

SHIPPING AND BUSINESS ABBREVIATIONS

a.a.	Always afloat.	C. H. & H.	Continent between Havre and Hamburg.
a.a.r.	Against all risks.	c. & i.	Cost and insurance.
A. & C.P.	Anchors and chains proved.	C.I.	Consular Invoice.
A.B.	Able Seaman.	C.I.E	Captain's imperfect entry.
abt.	About.	c.i.f.	Cost, insurance and freight.
a/c	Account. Altered course.	c.i.f. & e	Cost, insurance, freight and exchange.
Acc.	Accepted; acceptance.	c.i.f.c.i.	Cost, insurance, freight, commission and interest.
A.C.	Account current.	c.i.f.L.t.	Cost, insurance and freight, London terms.
A/d.	Afterdate.	Ck.	cask.
Add.	Addressed.	a/l.	Craft loss.
Ad. val.	Advolorem.	Cld.	Cleared.
A.F.	Advanced freight.	CMB	Coastal Motor Boat (World War 1).
Agt.	Agent. Against.	C/N.	Cover note. Credit note, Consignment note.
AH.	Anno Hegirae. (Epoch of Mohammedan calendar).	C/O.	Case oil, Certificate of Origin, Cash order.
a.h.	After hatch.	C.O.D.	Cash on delivery.
a.m.	ante meridiem.	Cont.	Continent of Europe.
A.M.C.	Armed Merchant Cruiser.	Cont. (A.H.)	Continent of Europe, Antwerp-Hamburg range.
A/or	And/or.	Cont. (B.H.)	Continent of Europe, Bordeaux-Hamburg range.
A/P.	Additional premium.	Cont. (H.H.)	Continent of Europe, Havre-Hamburg range.
A.R.	All risks.	C/P.	Charter Party. Custom of Port, (Grain trade).
AAS.	After sight. Alongside.	CP	Controlable pitch (propeller).
A.T.	American terms (grain) .	C.P.D.	Charterers pay dues.
Av.	Average.	C.P.S.C.	Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft.
A.V.	Ad volorem.	C.R.	Current rate. Carriers' risk.
B.	Bale. Bag.	C.S.	Cottonseed.
BB	Battleship/s.	CS	Colliery screened (coal).
b.	Blue sky.	C.T.	Cruiser/s, Anti -submarine.
B. & D. 1.	Births and Deaths, Form 1.	C.T.C.	Californian terms (grain trade).
B.A.	Buenos Aires.	C.T.C.	Corn Trade Clauses.
B.B.	Bill book. Below bridges.	c.t.l.o.	Constructive total loss only.
B.C.	British Corporation. Bristol Channel.	CV	Aircraft Carrier/s.
B/L.	Bill of Lading	CVS	Aircraft Carrier/s, anti -submarine,
B.O.	Buyers' Option. Branch Office.	C.W.	Commercial weight.
B.P.B.	Bank Post Bid.	d.	Drizzling rain.
Brl.	Barrel.	D/A.	Discharge afloat,
B.S.	British Survey. Balance Sheet.		Days after acceptance,
B/S	Bill of sale. Bill of Store.		Documents against acceptance,
B/s	bags. Bales.	D.B.	Deposit account,
Bs/L.	Bills of Lading.		Double bottom/s/ed,
B/St.	Bill of Sight.	D.B.B.	Deals and battens,
B.S.T.	British Summer Time.	Dbk.	Donkey boiler.
b.t.	Berth Terms.	D.B.S.	Deals, battens and boards.
B.T.U.	Board of Trade Unit. British Thermal Unit.	D/C.	Drawback.
c.	Detached clouds.	DD	Distressed British seaman.
C/-	Case.	D/D.	Deviation Clause.
CA	Craiser/s.	D/D	Destroyer/s.
c.a.	Current account.	D/D	damage done,
C.B.I.	Confederation of British Industries.	D/D	Days after date. Demand draft,
C & D.	Collected and delivered.		Delivered at Docks.
C. B. & H.	Continent, Bordeaux to Hamburg.	d.d.	Delivered.
C.C.	Civil commotions.	DDG	Destroyer/s with guided missiles.
	Continuation Clause.	dd/s	Delivered sound (grain).
C/D.	Commercial dock.	d.f.	Dead freight.
	Consular declaration.	D/F	Direction-finder.
c. & f.	Cost and freight.		
c.f.	Carried forward. Cubic feet.		
c.f.i.	Cost, freight and insurance.		
C.F.	Copper fastened.		
C.f.o.	Coast for orders.		
	Channel for orders.		
C.G.A.	Cargo's proportion of General Average.		

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d.l.o.	Dispatch loading only.	f.o.s.	Free on steamer.
