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The sailing is one milestone.

A workable ocean shipment connects equipment, cargo readiness, terminal acceptance and release. Choose the service around the cargo and its handling needs, then align cutoffs, transport documents and destination arrangements with the journey beyond the planned sailing.

THE COVER STORY

Match equipment to the complete cargo.
Align packing, mass and terminal cutoffs.
Plan cargo release and equipment return.

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DEFINE THE SERVICE

Choose the option that fits the brief.

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AGREE THE CONTROLS

Read the evidence and responsibilities.

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CONNECT THE PLAN

Align milestones and handoffs.

THE ZENITH ECLIPSE APPROACH

Look beyond the departure date.

The ocean plan starts before cargo reaches the terminal and continues through destination release, delivery and any required equipment return.



We review ocean-freight enquiries for containerised cargo, consolidation, temperature-sensitive goods and eligible special movements. Share the packed cargo profile, origin and destination requirements. We then examine equipment, route and handling interfaces alongside the requested port-to-port or wider logistics service boundary.

Full-container and less-than-container choices depend on handling, compatibility and release arrangements as well as quantity. Special equipment, reefer or project cargo needs additional review. Carrier booking, equipment availability and acceptance are confirmed against the actual shipment and proposed route before dispatch.

A sailing estimate becomes useful when cargo readiness, documents and terminal cutoffs are connected. At destination, release and collection affect delivery and possible time-based charges. We define milestone reporting and decision contacts so a change produces an actionable plan for the responsible parties.

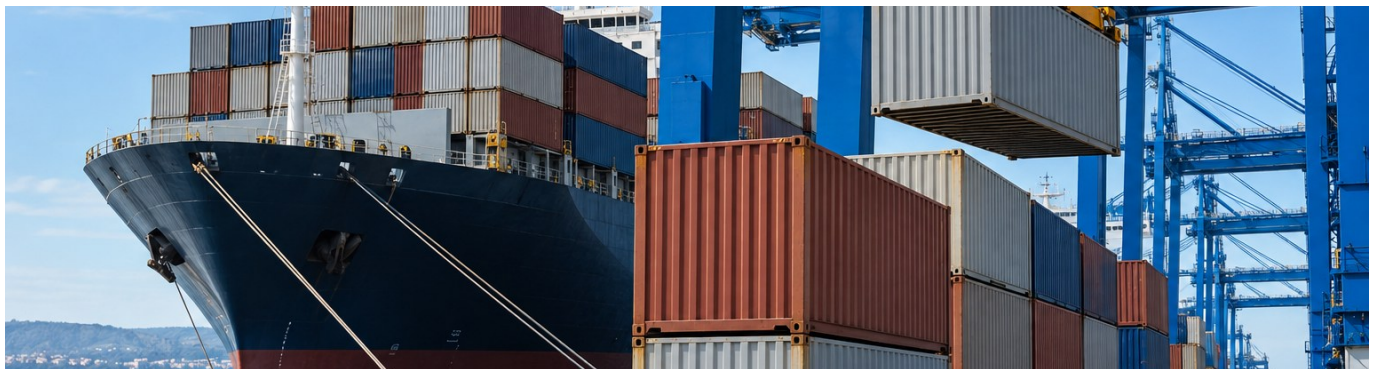
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SERVICE OPTIONS

Match the ocean service.

Choose equipment and service from the packed cargo profile, handling requirements and release plan. Carrier and terminal acceptance remain shipment specific.



01 Full-container load

Use a dedicated container movement when the cargo, loading plan and route suit the proposed equipment. Confirm container type, packing and securing responsibilities. Include terminal acceptance, transport-document instructions, destination release and empty-return arrangements in the service comparison from the start.

02 Less-than-container load

For compatible cargo sharing a consolidation, provide complete packed dimensions, weights and handling restrictions. Review origin receipt and destination deconsolidation with the delivery requirement. Additional handling, document structure and release charges form part of the agreed consolidation service scope.

03 Reefer movements

Define the product requirements and authorised settings before equipment is selected. Agree packing, pre-carriage, terminal handling and monitoring responsibilities for the lane. Product condition decisions and any excursion review belong to the nominated competent parties within the accepted service plan.

04 Special cargo routes

For out-of-gauge, breakbulk or suitable roll-on/roll-off cargo, submit verified dimensions, weights, lifting information and handling limits. Qualified specialists review equipment and route feasibility with the carrier and terminal. Confirm approvals and responsibilities before committing the special movement to dispatch.

SERVICE CONTROL POINTS

Connect the loading prerequisites.

Give the carrier, terminal and responsible cargo parties consistent information before the container or special shipment enters the loading sequence.



