Acronym	Meaning
AAPA	American Association of Port Authorities
A-Check	A check or Administrative check refers to the administrative tests done in the system before actual operations are carried out.
ACS	Access Control System
AGV	Automatic Guided Vehicle
AIS	Automatic Identification System
ASC	Automatic Stacking Crane
ATA	Actual Time of Arrival
ATD	Actual Time of Departure
BAPLIE	EDI message containing the bayplan of a vessel
BAS	Berth allocation System
BI	Business Intelligence
BL or B/L	Bill of Lading: Bill of Lading refers to the freight shipped; the contents of a shipment
Bulk Cargo	Refers to Cargo that is not in packages or containers; shipped loose in the hold of a ship without mark and count. Grain, coal and sulphur are examples of typical bulk freight.
CALINF	EDIFACT Message: Call information message; Vessel call (or truck call)
CCS	Cargo Community System
CCTV	Closed Circuit TV
CDM	Collaborative Decision Making
CFA (C/F agent)	Clearing and Forwarding Agent for whom the order is made
CFS	Abbreviation for "Container Freight Station". A shipping dock where cargo is loaded ("stuffed") into or unloaded ("stripped") from containers.
Chassis	A frame with wheels and container locking devices in order to secure the container for horizontal movement
CHE	Cargo or Container Handling Equipment
COARRI	EDIFACT Message: Container Arrival Message - Discharging and loading confirmation message
CODECO	EDIFACT Message: Container Departure Confirmation; contains Container Gate-In / Gate-Out Report
Consignee	The consignee (receiver) of the goods, i.e. the person or company to whom commodities are shipped to.
COPARN	EDIFACT Message: Container Pre-Arrival Notice
COPINO	EDIFACT Message: Container Pickup inland message that is used by the inland carrier to notify the Terminal
COPRAR	EDIFACT Message: Container discharge/loading order message
COREOR	EDIFACT Message: Container Release Order
COS	Crane Operating System
CRS	Container Repair Station
CUSCAR	EDIFACT Message: Customs cargo report (Customs cargo report message)
DGPS	Differential Global Positioning System
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EDIFACT	Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport
EIR	Equipment Interchange Report
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
ETC	Estimated Time of Completion
ETD	Estimated Time of Departure

Execute before	A date before which the order is supposed to be executed
FCL	Abbreviation for "Full Container Load"
FPOD	Final Point of Destination
GC	Refers to General Cargo (Breakbulk Cargo) that is not in containers, but is unitized or in some kind of packaging
GOS	Gate Operating System
GPS	Global Positioning System
Harmonised System of codes	An international goods classification system for describing cargo in international trade under a single commodity-coding scheme. Developed under the auspices of the Customs Cooperation Council
HAZMAT	An industry abbreviation for "Hazardous Material."
HHT	Hand-Held Terminal, a radio terminal used for tally, inventory and reefer operations
HMC	Abbreviation for Harbour Mobile Crane
HR	Human Resources
HSCODE	Abbreviation for "Harmonised System of Codes"
IALA	The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities
IAPH	International Association of Ports and Harbours
ICD	Inland Container Depot
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IFTDGN	EDIFACT Message: International Forwarding and Transport Dangerous Goods Notification
IHMA	International Harbour Masters Association
IMDG	International Maritime Dangerous Goods
IMDG code	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code. The regulations published by the IMO for transporting hazardous materials internationally.
IMO	International Maritime Organisation
IMV	Internal Movement Vehicle
ISO	International Standards Organisation
ISP	Internet Service Provider
ISPS	The International Ship and Port Facility Security Code. Worldwide standard; An amendment to the Safety of Life at Sea Convention on Maritime security including minimum security arrangements for ships, ports and government agencies
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LCL	Abbreviation for "Less than Container Load"
Line	The shipping line. Orders are issued by shipping lines to terminals
Line agent	The agent representing the shipping line for which the order is made.
LPR	License Plate Recognition
Manifest	Document that lists in detail all the bills of lading issued by a carrier or its agent or master for a specific voyage. A detailed summary of the total cargo of a vessel or train. Used principally for Customs purposes. Also, a detailed list of all cargo in a specific container.
MDT	Mobile Data Terminal
MOVINS	EDI file containing the prestow or instructions of a shipping line indicating where to load categories of containers or individual containers
MT	Abbreviation for Metric Ton
MTBF	Mean Time Between Failure
MTTR	Mean Time To Repair

OCR	Optical Character Recognition
OOG	Out of gauge, over-dimensioned cargo or containers with length/height and/or width exceeding standard dimensions
Out of Gauge	Cargo outside of standard dimensions. In case of containerized cargo, cargo that does not fit fully in a container. In reference to non-containerized, oversized cargo. Cargo that exceeds the permissible height, width, and/or length limits. Out of gauge cargo requires special permits and special chassis equipment.
P-Check	Physical Check. This is a check to see that the actual container or cargo was received or delivered. At this time other information such as damages and numbers can also be verified.
PCS	Port Community System
PDS	Position Detection System
Place of destination	The final destination of the cargo
Place of origin	The place where the cargo originates from
PLCM	Product Life Cycle Management
PMBOK	Project Management Book of Knowledge
PMI	Project Management Institute
PMIS	Port Management Information System
POD	Port of Discharge/Destination
POL	Port of Loading/Origin Port
QC	Quay Crane
Radio Data Terminal	A mobile device used to carry out on-site operational data input. This can also be a tablet or some other suitable supported outdoor device.
RDT	Radio Data Terminal
Reefer	Refrigerated container. Containers whose contents are stored with a specific temperature range by refrigeration, during transport and during storage.
RFID	Radio Frequency Identification
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Quotation
RMF	Risk Management Framework
RMG	Rail Mounted Gantry, a Container Handling Machine on rails
RMI	Remote Machine Interface
RMMS	Remote Maintenance Management System
RMS	Remote Maintenance System
Ro-Ro	Ro-Ro cargo refers to roll on roll off cargo. This is typically a reference to motor vehicles that can drive by themselves without needing another transporter. Ro-Ro vessels refer to vessels carrying such cargo.
RS	Reach Stacker
RTG	Rubber Tired Gantry
RTLS	Real-Time Location System
SA	Shipping Agent
SaaS	Software-as-a-Service
SAT	Site Acceptance Testing
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
Service	A standard route or schedule published by Shipping lines indicating the route operation of vessels between various ports.
SFTP	Secure File Transfer Protocol
Shipper	The shipper of the goods
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol

SOC	Shipper Owned Container
Stripping	Removing cargo from a container (Unloading or Devanning)
Stuffing	Putting cargo into a container (Loading)
TAD	Truck Announcement Document
Tally	A physical verification of goods while receiving them, delivering them or while transferring them
TEU	Abbreviation for "Twenty foot Equivalent Unit"
TID	Truck Instruction Document - a document provided by terminal operator to a truck driver with instructions
TIR	A document transferring a container from one carrier to another, or to/from a terminal. Same as EIR.
TOS	Terminal Operating System - Specialized software system that assists in operations of cargo terminals
TT	Terminal Truck, also known as Prime Mover
UAT	User Acceptance Testing
UI	User Interface
UOM	Unit of Measure
VBS	Vehicle Booking System
Vessel/Voyage	The name of the vessel for which the order is made
VGM	Verified Gross Mass certificate
VMT	Vehicle Mounted Terminal: a radio data terminal fitted in cargo handling equipment to interact with the operator and send instructions for execution
VTMIS	Vessel Traffic Management Information System
VTS	Vessel Traffic System