D/N.	Debit note.	f.o.t.	Free on truck.
D/O.	Delivery order.	f.o.w.	First open water, Free on wagon.
D.O.T.	Department of Overseas Trade.	F.P.	Floating policy.
D/P.	Documents against payment.	F.P.A.	Free of Particular Average.
D/R.	Deposit receipt.	F.P.T.	Fore peak tank.
D.R.	Dead Reckoning.	F/R.	Freight release.
D/S.	Days after sight.	f.r. &c.c.	Free of riots and civil commotions.
D.T.	Deep tank.	f.r.o.	Fire risk on freight.
D.Tp.	Department of Transport.	Frt.	Freight.
D.T.I.	Department of Trade and Industry.	f.t.	Full terms.
D.W., d.w.	Deadweight. Dock warrant.	F.T.W.	Free Trade Wharf.
dwc.	Deadweight capacity.	fwd.	Forward.
		f.w.d.	Fresh water damage.
		F.X.	Forecastle.
E.C.C.P.	East coast (Great Britain) coal port.	G/A.	General Average.
E.C.G.B.	East coast of Great Britain.	G/A con.	General Average contribution.
E.C.I.	East coast of Ireland.	G/A dep.	General Average deposit.
E.C.U.K.	East coast of United Kingdom.	G.C.B.S.	General Council of British Shipping.
E. & O. E.	Errors and omissions excepted.	G.C.T.	Greenwich Civil Time.
E.D.	Existence doubtful (chart).	G.F.	Government Form (charter).
E.E.	Errors excepted.	g.fa.	Good fair average.
e.g.	Ejusdem generis (of the same kind).	G.I., g.i.	Galvanised iron.
e.o.h.p.	Except otherwise herein provided.	G.M.A.T.	Greenwich Mean Astronomical Time.
E.P.	Estimated position.		
Eq.T.	Equation of time.	g.m.b.	Good merchantable brand.
est.	Estimated.	g.m.q.	Good merchantable quality.
E.T.A.	Estimated time of arrival.	G.M.T.	Greenwich Mean Time.
Ex.	Excluding. Out of. Without.	g.o.b.	Good ordinary brand.
	Examined. Exchange. Executed.	gr.	Grain, Gross.
Exd.	Examined.	GRP	Glass Re-enforced Plastic.
/	Fog.	g.sm.	Good, sound and merchantable.
f.a.	Free alongside.	guar.	Guaranteed.
f.a.a.	Free of all average.	G.V.	Grande Vitesse (express train).
f.a.q.	Fair average quantity.		
f.a.s.	Free alongside ship.	H.A. or D.	Havre, Antwerp or Dunkirk.
	First and seconds,	H.C.	Head covered.
	(American lumber trade).	H.H.	Havre to Hamburg range.
f.c. & s.	Free of capture and seizure.	hhd.	Hogshead.
f.c.s.r.c.c.	Free of capture, seizure,	H.L., h.l.	Hawser-laid.
	riots and civil commotions.	HMS	Her Majesty's ship.
F.D.	Forced draught.	H.P.	Horse Power, High Pressure.
f.d.	Free discharge, Free delivery.		Horizontal Parallax.
	Free dispatch, Free docks.	H.P.N.	Horse Power, nominal.
F. & D.	Freight and demurrage.	H.T.	Home trade, Half-time survey.
F.E.U.	Forty foot Equivalent Units	H.W.	High water.
	(Containers).	H.W.F. & C.	High Water at Full and Change of Moon.
FF	Frigare/s.	H.W.M.	High water mark.
f.f.a.	Free from alongside.	H.W.O.S.T.	High water ordinary spring tides.
I	Free foreign agency.		
F.G.A.	Foreign General Average.	I.AX. A.	International Assoc. of Lighthouse Authorities.
f.h.	Fore, hatch.	I.B.	In bond, Invoice Book.
f.i.a.	Full interest admitted.	I.e. & C.	Invoice cost and charges.
f.i.b.	Free into barge, Free into bunkers.	I.H.B.	International Hydrographical Bureau.
f.i.o.	Free in and out.		
f.i.t.	Free of income tax.	I.H.P.	Indicated Horse Power.
f.i.w.	Free into wagon.	I.M.C.O.	Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization.
F.L.N.	Following landing numbers.	I.M.D.G.	International Maritime Dangerous Goods code.
f.o.	For orders, Full out terms (grain),	I.M.F.	International Monetary Fund.
	Firm offer.	I.M.O.	International Maritime Organization (Successor to I.M.C.O.).
f.o.b.	Free on board.		
f.o.c.	Free of charge, Free on car.		
f.o.d.	Free of damage.		
f.o.q.	Free on quay.		
f.o.r.	Free on rail.		
f.o.r.t.	Full out rye terms.		