CONTROL	WHAT TO AGREE AND VERIFY
Cargo & equipment fit	Match packed dimensions, weights and handling restrictions to the requested equipment. Confirm carrier and terminal acceptance, including any special approval, before a collection or loading plan is finalised.
Readiness & cutoffs	Record equipment release, cargo readiness, terminal gate-in and document cutoffs for the booking. Assign the party supplying each prerequisite; schedule changes may require revised collection and submission arrangements.
Verified gross mass	For applicable packed containers, the shipper provides verified gross mass in time for terminal and vessel planning. VGM is a loading prerequisite; acceptance remains under the vessel master's discretion.
Packing & securing	Identify competent parties responsible for packing, load distribution and securing. The CTU Code provides non-mandatory global guidance; applicable law and carrier requirements must be checked for the movement.
Dangerous-goods review	Disclose classification and cargo particulars before booking. Qualified parties apply the current IMDG Code and relevant carrier, terminal and port requirements; documentation and acceptance must match the actual shipment.
Release & time charges	Agree release documents, collection arrangements and equipment-return instructions. Check free time, demurrage, detention and storage against the relevant contract, tariff and terminal conditions before comparing destination costs.

Ready cargo still needs an accepted loading plan.

SOURCE READING

[IMO / Verified gross mass and loading](#)

[IMO / Packing and securing responsibilities](#)

[IMO / Current packaged dangerous-goods code](#)

OPERATING INTERFACES

Join terminal and release interfaces.

Connect packing and gate-in with transport-document release, receiving arrangements and any required return of carrier equipment.

01

ORIGIN / TERMINAL

Packing to terminal gate-in

Align equipment collection, packing, seal records and verified-mass submission with the booked terminal window. Name the parties responsible for each task. Record gate-in and acceptance status separately from any planned vessel loading or departure information.

02

DOCUMENTS / RELEASE

Documents to cargo release

Confirm the required bill of lading, sea waybill or permitted electronic document arrangement with the carrier and commercial parties. Align instructions and release authority. Resolve outstanding documents or approvals before the destination collection is committed.

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DESTINATION / RETURN

Delivery to equipment return

Name the collection party, receiving appointment and unloading responsibility. Confirm equipment-return location, acceptance conditions and relevant time limits from the performing party. Keep delivery and return evidence together when reviewing the charges and closure of the shipment.

Plan release before the vessel arrives.

Reconcile the named Incoterms® rule and port or place with the commercial sale. Separately identify the origin, carriage and destination activities included in the ocean-freight service. A revised sailing or delayed release can affect transport bookings and time charges. Approve changes against the shipment's actual contract, tariff and receiving arrangements.

Follow the cargo and equipment.

A useful update links vessel events to terminal availability, release, delivery and the completion of equipment obligations.

PREPARE

GATE IN

SAIL

RELEASE

We report agreed milestones using the information available from carriers, terminals and handling parties. Keep estimates and confirmed events distinct, and identify which release or instruction is needed before the next activity can proceed.

01 Before the loading window

Check equipment, packing, VGM and document readiness against current cutoffs. Escalate missing prerequisites before gate-in; a changed sailing may alter collection arrangements, acceptance and the quoted service scope.

02 Through sailing and transfer

Track confirmed loading, departure and relevant transshipment information. If the routing changes, review handling, onward connections and destination arrangements with performing parties before approving a revised delivery plan.

03 From availability to return

Follow discharge availability, cargo release, collection and equipment return where required. Identify holds and potential time charges early, then reconcile the agreed delivery and return evidence at closure.

SOURCE READING

[ICC / Sale terms and sea-service boundaries](#)

SERVICE ENQUIRY WORKSHEET

Build your ocean-freight enquiry.

Give our team these eight details to review equipment, acceptance, the planned route and the services required at each end.

YOUR OCEAN FREIGHT ENQUIRY / EIGHT DETAILS

- ☐ Cargo description, commodity particulars and declared dangerous-goods status
- ☐ Packed dimensions, piece count, actual weights and any lifting or handling limits
- ☐ Origin, destination, requested ports and door-service addresses if required
- ☐ Cargo-ready date, delivery requirement and flexibility around planned sailings
- ☐ FCL, LCL, reefer or specialist equipment request with supporting cargo information
- ☐ Packing, securing, VGM and required professional approval responsibilities
- ☐ Transport-document and release arrangement, brokers and receiving contacts
- ☐ Named Incoterms® rule and place, included charges and destination or return requirements

Still defining the service scope?

Start with the cargo profile, ports and required delivery date if the equipment choice is developing. Tell us about handling restrictions and the destination's release arrangements. Our team will review the proposed ocean scope. Carrier booking, equipment, specialist acceptance, schedules and destination terms are confirmed for the specific movement.

[SEND YOUR OCEAN FREIGHT REQUIREMENTS](#)



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YOUR NEXT SERVICE ENQUIRY

YOUR CARGO. A COMPLETE SEA PLAN.

Let's connect the details.

Share the cargo profile, equipment needs, ports and receiving requirement. Include packing, document and destination-release responsibilities at the start. Our freight and logistics team will review the ocean movement and the origin or destination activities needed around it.

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