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Maritime & logistics terms

Abbreviations and English descriptions

TERM	ENGLISH DESCRIPTION
POL / POD	Port of loading / port of discharge
ETA / ETD	Estimated time of arrival / departure
ATA / ATD	Actual time of arrival / departure
ETB / ATB	Estimated / actual time of berthing
THC	Terminal handling charge
BAF / CAF	Bunker / currency adjustment factor
PSS	Peak season surcharge
GRI	General rate increase
DEM	Charge for exceeding free time at the terminal
DET	Charge for late return of a container outside the terminal
STORAGE	Terminal or port storage charge
FREE TIME	Free storage or container usage period
FCL / LCL	Full container load / less than container load
TEU / FEU	20-foot / 40-foot equivalent unit
SOC / COC	Shipper-owned / carrier-owned container
VGM	Verified gross mass of a packed container
CY / CFS	Container yard / container freight station
B/L	Bill of lading

TERM	ENGLISH DESCRIPTION
MBL / HBL	Master bill of lading / house bill of lading
D/O	Delivery order
SI	Shipping instructions for bill of lading issuance
HS CODE	Harmonized System commodity classification code
IMDG	International rules for the maritime transport of dangerous goods
EXW	Ex works
FCA	Free carrier
FOB	Free on board
CFR	Cost and freight
CIF	Cost, insurance and freight
DAP	Delivered at place
DDP	Delivered duty paid
CUT-OFF	Latest deadline for cargo or document submission
TRANSIT TIME	Estimated duration of transportation
TRANSSHIPMENT	Transfer of cargo to another vessel at a transshipment port
ROLL OVER	Cargo moved from the scheduled sailing to a later sailing
BOOKING	Shipping booking / reservation
ISPS	International ship and port facility security requirements