

BIMCO eBL Standard for bulk shipping – data field definitions and references

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BIMCO #	Field	UN Assigned ID	Current definition of field	Data input format	Prepare B/L	Conditions (if applicable)	Issue B/L	Note
1	Shipper	UN01004212	Any person or legal entity by whom or in whose name, or on whose behalf, a contract of carriage of goods by sea has been concluded with a carrier, or any person by whom or in whose name, or on whose behalf, the goods are actually delivered to the carrier in relation to the contract of carriage by sea.	Company name, physical address (should be provided in structured format, but can be printed as unstructured to match L/C requirement), person contact name, email or fax, phone and LEI or Tax ID.	Mandatory		Mandatory	
2	Consignee	UN01004213	The party to whom a cargo is consigned under a contract of carriage or a transport document or electronic transport record. It can be the end receiver.	Company name, physical address (should be provided in structured format, but can be printed as unstructured to match L/C requirement), person contact name, email or fax, phone and LEI or Tax ID, to order identifier.	Conditional	For 'to order' B/L, the consignee is blank	Conditional	
3	Freight payable as per charter party dated	N/A	The date of the voyage charter party under which the bill of lading is issued.	Date of voyage charter party	Mandatory		Mandatory	
4	Notify party	UN01004223	The person or company to be advised by the carrier upon arrival of the goods at the destination port.	Company name, physical address (should be provided in structured format, but can be printed as unstructured to match L/C requirement), person contact name, email or fax, phone and LEI or Tax ID.	Optional	Only when a notify party is provided and in case of a 'to order' B/L	Conditional	
5	Port of Loading	UN01004238	The location where the cargo is loaded onto a first sea-going vessel for water transportation.	Port location international naming standard and UN Locode	Mandatory		Mandatory	
6	Port of Discharge	UN01004239	The location where the cargo is discharged from the last sea-going vessel.	Port location international naming standard and UN Locode.	Mandatory		Mandatory	
7	Vessel	UN01003822	A self-propelled sea going vessel used in international seaborne trade for the transport of goods, passengers or both.	The name of the first sea going Vessel on board which the cargo is loaded or intended to be loaded.	Mandatory		Mandatory	
8	Reference No.	UN01003841	A voyage-specific identifier.	Alphanumeric identifier	Mandatory		Mandatory	
9	Bill of Lading No.	UN01002488	A cargo-specific identifier.	Alphanumeric identifier	Optional		Optional	
10	Description of goods	UN01004759	The details that accurately and properly describe the cargo (including marks, if any)	Text describing the goods which may contain marks and numbers, if any.	Mandatory		Mandatory	
11	Cargo gross weight	UN01004121	The grand total weight of the cargo including packaging items being carried which can be expressed in imperial or metric terms, as provided by the shipper.	Gross cargo weight described as a numeric string where the unit of measure must be specified (imperial or metric)	Mandatory		Mandatory	Either 11 or 12 or both must apply.
12	Measurement	UN01004124	Volume, which is calculated by multiplying the width, height, and length of the packed cargo, can be expressed in cubic meter or cubic feet, as provided by the shipper.	Measurement of cargo described as a numeric string in imperial or metric units.	Mandatory		Mandatory	Either 11 or 12 or both must apply.
13	Place of issue	UN01003681 and/or UN01003580	Location where the Original bill of lading was issued.	Physical location, naming according to local standards	Conditional	Not applicable for eB/L	Mandatory	
14	Date of issue	UN01002493	Date when the Original bill of lading was issued.	Local date at place of issue, ISO-8601 format (needs to be the date on or after date of completion of loading) manually inserted.	Optional		Mandatory	
15	Number of original B/Ls	UN01003559	Number of original B/L copies that have been issued.	A number	Conditional	Not applicable for eB/L	Mandatory	1/1 only as default
16	Shipped On board date	UN01015089	Date when the cargo linked to the bill of lading is physically on board the vessel indicated on the bill of lading.	Local date at place of issue, ISO-8601 format	N/A		Mandatory	
17	Signed By (Signature)	UN01003583	Field where the responsible person (Carriers agent) issuing the original bill of lading signs.	Carrier signature (digital or physical, printed signature)	N/A		Mandatory	
18	SCAC	UN01004595	The Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC) is a unique code used to identify vessel operating common carriers (VOCC).	4-character code	Conditional	Only for shipments to USA	Optional	
19	Terms and conditions	UN01005090	General terms and conditions printed on the transport document.	Standard text	N/A		Mandatory	
20	Shipped on Deck	UN01004204	Amount/description of cargo shipped on deck at shipper's risk	Number and/or weight of cargo carried on deck plus text description	Conditional	Only applicable if deck cargo is loaded	Optional	