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seller

packaging

loading

pre-carriage

main transport

handling

import customs formalities

distribution

unloading

EXW

EX WORKS (NAMED PLACE)

FCA

FREE CARRIER (NAMED PLACE) SELLER'S PREMISES (*)

FCA

FREE CARRIER (NAMED PLACE) OTHER THAN SELLER'S PREMISES (*)

CPT

CARRIAGE PAID TO (NAMED PLACE OF DESTINATION)

CIP

CARRIAGE + INSURANCE PAID TO (NAMED PLACE OF DESTINATION)

DAP

DELIVERED AT PLACE (NAMED PLACE OF DESTINATION)

DPU

DELIVERED AT PLACE UNLOADED (NAMED PLACE OF DESTINATION)

DDP

DELIVERED DUTY PAID (NAMED PLACE OF DESTINATION)

FAS

FREE ALONGSIDE SHIP (NAMED PORT OF SHIPMENT)

FOB

FREE ON BOARD (NAMED PORT OF SHIPMENT)

CFR

COST AND FREIGHT (NAMED PORT OF DESTINATION)

CIF

COST, INSURANCE AND FREIGHT (NAMED PORT OF DESTINATION)









Incoterms® (International Commercial Terms) are issued by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). They govern the rights and obligations of buyers and sellers in international trade. These essentially include the transfer of costs and dangers (risk) during the shipment of goods plus related insurance obligations..

The Incoterms® consist of eleven clauses, which are each abbreviated by three letters. Seven clauses are suitable for all types of transport, four clauses are intended for transport by inland waterway or oceanfreight. A basic distinction is made between so-called "one-point clauses", where costs and risks are transferred at the same point, and so-called "two-point clauses", where costs and risks are transferred from the seller to the buyer at different points.

The clauses should be worded as follows:

"[3-letter Incoterms® abbreviation] [named port or place] Incoterms 2020"

Effective January ¹st ²⁰²⁰, the latest version of these trading clauses came into force, adapted to new global trading practices. In the rules for interpretation, the transfer of risk, in particular, has been made more explicit.

The following main changes / novelties have been made to the 2010 version:

- · The rules of interpretation form an integral part of the clauses; in case of doubt the English version shall prevail.
- The **order of the duties** of seller (A) and buyer (B) was adapted to the typical order of sale of goods and numbered consecutively. All cost elements were listed in the rules of interpretation under points A9 and B9 respectively.
- Security-related requirements during transport are listed in the regulations under A4 and A7.
- FCA now **distinguishes** transport to the named place **either by the seller's or by the buyer's appointed** carrier.
- FCA offers the **option** to have an **on-board bill of lading** issued, which the seller hands over to the buyer.
- · CIP requires a **transport insurance with comprehensive cover**, at least according to Institute Cargo Clauses A.
- DAP and DDP as well as FCA and DPU allow the transport also with own means of transport.
- **DPU is new** and replaces the previous clause DAT, whereby the place of destination can be a terminal, but also any other place.

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