

Module 6

Section E: Identify Water (Ocean and Inland Waterway) Transportation Characteristics

Term
Barge

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A self-propelled, pushed, or pulled flat-bottomed ship for use in inland waterways. It is frequently used to transport bulk commodities.

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Full-container load (FCL)

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A container that has been filled close to its volume or weight limit, or that holds only one shipper's order and the shipper has requested it be the only order in the container. See: full truckload.

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Term
Less-than-container/carload (LCL)

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1) A small shipment that does not fill the container/railcar. 2) A shipment of insufficient weight to qualify for a carload quantity rate discount.

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Non-vessel-operating common carrier (NVOCC)

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A consolidator of ocean freight shipments that operates similarly to a freight forwarder and issues its own bills of lading, thus acting as a carrier even though it does not own the means of transportation being used.

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Short-sea shipping

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A form of water transportation that does not cross an ocean, but instead utilizes coastal and inland waterways to move shipments from maritime ports to their destination. Often used as an alternative to road transportation.