

# SHIPPING GLOSSARY

A	MARITIME ABBREVIATIONS
aaaa	always afloat always accessible
abs	American Bureau of Shipping
abt	about
acct or a/c	account
acot	Advisory Committee of Offshore Technology
addr	address (commission)
agw	all going well
ah	antwerp-hamburg range
aht	Anchor Handling Tug
aid	Agency for International Development
aims	American Institute of merchant Shipping
anfood	animal food (type of cargo)
aphos	african phosphate c/p
aps	Arriving Pilot Station
ara	antwerp-rotterdam- amsterdam
arag	Antwerp - Rotterdam - Amsterdam - Gent
asf	Asian Shipowners' Forum
aux	auxiliary
awb	air waybill
awes	Association of Western European Shipbuilders
B	
b	Beam
b/l	bill of lading
b/n	booking note
b/s	bill of sale
b4	Before
ba	buenos aires
baf	bunker adjustment factor
bbb	before breaking bulk
bc	Bulk Carrier
be	both ends
bends	both ends
bfi	Baltic Freight Index
bgd	bagged
bhp	brake horse power
biac	Business and Industry Advisory Committee
bifa	British International Freight Association
biffex	Baltic International Freight Futures Exchange

bimco	Baltic and International Maritime Council
bisco	British Iron and Steel COrporation
bl	bale
blk	bulk
blt	Built
boc	Bulk Oil Carrier
bod	board of directors
bof	Best Offer
br	Bulgarian Register
br	brazil
brg	Bridge
brkrs	brokers
brl	barrel
bs	Bahamas
bsc	British Shippers Council
bsea	black sea
bsi	British Standards Institution
btms	bottoms (parcels)
bv	Bureau Veritas
C	
c&f	Cost and Freight
c.i.s.	commonwealth independent states (ex soviet republics)
cabaf	currency and bunker adjustment factor
caf	currency adjustment factor
can	canada
cancl	cancelling
casa	casablanca
cbm	cubic metres
cbs	Cyprus Bereau of Shipping
cc	cargo capacity
cc	Cement Carrier
ccc	customs cooperation council
cf	cubic feet
cfr	Cost and FREight
cfs	container freight station
cgo	cargo
chopt	charterers option
chrts	charterers
cif	cost insurance freight
cif	Cost Insurance and Freight
cip	Carriage and Insurance Paid to

cmi	Committee maritime international
cmpl	Completed
cob	Clean On Board
cob	cargo on board
cob	closing of business
cod	cash on delivery
cogsa	carriage of goods by sea act
comb	Combinable
coms	commissions
Cont	Container Ship
cont	Continent
cop	custom of the port
core7	c/p for iron ore transportation
cp	charter party
cpt	Carriage Paid To
cpt	captain
cqd	customary quick despatch
crns	cranes
csc	container safety convention
csn	Cargo Ship
ct	Chemical Tanker
ct	combined transport
ctl	constructive total loss
cuft	cubic feet
cyl	Cylinders
D	
d	Depth
d.o.	Diesel Oil
da	disbursement accounts
daf	Delivered At Frontier
dap	days all purposes
dap	dia-ammonium sulphate
dd	dry dock
ddp	delivered duty paid
ddu	Delivered Duty Unpaid
ddu	Delivered DUty paid
de	Deemed / Earned (freight)
dely	delivery
dems	Demurrage
deq	Delivered Ex Quay
des	Delivered Ex Ship

df or d.f.	dead freight
dims	dimensions
disp	Displacement
doc	document of compliance (ism)
dolsp	dropping outward last sea pilot
dop	Dropping Out Pilot
dpa	designated person ashore (ism)
drft	draft
drgr	Dredge - r
drx	hellenic drachma (currency)
dur	duration
dw	Dead Weight
dwcc	dead weight- cargo capacity
dwt	deadweight
E	
ec	east coast
ecgb	east coast Great Britain
ecsa	east coast south america
ecuk	east coast United Kingdom
ecus	east coast United States
efta	european free trade association
egy	Egypt
eiu	even if used
epirb	emergency position indicating radio beacon
er	Engine Room
eta	estimated time of arrival
etc	expected time of commencement (or completion)
etd	estimated time of departure
ets	estimated time of sailing
euc (euro)	european currency units
excl	excluding
exw	Ex Works
F	
f.o.	Fuel Oil
fac	fast as can
fas	free alongside ship
fas	Free Alongside
fb	Ferry Boat
fca	Free CArrier
fcc	first class charterers
fcl	Full Container Load

