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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<td>RTAC</td>
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<td>SSCI</td>
<td>Steel Shipping Container Institute (manufacturers of steel drums and pails)</td>
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<td>TEU</td>
<td>Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit (standard measure of marine shipping containers)</td>
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<td>TIH</td>
<td>Toxic Inhalation Hazard</td>
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<td>Truckload (a full trailer shipment of freight)</td>
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