

Triple Crown Services, Inc  
Glossary of Terms

**204**

An EDI load tender from a customer.

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**322**

An EDI intermodal ramp event (ingate, train departure, train arrival, grounding, outgate)

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**404**

EDI Shipping instructions sent to the railroad.

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**417**

Inter-railroad EDI shipping instructions

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**622**

An EDI intermodal ramp event (ingate, train departure, train arrival, grounding, outgate)

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**5186**

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USPS form 5186 is a bill of lading/routing slip listing the shipper consignee and USPS contract number. It will always be from a USPS origin to a USPS destination. A 5186 or a USPS 404 EDI are required to get paid by the USPS when required

**8125**

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USPS form 8125 is also a bill of lading, but for retail mail. This form will always be from a Non-mail or retail location to a USPS consignee.

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**AAR**

(Association of American Railroads) the railroad carrier association for U.S., Canadian, and Mexican companies for the purpose of improving transportation services and lobbying governmental agencies

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**Agreement Holder**

A company with a NS agreement

**Availability Time**

The time equipment is expected to be grounded and ready for pick-up

**B**

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**Back Haul**

Part or all of the return portion of a route over which a trailer or container has traveled

**Bad Order**

A freight car loaded improperly, mechanically defective, or has safety violations

**Beneficial Owner**

The actual owner of the lading who is using a consolidator

**Billing Carrier (Bill Road)**

The carrier performing the first line haul service of the movement. This carrier is responsible for preparing the waybill document

**Blocking or Bracing**

Wood or metal or other approved supports to keep shipments in place in or on railcars and trailers

**Bogie**

A frame with rail wheels used to connect between two Roadrailer units.

**C**

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**Car Location Message**

(CLM) a system enabling shippers to track containers using pre-defined parameters

**Chassis**

A frame with wheels on which a container rides

**COFC**

(container on flat car); a type of rail freight service involving the shipment of containers without chassis

**Common Carrier**

A transportation company engaged in the business of handling persons or goods for compensation and for all persons impartially

**Connecting Carrier**

A carrier that has a direct physical connection with another or forming a connecting link between two or more carriers

**Consignee**

The receiver of freight shipped by the shipper (consignor)

**Consignor**

The person by whom freight is shipped; shipper

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### **Container**

An open or enclosed structural unit designed for intermodal transport of commodities; many have standard corner fittings to secure them to highway chassis, rail cars, or ocean vessels, facilitating interchange among carriers in international trade

### **Cut-Off Time**

The time a vehicle must be tendered at the terminal to meet a scheduled train departure

## **D**

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### **Dedicated Train**

One that exclusively carries intermodal equipment (containers and trailers)

### **Demurrage**

A charge made on cars or other equipment held by or for consignor or consignee for loading or unloading, for forwarding directions or for any other purpose

### **Detention**

Penalty assessed to the consignor or consignee for using railroad-owned equipment in excess of allotted free time

### **Diversion**

A change made in the route of a shipment in transit

### **Domestic Containerization**

Movement of domestic freight in ocean containers, (to assist in repositioning of those containers) or in dedicated domestic containers COFC

### **DOT**

Department of Transportation, whose purpose is to provide a dynamic federal system of transportation to meet the country's needs

### **Double-Stack**

The movement of containers on specialized articulated rail cars which enable the vertical stacking of the containers on each platform of the car

### **Drayage**

(pick-up and/or delivery) the truck portion of an intermodal *move*

### **Dunnage**

The material used to protect or support freight in or on railcars or trailers

## **E**

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### **EDI**

Electronic Data Interchange; easy communication of commercial data via computer connections via mainframe links, PC to mainframe links or using the Internet

### **Embargo**

To resist or prohibit the acceptance and handling of freight

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## F

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### **FAK**

Freight All Kinds

### **Flat Car**

a freight car having a floor without any housing or body above. Frequently used to carry car trailers (TOFC) or oversized/odd-shaped commodities

### **Foreign Equipment**

Equipment owned and controlled **by** a railroad other than NS

### **Foreign Line**

A railroad other than NS

### **Forwarded Shipment**

Move that originates on NS and is then delivered to another carrier

### **FRA**

Federal Railroad Administration - The FRA deals specifically with transportation policy as it affects the nation's railroads and is responsible for enforcement of rail safety laws

**Free Time** The time between notification and when trailer use or premise use charges begin

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### **Gateway**

A point through which freight commonly moves from one territory or carrier to another

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### **Hazardous Material (Haz Mat)**

Substance or combination of substances which, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, may cause or significantly pose a substantial hazard to human health or the environment when improperly packaged, stored, transported, or otherwise managed

### **Hazardous Waste**

Any material, whether solid, liquid or containing gaseous material, identified in the Resource & Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) either by name (listed) or by characteristics

