# **Shipment 2: Bill of Lading**

Definition and features of B/L

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# **Shipping documents**

Shipping documents are legal documents that are utilized in the process of international transporting goods from one country to another.



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Packing list

Insurance policy

### **Definition**



#### ☆What is Bill of Lading (B/L)?

- A Bill of Lading is a transportation document which is issued by an ocean carrier to a shipper with whom the carrier has entered into a contract for the carriage of goods.
- The B/L is normally made out in three sets, which means three originals.

## Features of B/L

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♥ Receipt of the goods (货物收据)

- Evidence of the contract of carriage (运输契约)
- Document of title to the goods (物权所有)

The B/L states the carrier and shipper's duty and right



The carrier should transfer the goods to the person rightfully in possession of the bill when the vessel reaches the port of destination. The holder (持有者) of B/L is entitled to possess, use and dispose of the goods by transferring the B/L to another party with endorsement (背书).



## Classification of B/L

B/L

- 1. Shipped B/L
- 2. Receipt for Shipment B/L

1.Clean B/L
2.Unclean/
Foul /claused
B/L

- 1. Straight B/L(记名)
- 2. Order B/L (指示)

On board Being received

No defective goods

Defective goods

Nontransferable Negotiated by endorsement

- To order
- To shipper's order
- To the order of ABC Bank

### Contents of B/L

- 1.Carrier
- 2. Shipper
- 3.Consignee
- 4. Notify party

**≻**Basic parties

- 1.Name of vessel
- 2.Port of loading
- 3.Port of discharge
- 4.Place of receipt
- 5. Place of delivery
- >Shipment

- 1.Commodity
- 2. Mark
- 3.Package
- 4. Quantity
- 5. GW and NW

- 1.Freight
- 2.B/L number
- 3.Date of shipment
- 4.Date of issue
- 5.Signature

>Goods

>Others

**Description of the contents** 





