

	...group of ... who agree to reimburse earnings in a trade and carry each others cargo.
<b>DEPS</b>	Departmental Entry Processing System - the current computerised Customs entry processing system to be replaced by <u>CHIEF</u> (see above).
<b>DGN</b>	Dangerous Goods Note.
<b>DOT</b>	Department of Trade - governmental department with responsibility for shipping and trade.
<b>Delivery Order</b>	A document authorising delivery to a nominated party of goods in the care of a third party. This document can be issued by a carrier on surrender of the original bill of lading and then used by the merchant to transfer title by endorsement.
<b>Demurrage</b>	A charge raised for detaining a vessel, cargo or <u>FCL</u> or carrier's containers and/or trailers for a longer period than provided for in the tariff or contract.
<b>Depot</b>	A <u>CFS</u> , (see above).
<b>Detention</b>	A charge raised for detaining cargo, containers or trailers for a longer period than provided for in the tariff.
<b>Documentary Credit</b>	The basis of international trade by means of which payment is made against surrender of specified documents.
<b>Drawback</b>	Repayment of a duty upon re-exportation of goods previously imported.
<b>ECE</b>	Economic Commission for Europe - a UN economic body.
<b>ECU</b>	European Currency Unit - a financial unit used for <u>EEC</u> accounting.
<b>EDI</b>	Electronic Data Interchange - the transfer of structured data from one computer system to another.
<b>EDIFACT</b>	EDI For Administration, Commerce and Transport - an organisation responsible to UN ECE for the development of standard EDI messages for Administration, Commerce and Transport.
<b>EDISHIP</b>	An organisation for exchanging data between carriers and merchants by electronic means.
<b>EDP</b>	Electronic Data Processing - computer processing of data.
<b>EEC</b>	European Economic Community - the European Common Market.
<b>EFTA</b>	European Free Trade Association.
<b>EHA</b>	Equipment Handover Agreement - acknowledging the condition of the carrier's equipment when taking over and returning it, incorporating contractual terms under which the equipment is taken over.
<b>ESC</b>	European National Shippers Councils.
<b>ETA</b>	Estimated Time of Arrival - indicates the estimation of the date/hour, the carrier believes the cargo, vessel or container will arrive at a nominated point/port.
<b>ETC</b>	Electronic Data Credits - an idea being developed by the <u>EDI</u> Banking Interest Section to facilitate an EDI alternative to documentary credits.

<b><u>ETD</u></b>	Estimated Time of Departure (see ETA).
<b><u>FAK</u></b>	Freight All Kinds - a system whereby freight is charged per container, irrespective of nature of goods and not according to tariff.
<b><u>FCL</u></b>	Full Container Load - an arrangement whereby the shipper utilises all the space in a container which he packs himself. "FCL door (or house)/LCL depot" would describe a movement where a haulier, who was the sub-contractor of the carrier, took an empty container to a shipper's premises for packing by the shipper and then to haul the loaded container back to the container yard. At the importing end, the loaded container would then be unpacked at the CTO's depot by the sub-contractor of the carrier, who would effect delivery to the consignee's premises. "FCL port (or pier)/ FCL depot" is when the carrier receives from the shipper at the vessel's side a container packed by the shipper and delivers same to the consignee at the importing depot for the consignee to take it to his premises for unpacking and subsequent return of the empty container to carrier's depot.
<b><u>FFI</u></b>	For Further Instruction - used in the "delivery" box of a bill of lading when final destination is still uncertain at time of shipment/booking.
<b><u>FMC</u></b>	Federal Maritime Commission - US Federal Authority governing sea transport.
<b><u>FOB</u></b>	Free On Board - a conventional port-to-port INCOTERM term of sale (see above).
<b><u>Feeder Vessel</u></b>	A short-sea vessel used to fetch and carry goods and containers to and from deep-sea ports/vessels.
<b><u>Freight</u></b>	The amount of money payable for the carriage of goods. Sometimes erroneously used to describe the goods which are more correctly described as "cargo" in marine transportation.
<b><u>Freight Ton</u></b>	The weight/volume on which freight is charged.
<b><u>GA</u></b>	General Average.
<b><u>GATT</u></b>	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade - an international multilateral agreement embodying a code of practice for fair trading in international commerce with headquarters in Geneva.
<b><u>GCA</u></b>	Gold Clause Agreement - an agreement relating to the interpretation of COGSA 1924 and the Hague Rules between certain insurers, cargo interest and British shipowners, agreed in 1950 but abandoned on the 31st May 1988.
<b><u>Groupage</u></b>	Consolidation of several LCL consignments into a container.
<b><u>H/L</u></b>	Heavy Lift.
<b><u>Hague Rules</u></b>	The 1924 International Convention on Carriage of Goods by Sea.
<b><u>Hague-Visby Rules</u></b>	The 1968 Revision of the Hague-Rules.
<b><u>Hamburg Rules</u></b>	The 1978 UNCTAD revision of the Hague-Rules.
<b><u>House or Door</u></b>	A movement starting or finishing at the customer's premises. Thus, "House/House" or "Door/Door" starts at the shippers premises and ends