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### **ICC**

Interstate Commerce Commission, a federal regulatory agency

### **Inland Carrier**

A transportation company which hauls export or import traffic between ports and inland points

### **Interchange Agreement or TIA**

Agreement with a drayage company for use of railroad-controlled equipment

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## **Interline Haul**

Move involving more than one rail carrier

## **Interline Price**

The price published for an origin/destination pair that uses more than one carrier and results in one bill for the whole move; see "through price"

## **Intermodal**

Transport by more than one transportation mode, usually truck and rail

## **L**

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## **Landbridge**

Containers moving from a foreign country by vessel, transiting the United States by railroad, and then loaded aboard another vessel for delivery to a second foreign country

## **Local Move**

A railroad movement in which only one road haul carrier participates. The one carrier serves both the origin and destination station

## **Lock Box**

Post office box in the to which patrons are directed to remit freight payments

## **Lumper**

A person hired to help unload a trailer

## **M**

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## **Maintenance of Way**

The process of maintaining roadbed (rail, ties, ballast, bridges etc.) These materials are hauled in special maintenance of way cars, which also include cars that are equipped with heavy equipment, such as cranes and tie replacing machines

## **Mini-Landbridge**

Imported traffic movement from an origin port to an inland point that is not a port on an ocean bill of lading

## **N**

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## **NSPQ**

"special price quotation" assigned a unique number for a specific shipment

## **O**

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## **Over The Road or OTR**

A movement that does not go on a Railroad

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**Per Diem**

Charge made for using foreign and private equipment on railroad lines, or for NS or private equipment used on another railroad's lines

**Piggyback**

An ocean container or trailer riding on a rail car (COFC or TOFC)

**Pigs**

A railroad term for trailers loaded on flat cars

**Pool Trailers**

Free-running trailers owned by leasing companies

**Premise**

Use penalty assessed to shippers or consignees for holding private trailers or containers at the origin or destination terminal in excess of allotted free time

**Private Equipment**

Equipment that is not part of the AAR

**Pro Number**

The number used in identifying waybills and freight bills. Pro means progressive and agents use progressive numbers for this identification

**Proportional Price**

Price from or to an intermediate point; may be used only to construct an interline price; i.e., a combination of two prices

### R

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**Ramp**

A structure, permanent or temporary, from which trailers are driven onto or off of a railroad flatcar. Also used in reference to any city or location where piggyback loading and unloading can be performed

**Released Value**

Value assigned a shipment with a maximum value per pound; used for liability purposes

**Reverse Route**

The exact reverse of the route a loaded car traveled from its destination, including all carriers and junctions involved

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**Seal**

A device fastened to the doors on a railcar or trailer used to secure its contents and to insure the integrity of a shipment

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### **Shipper-Owned Equipment**

Equipment tendered to CSXI but owned by the shipper of record

### **Single-Line Haul**

Shipment over one railroad

### **SPLC**

Standard Point Location Code - an industry wide standard used to identify a location served by a common carrier

### **SPO**

"special price quotation" assigned a unique number for a specific shipment

### **STCC**

(Standard Transportation Commodity Codes) the STCC system is a 7 digit coding structure designed to classify all commodities or articles which move or may move in freight transportation

### **Spine Car**

Skeletonized, lightweight, three or five-unit, fully articulated rail car, designed to carry single-stack containers and trailers

### **Storage Charge**

A penalty assessed to shippers or consignees for holding private trailers or containers at the origin or destination terminal in excess of allotted free time

## **T**

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### **Tariff**

A legal listing of rates used when moving regulated traffic by rail.

### **Third Party**

An independent retailer of intermodal transportation, may be a shipper agent or association

### **Through Price**

The price applicable from point of origin to destination; may be a joint price or a combination of two or more prices

### **TIA or Interchange Agreement**

Agreement with a drayage company for use of railroad-controlled equipment

### **TIC**

Terminal Inventory Control

**TOFC** "trailer on flat car," also known as piggyback; a container with chassis or rail trailer transported on a rail car

### **Transportation Data Coordination Committee**

Sets the standards for interchange of transportation data

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### **UFC**

Uniform Freight Classification

### **UMLER**

(Universal Machine Language Equipment Register) a computer readable file of vital statistics for each railroad car in service. It applies to all railroads, types of cars, and data processing machines

## V

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### **Value-Added Network**

(VAN) an intermediary company that interprets computer information into a format that can be read by a railroads computer

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### **Waybill**

A document covering a shipment and showing the forwarding and receiving station, the names of consignor and consignee, the car initials and number, the routing, the description and weight of the commodity, instructions for special services, the rate, total charges, advances and waybill reference for previous services, and the amount prepaid