fcf	Floating Crane
fd	free despatch
fd&d	freight deadfreight & demurrage
fdd	freight demurrage defence (p&i)
fdeocl	freight deemed earned on completion loading
ferts	fertilizers
feu	Forty Feet Equivalent Units
fgi	for guidance and information
fhex	fridays holidays excluded
fhex	fridays holidays excluded
fhinc	fridays holidays included
filo	free in liner out
fio	free in out
fios	free in out stowed
fiost	free in out spout trimmed
fiot	free in out trimming
fish	Fishing Boat
flg	flag
flo-flo	FLOat On - FLOat Off
flt	full liner terms
fmc	federal maritime commission
fms	fathoms
fob	free on board
fob	free on board
fob	Free On Board
foq	free on quay
for	free on rail
fot	free on truck
fpa	free of particular average
fpt	fore peak tank
fr	freight
fr	France
frght	freight
fso	fleet safety officer (ism)
ftc	Free Transferable currency
fui	for your information
fw	fresh water
fwa	fresh water allowance
fwad	fresh water arrival draft
fwd	fresh water draft
fwd	forward

fxd	fixed
fyg	for your guidance
G	
ga	general average
ga	Go Ahead (telex operator)
gatt	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
gc	Gas Carrier
gcn	gencon
gd	good
geo	geographical (rotation)
gib	Gibraltar
gl	Germanischer Lloyd
gmdss	global maritime distress and safety system
gmt	greenwich mean time
gr	grain
Gr	Greece (Hellas)
gr	greece
grd	geared
grls	gearless
grt	gross register tons
gspb	Good Safe Port Berth
gtee	guarantee
H	
h.s.a.	hellenic shipbrokers association
ha	hatch
hd	half despatch
hdwts	half despatch working time saved
hf	Hydrofoil
hfo	heavy fuel oil
hh	holds hatches
hh or hoha	holds / hatches
hhs	heavy handy scrap
hk	hong kong
hl or h/l	Heavy Lift
ho	hold
hoha	holds hatches
hond	Honduras
hrs	Hellenic Register of Shipping
hrs	hours
hsa	Hellenic Shipbrokers Association
hss	heavy grain,soya,sorghum

hss	High-speed Sea Service
I	
i/o	instead of
icc	international chamber of commerce
ics	international chamber of shipping
ics	institute of chartered shipbrokers
ifo	intermediate fuel oil
igs	inert Gas System
ihp	Indicated Horse Power
ilohc	in lieu of holds cleaning
ilow	in lieu of weight
imco	intergovernmental maritime commission
imdg code	international maritime dangerous goods code
imo	international maritime organization
incl	Including
inclad	including address
inco terms	international commercial terms
isf	international safety federation
ism	bla bla bla
iso	bla bla bla
iwl	institute warranties limits
J	
jpn	japan
K	
kr	Korean Register of Shipping
L	
l	Length
l.b.h.	length / breadth/ height
l.m.c.	Lloyd's machinery certificate
l.t.	Long Tons
l/c	lay can
l/c	letter of credit
l/d	loading / discharging
la	los angeles (usa)
lash	Lighter Aboard SHip
lash	Lighter Aboard Ship
lat	latitude
lbp	Length Between Perpeticulars
lc or l/c	letter of credit
ldg	loading
lgc	Liquefied Gas Carrier

lhar	london, hull, antwerp, rotterdam range
lifo	liner in free out
lo/lo	Lift On / Lift Off
loa	Length Over All
loi	Letter Of Indemnity
long	longitude
lpg	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
lpgc	liquefied petroleum gas carrier
lr	Lloyds Register
ls	Light Ship
lsc	Live Stock Carrier
Lubs	Lubricants
M	
m.	metres
m.e.	Main Engine
m/s	motor ship
m/v	motor vessel
m/y	Motor Yacht
mald	Maldives Islands
mdc	marina di carrara
mdo	marine diesel oil
me or m.e	main engine
med	mediterranean
mga	master's general account
mgo	marine gas oil
mic	man in charge
mid	middle
min/max	minimum/maximum
mip	marine insurance policy
miss	mississippi river
mm	minimum/maximum
moa	memorandum of agreement (S&P)
mol	more or less
molchopt	more or less at charterers' option
moloo	more or less at owners' option
mop	muriate of potash
mos	months
mou paris	memorandum of understanding (paris)
mpp	multi purpose (type of ship)
mrble	marble
mt	metric tons



mtc	moment to alter trim once centimeter
mti	moment to alter trim one inch
mv or m/v	motor vessel
N	
na or n/a	not applicaple - not acceptable -not available
naa	not always afloat
naabsa	not always afloat but safely aground
ncb	national cargo bureau
ncr	non conformance report (ism)
ncv	no commercial value
ng	Nigeria
nhp	nominal horse power
nk	nippon kaiji Kyokai
No	Number
nola	North Lakes
NOR	Notice of Readiness
norgrain	voyage c/p for carriage of grains (usa-can)
nr or n.r.	northern range (from norfolk to portland in usec)
nrt	net register tons
nsf	Norwegian Sales Fort
ny	new york
nype	new york produce exchange charter party
nype	New York Produce Exchange (charter party)
O	
oa	over aged
obc	Ore Bulk Carrier
obct	Ore Bulk Container
obo	Oil Bulk Ore
oc	Ore Carrier
od	outside diameter
onw	onwards
ooc	Ore Oil Carrier
opt	option
osd	Open Shelter Decker
osd	open shelter decker
ows	owners
P	
p&c	Private & Confidential
p&i	protection and indemnity (club)
p.p.i.	policy proof of interest
p/f	proforma

