

Shipping and Airfreight Terminology

ABBREVIATON	TITLE	DEFINITION
ACA	Air Cargo Automation	The term applied by Australian Customs to the computer system that coordinates and controls the reporting and delivery of import air cargo in Australia.
BAF	Bunker Adjustment Factor	A surcharge applied by an ocean carrier to ocean freight rates to recover costs associated with Bunker fuel.
BSC	Bunker Surcharge (aka BAF)	See BAF
CAFBAF	Currency Adjustment Factor and Bunker Adjustment Factor	See BAF and CAF
CAF	Currency Adjustment Factor	A surcharge or a discount on the freight amount, by the 'Ocean Carrier', to provide for fluctuations in exchange rates.
CIF	Cost, Insurance and Freight	An Incoterm. See INCOTERMS graph
DO	Delivery Order	A document, issued in exchange for the Bill of Lading, authorizing delivery of the shipment.
EXW	Ex-Works	An Incoterm. See INCOTERMS graph

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FOB	Free on Board	An Incoterm. See INCOTERMS graph
FAS	Free Alongside Ship	An Incoterm. See INCOTERMS graph
FCL	Full Container Load	A term used to describe a delivery whereby a container is packed by the exporter or forwarder and unpacked by the consignee. The shipping line receives and delivers the cargo as a sealed container unit.
HAWB	House Air Waybill	The house air waybill is a forwarding agents bill that they use to consign the cargo under.
L/C	Letter of Credit	Any arrangement, however named or described, whereby a bank, acting at the request and on the instructions of a customer (I) is to make a payment to or to the order of a third party (the beneficiary), or is to pay or accept bills of exchange (drafts) drawn by the beneficiary, or (ii) authorizes another bank to effect such payment, or to pay, accept or negotiate such bills of exchange (drafts), against stipulated documents, provided that the terms and conditions of the credit are complied with.
LCL	Less Than Container Load	A consignment which does not fill a container, and will therefore be grouped and shipped in a container with other part-loads.

LOLO	Lift On Lift Off	Charge by the carrier for lifting of an FCL from the truck upon receipt at a depot or container yard.
MAWB	Master Air Waybill	The master air waybill is a legal document that the airline uses to consign the cargo under.
SCA	Sea Cargo Automation	A charge applied by Forwarders and Consolidators in Australia to cover the costs associated with the operation of the Sea Cargo Automation System.
TEU	Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit	Twenty Foot Equivalent unit. The acronym used to describe the space occupied by a 20' container. ie. 1 x 20' container = 1 TEU 1 x 40' container = 2 TEU
THC	Terminal Handling Charge	A charge for handling containers and goods at Container Terminals.
TRC	Terminal Receiving Charge	A charge for handling containers and goods at Container Terminals.
W/M	Weight Or Measure (whichever is greater)	In Ocean shipping, the base tonne (ie. 1000kg = 1 m3) to which the freight rate is applied and from which the freight amount is calculated.
N/A	Door to Door	The shipment is collected from the supplier's door and is flown to the country of destination where the goods are cleared through customs & quarantine control then delivered to the receiver's door. P.N. duties and taxes are to be paid by the receiving company or individual.

N/A	Door to Airport	The shipment is collected from the supplier's door and is flown to the closest customs airport. The receiver is then responsible for the customs clearance, quarantine, delivery and local taxes.
N/A	Volumetric	"All cargo is charged at the greatest weight, either actual or volumetric. For International airfreight, each cubic meter is equal to 167.0 chargeable kilograms. The calculation for this is as follows; The greatest length x width x height in centimeters divided by 6000. E.G. a parcel that measures 30 x 45 x 200 cms = 45 kilograms."
N/A	Hazardous Cargo	Not all cargo can be transported by airfreight. There are strict guidelines laid down by IATA and ICAO on the carriage of hazardous cargo. Please contact our office prior to consigning your goods.

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