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**RECOMMENDATION No. 23**

**FREIGHT COST CODE – FCC  
Harmonization of the Description of Freight Costs  
and Other Charges**

**Document History**

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#### I. PREAMBLE

The United Nations through UN/CEFACT (United Nations Centre for the Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business) supports activities dedicated to improving the ability of business, trade and administrative organisations, from developed, developing and transitional economies, to exchange products and relevant services effectively. Its principal focus is to facilitate international transactions, through the simplification and harmonization of procedures and information flows.<sup>1</sup>

The UN/CEFACT work-program emphasises the need for developing recommendations, which simplify and harmonize the current practices and procedures used in international transactions. Within this context, the role of the UN/CEFACT Information Content Management Group (ICG) is to secure the quality, relevance and availability of code sets and code structures to support the objectives of UN/CEFACT, including managing the maintenance of UN/ECE Recommendations related to codes. The ICG prepared this latest revision of the code list for Recommendation 23.

The attached revision supersedes and replaces the code list released with the fifth revision of Recommendation 23 (CEFACT/ICG/2007/IC011) approved by the ICG, in September 2007.

#### II. CODE LIST PRESENTATION

1. The code list is presented with the following columns:

##### **Change indicator (CI)**

- a plus sign (+) for an addition
- a hash sign (#) for changes to the code description
- a letter X (X) for marked for deletion in this edition (will not appear in the next edition)

##### **Group**

Level 1 code. 1 digit designation of the main cost heading category.

##### **Subgroup**

Level 2 code. 2 digit designation of the general cost description within a cost heading category.

##### **Detail**

Level 3 code. 3 digit designation of the detailed cost description within a general cost description.

##### **Description**

Cost code description.

##### **Mode/Site Indicator**

2 character indication of a specific mode of transport or a type of handling site:

- 10 Maritime transport
- 11 Maritime transport deep sea
- 12 Maritime transport feeder service
- 13 Maritime transport ro/ro service
- 14 Maritime transport short sea
- 20 Rail transport
- 30 Road transport
- 40 Air transport
- 50 Mail
- 60 Multimodal/Combined transport
- 70 Fixed transport installations
- 80 Inland water transport
- BB Handling Site: Terminal operation
- DD Handling Site: Ship's agent
- FF Handling Site: Freight forwarder/forwarding agent

##### **Duplicate Indicator**

In order to uniquely identify each code entry in the code list, the following values may be combined to provide the unique key:

- Level 1 Code
- Level 2 Code
- Level 3 Code
- Duplicate Indicator

The Duplicate Indicator is a combination of the letter "D" and a sequence number, starting at 1 and incremented by 1 for each subsequent duplicate entry. Duplication occurs when there are multiple entries with identical Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 code values.

<sup>1</sup> From the mission statement of UN/CEFACT

2. Reference should be made to the body text of Recommendation 23 (ECE/TRADE/170) for further information and examples concerning the structure and utilization of the code list.

### III. MAINTENANCE AND UPDATING

3. Recommendation 23 is maintained on behalf of UN/CEFACT by the by the UN/CEFACT Information Content Management Group (ICG).

4. Proposals for updating this Recommendation should be addressed to the Trade Facilitation Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland or by email to:

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5. Draft revisions to the body text and/or code list of this Recommendation shall be issued by the ICG when required and shall be made available on the ICG Web site listed at:

**<http://www.uncefactforum.org/ICG>**

6. Draft revisions shall be subject to a public comment period of at least two months. UN/CEFACT Heads of Delegation shall be notified of the availability of a draft revision and the period for comment. Following the conclusion of the comment period, the ICG shall address all comments received. Depending on the comments received, the ICG shall issue a new draft edition for comment or shall prepare a final edition for approval.

7. Final revisions to the body text of this Recommendation shall be approved by the UN/CEFACT Plenary and shall be made available on the UN/CEFACT Web site:

**<http://www.unece.org/cefact>**

8. Final revisions to the code lists of this Recommendation shall be approved by the ICG Plenary and notified to the UN/CEFACT Plenary. These revisions shall be made available on the UN/CEFACT Web site.

### IV. DISCLAIMER

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