p/l	partial loss
p/n	promissory note
pa	particular average
pan	Panama
pandi	p&i
pass	Passenger Ship
pb	permanent bunkers
pc	Product Carrier
pcc	Pure Car Carrier
pd	Per Day
pd	port dues
ph	per hatch
phil	Philippines
phos	phosphate
pls	please
plts	palletes
pmo	passing muscat outbound
pmt	Per Metric Ton
pod	paid on delivery
pod	port of delivery
posn	position
ppse	propose
ppt	prompt
pr	Polski Rejestr Statkow
prt	port
psa	Passenger Ship Association
psc	port state control
pt	Product Tanker
pton	Per Ton
pts	spanish pesetas (currency)
pus	past us (commissions)
pus	past us (coms)
pv	Peru
pwh	per workable hatch
Q	
qar	quality assurance representative (ism)
qt	Qatar
qte	quote
R	
r	Are
r/v	round voyage

rd	running days
rdc	running down clause
rdly	redelivery
rdr	radar
redely	redelivery
ref	Refrigerator Ship
reg	regarding
rep	representative
req	require
rge	range
ri (rina)	Registro Italiano
rnd	round (voyage)
rnge	range
RoRo	Roll on Roll off
rqrd	required
rt	Radio Telephone
rt	radio telephone
ryt	re your telex / telegram / telephone
S	
s&p brkr	sale and purchase broker
s.s.	Special Survey
s/n	shipping note
s/p	Submersible Pontoon
s/r	Signing / Releasing (bills of lading)
s/s	Steamship
saoclntl	Ship And Or Cargo Lost Or Not Lost
SatCom	Satellite Communication
SatNav	Satellite Navigation
satshex	saturdays sundays holidays excluded
sb	safe berth
sbm	soya bean meal
se	south east
shex	Sundays Holidays Excluded
shinc	sundays holidays included
sid	single decker
smc	safety management certificate (ism)
smm	safety management manual (ism)
smp	soya bean meal pallets
sms	safety management system (ism)
Sob	shipped on board
soc	Shipper owned container

Sof	Statement of Facts
solas	Safety Of Life At Sea
sop	sulphate of potash
sopep	shipboard oil pollution emergency plan (ism
sp	safe port
sp	Spain
spn	spain
spore	Singapore
spt	spot
sr	Soviet Register
src	Slops Receiving Station
sshex	Saturdays Sundays Holidays Excluded
ssv	Support Supply Vessel
ssw	sawn soft wood
st	Side Tank
stbd	Starboard
stc	Said To Contain
stcw code	SEAFARERS' training certification and watch-keeping
stcw convention	international convention on standards of training certification and watch-keeping for seafarers
stds	standards
stem	subject to existence of merchandise
stg	Salvage Tug
stl	steel
sub	subject to
swd	salt water draft
swl	Safe Working Load
syna	synacomex
T	
t/l	total loss
tc	time charter
tct	time charter trip
teu	Twenty Feet Equivalent Units
tg	Tug
tngc	tonnage
tns	tons
tpc	tons per centimetre
tpi	tons per inch
tr	Trawler
ts	tons
tsh	Tanker Ship

tsp	triple super phosphate
tss	tailshaft survey
ttl	total
tw	tween decker
tween	tweendecker
U	
u	You
uce	unforeseen circumstances excepted
uk	united kingdom
uk/cont	united kingdom / continent range
ulcc	Ultra Large Crude Carrier
unqt	unquote
up river	upper ports of river parana (argentina)
usa	United States of America
usd	united states dollars
usec	united states east coast
usg	United States Gulf
usnh	united states, north of cape hateras
uswc	united states west coast
uu	Unless Used
V	
Vaoclntl	Vessel And Or Cargo Lost Or Not Lost
vlcc	Very Large Crude Carrier
vol.	volume
W	
wb	Water Ballast
wc	west coast
wci	West Coast India
wci	west coast italy
wcsa	west coast south america
wecon	whether entered customs clearance or not
wechon	whether entered customs house or not
wibon	weather in berth or not
wiccon	weather in cargo clearance or not
wifpon	weather in free pratique or not
wipon	weather in port or not
wlthc	Water Line to Top of Hatch Coming
wog	Without Guarantee
wp	Weather Permitting
wr	War Risks
wr	without responsibility

ww	world wide
wwd	Winches Working Day
wwd	Weather Working Days
wwr	when where ready
www	wipon / wifpon / wicon / wibon
X	
Y	
yu	Yugoslavia
Z	
z.t.	Zone Time