
FIO FREE IN AND OUT
FIOS FREE IN, OUT AND STOWED
FIOST FREE IN, AND OUT, STOWED AND TRIMMED
FIW FREE IN WAGON
FLT FULL LINER TERMS
FLWS FOLLOWS
FM FROM
F/M EXPORT FREIGHT MANIFEST
F/N FIXTURE NOTE
FO FREE OUT
FO FUEL OIL
FO FOR ORDERS
FO FIRM OFFER
FOB FREE ON BOARD
FOD FREE OF DAMAGE
F.O.W FIRST OPEN WATER
F. P. FLOATING (OROPEN) POLICY
FPA FREE OF PARTICULAR AVERAGE
FR FROM
F.R. & C.C. FREE OF RIOTS AND CIVIL COMMOTIONS
F.R.O.F FIRE RISK ON FREIGHT
FRT FREIGHT
FT FOOT OR FEET
F/T FREIGHT TON
F. T. FULL TERMS
FW FRESH WATER
FWD FORWARD
F.W.D FRESH WATER DAMAGE
FWDDET FRESH WATER DRAFT
FYG FOR YOUR GUIDANCE
FYI FOR YOUR INFORMATION
FYR FOR YOUR REFERENCE
GA GENERAL AVERAGE
GENCON UNIFORM GENERAL CHARTER
GMT GREENWICH MEAN TIME
GR GRAIN CAPACITY GROSS
GRD GEARED
GRT GROSS REGISTER TONNAGE
GSP GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES
GW GROSS WEIGHT
HA HATCH
HADIM HATCH DIMENSION
HATUTC HALF TIME USED TO COUNT (AS LAYTIME)

HD HEAVY DIESEL
HO/HA HOLD/HATCH
HP HORSE POWER
HRS HOURS
H.W. HIGH WATER
HWL HIGH WATER LEVEL
IAC INCLUDING ADDRESS COMMISSION
I.C.C INSTITUTE CARGO CLAUSES, LONDON INTERNATIONAL
IFO INTERMEDIATE FUEL OIL
IMMEDLY IMMEDIATELY
IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION
IMP IMPORT
IN INCH
INC. INCLUDING
IND INDEX
INSP INSPECTION INSPECTOR
INST INSTANT
IOP IRRESPECTIVE OF PERCENTAGE
ITWF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION
IU IF USED
J.&W.O. JETTISON AND WASHING OVERBOARD
KATT KIND ATTENTION
KG KILOGRAM
KILO(s) KILOGRAMS
KM KILOMETER
KT KNOT
K/T KILO-TONS
LADEN THE DRAFT WHEN DRAFTER VESSEL IS LADEN
LAT LATITUDE
LBP LENGTH BETWEEN PERPENDICULARS
L/C LETTER OF CREDIT
LCL LESS THAN CONTAINER LOAD
LD LIGHT DIESEL
L.D. LOADED DRAFT
LDT LIGHT DEADWEIGHT
L/G LETTER OF GUARANTEE
LH LOWER HOLD
LDG&BKG LEAKAGE AND BREAKAGE
L/L LOADING LIST
L.M.C. LLOYD' S MACHINERY CERTIFICATE
LMPS LUMP SUM
LO LINER OUT
LOA LENGTH OVER ALL
LONG LONGITUDE
LT LINER TERMS
LT LETTER TELEGRAM
L/T LONG TON
L. T. LOCAL TIME
LTD LIMITED
LTD LOWER TWEEN DECK
LW LIGHT WEIGHT
L. W. LOWER WATER
M. MEASUREMENT
M. MINUTE, METRE

MAX MAXIMUM
MDM MADAME
MDO MARINE DIESEL OIL
MIN MINIMUM
M.I.P. MARINE INSURANCE POLICY
MISC. MISCELLANEOUS
M.L.W.S. MEAN LOW WATER SPRINGS
MME MADAME
MOLOO MORE OR LESS AT OWNER' S OPTION
MOLSO MORE OR LESS AT SELLER' S OPTION
MPH MILES PER HOUR
MPP MULTI-PURPOSE (VESSEL)
MR. MISTER
M/R, M.R. MATE'S RECEIPT
MRS MISTRESS
MS. MISS, MISTRESS
M.S MOTOR SHIP
M/T, MT, METRIC TON
M/T MOTOR TANKER
MTD METRIC TON DELIVERY ON BOARD
MTON MEASUREMENT TON
MV MOTOR VESSEL
N AND
N.A.A. NOT ALWAYS AFLOAT
NAUT.M NAUTICAL MILE
N.C.V NO COMMERCIAL VALUE
NDW NET DEADWEIGHT
N.H.P. NOMINAL HORSEPOWER
NM NAUTICAL MILE
N/M NO MARK
N.O.E NOT OTHERWISE ENUMERATED
NOR NOTICE OF READINESS
N. O. S. NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
N/R NOTICE OF READINESS
NR NUMBER
NRT NET REGISTER TONNAGE
NT.WT. NET WEIGHT
NVOCC NON-VESSEL OPERATING COMMON CARRIER
OAP OVERAGE ADDITIONAL PREMIUM
OBO OIL BULK AND ORE (CARRIER OR SHIP)
O.C. OPEN CHARTER
O.C. OPEN COVER
OCP OVERLAND COMMON POINTS
OFF OFFICE
O/P OVERAGE PREMIUM
OS ORDINARY SAILOR
OTLX OUR TELEX
OWISE OTHERWISE
OWRS OWNERS
PA PARTICULAR AVERAGE
PC PIECE
PCS PIECES
PCT PERCENT