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Ince	Insurance.	L.W.L.	Length of waterline.
I.R.	Inland Revenue.	M.M.S.A.	Mercantile Marine Service Association,
ITB	Integrated Tug Barge.	M.N.	Merchant Navy.
i.v.	Invoice value, Increased value.	M.N.I.	Member of the Nautical Institute.
I/A.	Joint account.	M.N.A.O.A.	Merchant Navy and Airline Officers Association.
j. & w.o.	Jettison and washing overboard.	M.N.R.	Mean neap rise,
K.D.	Knocked down.	M.O.T.	Ministry of Transport.
kg.	kilogram/s.	M.R.	Mate's receipt.
K.I.D.	Key industry duty.	M.R.I.N.	Member of the Royal Institute of Navigation.
⚡	Lightning.	M.R.I.N.A.	Member of the Royal Institute of Naval Architects.
L/A.	Lloyd's agent, Landing Account, Letter of Authority.	M.S.	Motor ship. Machinery survey, Merchant shipping, Months after sight.
L.A.T.	Linseed Association Terms.	M.S.A.	Merchant Shipping Act.
Lat., lat.	Latitude.	M.S.L.	Mean sea level.
L.C.	London clause, Label clause, Landing craft.	M.S.R.	Mean spring rise (tide).
LASH	Lighter-aboard-ship.	MT	Mean time, Empty.
L/C.	Letter of Credit.	M.T.B.	Motor torpedo boat.
L.C.T.A.	London Corn Trade Association.	M.T.L.	Mean tide level.
Ldg. & Dely.	Loading, Leading (charts).	MV	Motor vessel.
Lds.	Loading and Delivery.		
L.H.A.R.	London, Hull, Rotterdam or Antwerp.	N/a.	No advice, No account.
Lkg. & bkg.	Leakage and breakage.	n.a.a.	Not always afloat.
LI. & Cos.	Lloyd's and Companies.	N/C.	New charter.
LL.T.	London Landed Terms.	N.C.V.	No commercial value.
L.M.C.	Lloyd's Machinery Certificate.	n.e.	Not excluding,
l.m.c.	Low middling clause (cotton).	n.e.p./s.	Not elsewhere provided/stated.
L.O.A.	Length over all.	N/f.	No funds.
LPG	Liquid Petroleum Gas.	N.H.P.	Nominal Horse Power.
L.Q.T.	Liverpool Quay terms.	N/m.	No mark/s.
L.R.M.C.	Lloyd's Refrigerating Machinery Certificate.	nom. std.	Nominal standard.
L.S.	Lump sum. Locus sigilli = Place of the seal.	n.o.p.	Not otherwise provided.
LST	Assault Ship, Landing Ship Tank.	N.P.L.	National Physical Laboratory.
L.V.	Lightvessel.	n.r.	No risk, Nett register (tonnage).
L.W.	Low water.	n.r.a.d.	No risk after discharge.
L.W.O.S.T.	Low water ordinary spring tides.	n/s.	Not sufficient.
		n.s.p.f.	Not specially provided for.
		N/t.	New terms.
M	Mile/s (nautical).	O.a.	Overall,
m	metre/s.	O/C.	Open charter, Old charter.
M.B.	Motor boat.		Open cover, Old crop.
M.C.	Machinery Certificate.	O/c	Overcharge
	Metallizing Clause.	O/d	On demand.
M.C.I.	Malleable cast iron.	O/o.	Order of.
M.C.T.	Moment to Change Trim.	O.P.	Open policy.
M.D.	Memorandum of deposit, Months after date.	O.R.	Owner's risk.
		O/t	Old terms, On truck.
M/d.	Months after date.	P.A.	Particular Average.
M.D.H.B.	Mersey Docks & Harbour Board.		Power of Attorney.
MGB	Motor Gun Boat (World War II).	P. & I.	Protection and indemnity.
M.H., m.h.	Main hatch.	P/C.	Petty cash, Price current, Per cent.
M.H.H.W.	Mean higher high water.	Pkge.	Package.
M.H.W.I.	Mean High Water interval.	P/L.	Partial loss, Position Line.
M.H.W.N.	Mean High Water Neaps.	P. & L.	Profit and loss.
M.H.W.S.	Mean High Water Springs.	pm.	Premium.
M.L.	Mean low water launch.	P.N. P/N.	Promissory Note.
M.L.L.W.	Mean lower low water.	P.O.	Petty Officer.
M.L.W.I.	Mean low WWW interval.	P.O.D.	Pay on Delivery.
