

Alert 14-04: Glossary of Transportation Acronyms

AAPA	American Association of Port Authorities
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials
AAR	Association of American Railroads
ADR	European Road/Rail Conventions (governs the transport of dangerous goods throughout Europe)
AHS	Association of Hazmat Shippers, Inc.
AICC	Association of Independent Corrugated Converters
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA – wood pallets)
API	American Petroleum Institute
ASTM	American Society of Testing and Materials
ATA	American Trucking Associations, Inc. (representing for-hire motor carriers)
BTS	Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT
CDL	Commercial Driver’s License (issued by states; regulated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration)
CEFIC	European Chemical Industry Council
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CGA	Compressed Gas Association
CGSB	Canadian General Standards Board
COE	Committee of Experts (United Nations panel on the Transport of Dangerous Goods)
COHMED	Cooperative Hazardous Materials Enforcement Development
COSTHA	Council for the Safe Transport of Hazardous Articles
CPC	Chemical Packaging Committee (of the Institute of Packaging Professionals)
CPSC	Consumer Products Safety Commission
CSB	Chemical Safety Board
CVSA	Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DGAC	Dangerous Goods Advisory Council
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
EC	European Commission
ECMA	European Cylinder Makers Association
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EIGA	European Industrial Gases Association
EMPAC	European Metal Packaging
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EU	European Union
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration, DOT
FARS	Fatal Accident Reporting System

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FBA	Fibre Box Association
FIBCA	Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container Association
FMC	Federal Maritime Commission
FMCSA	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, DOT
FMCSR	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration, DOT
FIBC	Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container
FIBCA	Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container Association
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration, DOT
GPS	Global Positioning System
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IANA	Intermodal Association of North America
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IBC	Intermediate Bulk Container
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICCR	International Confederation of Container Reconditioners
ICDM	International Confederation of Drum Manufacturers
ICIBCA	International Council of Intermediate Bulk Container Associations
ICPP	International Confederation of Plastics Packaging Manufacturers
IFDI	International Fibre Drum Institute
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods (as in IMDG Code)
IME	Institute of Makers of Explosives
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IoPP	Institute of Packaging Professionals
IPANA	Industrial Packaging Alliance of North America
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
LQ	Limited Quantity
LTL	Less-Than-Truckload (refers to small shipments aggregated for transport by truck)
MARAD	Maritime Administration, DOT
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NCB	National Cargo Bureau
NHS	National Highway System
NMFC	National Motor Freight Classification
NMFTA	National Motor Freight Transit Association
NPTC	National Private Truck Council (representing private-fleet motor carriers)
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
OHMS	Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
PDI	Plastic Drum Institute
PHMSA	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, DOT
PSCI	Plastic Shipping Container Institute
PSSMA	Paper Shipping Sack Manufacturers Association
RIBC	Rigid Intermediate Bulk Container
RIBCA	Rigid Intermediate Bulk Container Association
RIPA	Reusable Industrial Packaging Association
RITA	Research and Innovative Technology Administration, DOT

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Ro-Ro	Roll-on, Roll-off (refers to driving motorized vehicles on or off marine vessels)
RTAC	Road and Transportation Association of Canada
SSCI	Steel Shipping Container Institute (manufacturers of steel drums and pails)
STB	Surface Transportation Board (successor agency to the ICC – regulates railroads)
TC	Transport Canada (Canadian Department of Transportation)
TDG	Transport of Dangerous Goods
TEU	Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit (standard measure of marine shipping containers)
TIH	Toxic Inhalation Hazard
TL	Truckload (a full trailer shipment of freight)
TRB	Transportation Research Board (of the National Academies of Science)
TSA	Transportation Security Administration, DHS
UNTDG	United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
USCG	United States Coast Guard, DHS
VOHMA	Vessel Operators Hazardous Materials Association
WHO	World Health Organization
WSO	World Safety Organization

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