P.D. PORT DUES
P.&I. PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY
PDPR PER DAY OR PRORATA
PENAVICO CHINA OCEAN SHIPPING AGENCY
PICC PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF CHINA
P&I CLUB PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY CLUB
PKG PACKAGE
P/L PARTIAL LOSS
P&L PROFIT AND LOSS
PLs PLEASE
PM PREMIUM AFTERNOON
P/N PROMISSORY NOTE
P.O.D. PAID ON DELIVERY
P.P. PICKED PORTS
PPT PROMPT LOADING
PPO RATA IN PROPORTION
P/S PUBLIC SALE
PEWWD PER WEATHER WORKING DAY
Q.C. QUANTITY AT CAPTAIN'S OPTION
R.A. REFER TO ACCEPTOR
RCVD RECEIVED
RD RUNNING DAYS
R.D.C. RUNNING DOWN CLAUSE
RE-DEL RE-DELIVERY
REF REFERRING TO
REVERT- WE (I) SHALL TELL YOU ABOUT IT AGAIN (OR LATER)
RF REFERENCE
RF. NO. REFERENCE NUMBER
RGDS REGARDS
ROC WITH REFERENCE TO OUR CABLE
ROT WITH REFERENCE TO OUR TELEX
RYC WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR CABLE
RYL WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER
RYT WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR TELEX
SB SAFE BERTH
S.C. SALVAGE CHARGES
S.D. SHORT DELIVERY
SEC SECOND
SF SAFE FACTOR
S/F STOWAGE FACTOR
SHEX SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS EXCEPTED
SHINC SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS INCLUDED
SHPR SHIPPER
S.L. SALVAGE LOSS
S/L.C. SUE AND LABOUR CLAUSE
S/N SHIPPING NOTE
SNP SALES AND PURCHASE
S/O SHIPPING ORDER
S.O. SENIOR OFFICER
SOONEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
S.O.L SHIPOWNER'S LIABILITY
SOS SAVE OUR SHIP, A MESSAGE FOR HELP
SP SPRING TIDE

SP SAFE PORT
S/P STOWAGE PLAN, CARGO PLAN
S.R.D. STEAMER PAYS DUES
SPEC. SPECIFICATIONS
SPSB SAFE PORT AND SAFE BERTH
SR SIGN AND RELEASE
SRCC STRIKE , RIOTS AND CIVIL COMMOTION
SS STEAM SHIP
S.S. SUEZ SURCHARGE
S/T SHORT TON
SUBS SUBSTITUTE
SURCH SURCHARGE
S/W SHIPPER' S WEIGHTS
SWAD SALT WATER ARRIVAL DRAFT
SWDFT SALT WATER DRAFT
T/A TRANSHIPMENT ADDITIONAL
TB TO BE
TBN TO BE NOMINATED
TC TYPE CRANES
T/C TIME CHARTER
T.C.T. TIME CHARTER ON TRIP BASIS
TD TYPE DERRICKS
TD TIME OF DEPARTURE
T. D. TWEENDECK
TDY TODAY
TEMP TEMPORARY
TEU TWENTY EQUIVALENT UNIT 20
TKS THANKS
T.L. TOTAL LOSS
T.L.O. TOTAL LOSS ONLY
TLX TELEX
T.P.C. TONS PER CENTIMETRE
T.P.I TONS PER INCH
TPND THEFT, PILFERAGE AND NON DELIVERY
T/S TRANSHIPMENT SURCHARGE
T/S TANKER SHIP
T/T TURBINE TANKER
TV TANKER VESSEL
U YOU
UD UPPER DECK
ULCC ULTRA-LARGE CRUDE CARRIER
ULT ULTIMO, LAST MONTH, ULTIMATE
UTD UPPER TWEENDECK
UU UNLESS USED
V VOYAGE
V/C VOYAGE CHARTER
VLBC VERY LARGE BULK CARRIER
VLCC VERY LARGE CRUDE OIL CARRIER
V.O.P. VALUE AS IN ORIGINAL POLICY
VOY VOYAGE
VSL VESSEL
W. WEIGHT (Gross)
WA WITH PARTICULAR AVERAGE
W.B.S. WITHOUT BENEFIT OF SALVAGE

WCCON WHETHER CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OR NOT
W.G. WEIGHT GUARANTEE
WHF WHARF
WIBON WHETHER IN BERTH OR NOT
WICCON WHETHER IN CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OR NOT
W.I.F.P.O.N. WHETHER IN FREE PRACTICE OR NOT
WIPON WHETHER IN PORT OR NOT
WKG WORKING
WL WATER LINE
W/M GROSS WEIGHT OR MEASUREMENT
WOG WITHOUT GUARANTEE
W.P. WEATHER PERMITS
WPA WITH PARTICULAR AVERAGE
WRITING WE (I) SHALL WRITE TO YOU ABOUT IT ALTER
W.R.O. WAR RISKS ONLY
WTON WEIGHT TON
WTS WORKING TIME SAVED
WTSBENDS WORKING TIME SAVED AT BOTH ENDS
WW WAREHOUSE TO WAREHOUSE (CLAUSE)
WWD WEATHER WORKING DAY
WWDSEX WEATHER WORKING DAY SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS EXCEPTED
WWDSH WEATHER WORKING DAY SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS INCLUDED
YAR YORK-ANTWERP RULES
YC YOUR CABLE
YLET YOUR LETTER
YR. YOUR
YR YEAR
YTLX YOUR TELEX