M.M.	Mercantile Marine,	p.p.	Picked ports, Per pro (on behalf of).
m.m.	Made merchantable.		
M.M.A.	Merchandise Mails AoL		

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P.P.I., p.p.i.	Policy proof of interest.	SS	Submarine/s.
ppt.	Prompt (loading).	SSBN	Fleet Submarine/s armed with ballistic missiles.
p.t.	Private terms.	S.S., s.s.	Steamship.
Ptg. Std.	Petrograd standard (timber).	SSN	Fleet Submarine/s Nuclear propelled.
P.V.	Petite vitesse (Slow train).	Std.	Standard (of timber).
R.A.T.	Rapeseed Assoc. terms.	Str.	Steamer.
R. & C.C.	Riots and civil commotions.	S. to S.	Station to station.
R.C.C.	Royal Cruising Club.	S.V.	Sailing vessel.
R.C.C. & S.	Riots, civil commotions and strikes.	S.W.L.	Safe working load,
r.d.	Running days.		
R.D.	Reserve Decoration.	T. & G.	Tongued and grooved.
R.D.C.	Running Down Clause.	T/C.	Until countermanded.
R.I.	Re-insurance.	T.E.U.	Twenty foot Equivalent Units (Containers).
R.N.	Royal Navy.		
R.N.L.I.	Royal National Life-boat Institution.	T.G.B.	Tongued, grooved and beaded.
R.N.R.	Royal Naval Reserve.	<i>TIL</i>	Total loss.
R.N.V.R.	Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.	T.L.O.	Total loss only,
r.o.b.	Remaining on board.	T.O.O.	Time of origin (of a signal).
R.O.R.C.	Royal Ocean Racing Club.	T.P.I.	Tons per inch (immersion).
Rotn. No.	Rotation number.	T.Q.	Tale quale = Having such a quantity.
R/p.	Return of post for orders.	T.R.	Tons registered.
R.P.	Return premium.		
R.S.	Revised Statutes (USA).	<i>u.</i>	Ugly and threatening weather.
R.T.	Rye terms.	U.D.	Upper deck.
R.T.Y.C.	Royal Thames Yacht Club.	U.K.f.o.	United Kingdom for orders.
R.Y.A.	Royal Yachting Assoc.	ULCC	Ultra Large Cargo Carrier,
R.T.	Radio Telephone.		Ultra Large Crude Carrier (Oil).
R.C.Y.C.	Royal Clyde Yacht Club.	U.S.C.G.	United States Coastguard.
R.F.A.	Royal Fleet Auxiliary.	U.S.N.	United States Navy.
R.Y.S.	Royal Yacht Squadron.	U.S.N.R.	United States Naval Reserve.
		U.S.S.	United States ship.
<i>s.</i>	Snow.		
<i>s/a.</i>	Safe arrival.	V.C.	Valuation Clause.
S. & F.A.	Shipping and Forwarding Agents.	VLCC	Very Large Cargo Carrier,
S. & <i>H.</i> exct.	Sundays and holidays excepted.		Veiy Large Crude Carrier (Oil),
s.a.n.r.	Subject to approval no risk.	v.o.p.	Valuation as in original policy.
S.C.	Salvaged Charges.	V.R.D.	Volunteer Reserve Decoration.
S.D.	Sea Damaged.		
S.d.	Short delivery.	W.A.	With average.
S.D.R.	Special Drawing Rights I.M.F.	W. & E.I.	Wages and Effects Form I.
S.G.	Salmis gratia = Given for Safety (Lloyd's policy).	W.B.	Way Bill.
S.H.P.	Shaft horse power.	w.b.s.	Without benefit of salvage.
SI.	Statutory Instrument.	w/d	Warranted.
Sk.	Sack.	w.g	Weight guaranteed.
s.l.	Salvage loss.	W.M.	Weight and or measurement,
S.L. & C.	Shipper's load and count.	w.o.b.	Washed overboard.
S/L.C.	Sue and Labour Clause.	w.o.l.	Wharf owners'Liability.
S/N.	Shipping Note.	w/p	Without prejudice,
S.N.R.	Member of the Society for Nautical Research.		Weather permitting.
S.O.	Seller's option.	W.P.A.	With Particular Average.
S.O.L.	Shipowner's liability.	w.r.o.	War risk only.
SOLAS	(International Convention for) Safety of Life at Sea.	W/T.	Wireless Telegraphy.
s.p.d.	Steamer pays dues.	W/W.	Warehouse warrant.
S.R. & C.C.	Strikes, riots and civil commotions.	W.W.D.	Weather working days.
		X.N.T.	High Notch Toughness (Steel).
		Y.A.R.	York-Antwerp Rules 1974.