

Air freight jargon

3 Letter Code

3-letter airport abbreviation (e.g. JFK)

Airfreight forwarder

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Airline

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Airwaybill (AWB)

Air waybill

AMS

Abbreviation for Automated Manifest System (automated information for customs authorities)

Belly

Aircraft cargo space underneath the passenger deck

Black list

Confirmation of the airline, mainly requested by Arab customers in the letter of credit

Black list Airlines

List of airlines banned within the EU

Bonded Warehouse

A customs warehouse for storage of goods for which payment of duties is deferred until the goods are removed from the warehouse

Carrier

Airline

Charter

A leased aircraft or leased cargo space

Consolidated airfreight

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Customs broker

Customs clearance agent

Customs Airport

Airport of entry

Dangerous goods

Articles or substances which are capable of posing a risk to health, safety, property or the environment

Check in

Delivery of the goods and the transport documents to the airline

ECS

Export Control System

Embargo

Temporary prohibition on sending consignments to a certain location or country

ENS

Entry Summary Declaration (electronic summary pre-notification)

Fuel surcharge (FSC)

Airline's variable fuel surcharge

House-airwaybill (HAWB)

Forwarder's air waybill (used for consolidated consignments)

I.A.T.A

International Air Transport Association

ICS

Import Control System

Lower deck

Cargo space under the passenger deck

Main Deck

Main deck in freight aircraft or in mixed version aircraft

Master-Airwaybill (MAWB)

Consolidated air waybill from forwarder to forwarder or if the letter of credit requires this

Mixed version

Aircraft with divided main deck for passengers and freight

Pallet station

Pallet station for dispatching air pallets

Prefix

The first three digits are an abbreviation for the relevant airline on the freight/passage documents (e.g. AWB 020-xxx = Lufthansa)

Regulated Agent

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Routing

Freight transport route (e.g. via various transshipment airports)

Routing Order

General order to a particular business partner to send their consignments according to the tariffs and services agreed with Gebrüder Weiss

Unit load devices (ULD)

Various loading devices in air freight transport

UN-Nummer

This four-digit number, also called the material number, is an identification number specified for all hazardous materials and dangerous goods

Volume weight

Volume weight, for bulky goods

Warsaw convention

Montreal convention

International agreement on air freight transport (also regulates liabilities)

War risk surcharge (WSC) oder Security Surcharge (SSC)

Airline surcharge for war or security, which covers increased insurance costs since 11 September 2001

Road Feeder Service (RFS)

Airline replacement transport by means of heavy goods vehicles