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Section B: Identify Road Transportation Characteristics

Term
Freight rate

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In logistics, an established price for the transport of goods, based on any number of factors; e.g., distance, weight, measure, equipment type, package, or commodity.

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Full truckload (FTL)

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An agreement to ship a minimum of an entire truckload or container load to a single customer. The cargo is typically homogenous and stays on the same vehicle from the origin to the destination.

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Less-than-truckload (LTL)

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1) A small shipment that does not fill the truck. 2) A shipment of insufficient weight to qualify for a truckload quantity rate discount (usually set at about 10,000 lbs.) normally offered to a general commodity trucker.

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Line haul

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The portion of a transportation journey that moves between two transportation terminals. It is distinguished from and excludes the pickup and delivery portions of a journey used to acquire or distribute LTL freight. For motor carrier transportation, the shipment is loaded in a semi-permanent trailer configuration that maximizes the amount of freight that each driver can legally haul over that portion of the journey. This may involve hauling multiple trailers.

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Truckload (TL) carriers

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Carriers that deliver/charge only for full truckload shipments.