OCEAN BILL OF LADING

PROFESSIONAL SPECIMEN - SAMPLE / NOT NEGOTIABLE / NOT VALID FOR CARRIAGE

Shipper / Exporter NorthSea Foods B.V. Waalhaven Z.Z. 12, 3088 HH Rotterdam, Netherlands EORI: NL123456789000	**Bill of Lading No.** EXOLRTMLAG260817001 **Booking:** BK-784512 **SCAC:** EXOL
Consignee / Consigned to Order of TO ORDER OF ATLANTIC TRADE BANK LTD. Lagos, Nigeria *Specimen negotiable wording only*	**Carrier / Document Status** Example Ocean Lines N.V., Rotterdam Original Ocean B/L - Order B/L
Notify Party Atlantic Retail Imports Ltd. 15 Apapa Wharf Road, Lagos, Nigeria Tel: +234 1 555 0100	**Carrier's Agent at Destination** Example Ocean Lines Nigeria Ltd. Apapa, Lagos, Nigeria
Pre-Carriage by Truck - shipper's arrangement	**Place of Receipt** Rotterdam, Netherlands
Ocean Vessel / Voyage MV Example Trader / ET2608W	**Port of Loading** Port of Rotterdam, Netherlands
Port of Discharge Lagos - Apapa Port, Nigeria	**Place of Delivery** Lagos, Nigeria

Marks / Container / Seal	Packages	Description of Goods	Gross Weight	Measurement
TCLU 1234567 40' HC Seal EX260817 Tare 3,900 kg	20 pallets 1,000 cartons	SHIPPER'S LOAD, STOW, COUNT AND SEALED Canned tomato products; HS 2002.90 Origin: Netherlands; FCL/FCL; Non-hazardous	18,500 kg	52.000 CBM
		TOTAL: 1 container / 20 pallets / 1,000 cartons	**18,500 kg**	**52.000 CBM**

Freight Amount As arranged	**Freight Payable At** Rotterdam	**Freight Status** PREPAID
Declared Value NVD - No Value Declared	**Cargo Insurance Through Carrier** NO	**Incoterm Reference** CIF Lagos - Incoterms 2020
Number of Originals THREE (3) ORIGINALS	**Shipped on Board** 17 August 2026	**Place / Date of Issue** Rotterdam, 17 August 2026
For Delivery Apply To Example Ocean Lines Nigeria Ltd.	**Shipper References** PO ARI-2026-0817 / Invoice NSF-2026-4421	**Carrier Reference** EXOL / ET2608W

Dangerous Goods / Special Cargo Not applicable. If applicable: proper shipping name, UN number, IMDG class, packing group, marine pollutant status and required declarations.	**Electronic B/L** A true eBL needs a suitable electronic transferable-record system supporting reliable identification, integrity and exclusive control.

RECEIPT / CARRIAGE CLAUSE - SPECIMEN: Received for shipment in apparent good order and condition, unless otherwise stated, the goods described above. Carriage is subject to the issuing carrier's applicable B/L terms, tariff and mandatory law. For an original negotiable B/L, surrender and endorsement requirements ordinarily apply to delivery, subject to applicable law and carrier procedure.

Carrier / Authorized Agent For Example Ocean Lines N.V. Signature: _____ Name/Capacity: _____	**Original / Endorsement** ORIGINAL 1 OF 3 Endorsement: _____

SPECIMEN TERMS, NOTES & FIELD CHECKLIST

EDUCATIONAL MODEL ONLY - ACTUAL CARRIER TERMS AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS VARY

1. Functions

A B/L commonly serves as cargo receipt and evidence of the contract of carriage. A properly issued transferable order B/L may also perform a document-of-title function.

2. Cargo particulars

Marks, package count, weight, measurement and contents may be shipper-supplied. Carrier forms commonly qualify particulars the carrier has not independently verified.

3. Containers

For shipper-packed containers, carrier terms commonly allocate responsibility for packing, securing, description and compliance to the Merchant. Container and seal identifiers must match operational records.

4. Dangerous goods

Dangerous goods require correct classification, packing, marking and documentation under applicable rules, including the IMDG Code for sea carriage.

5. Freight

State or reference freight terms (prepaid/collect), amount where shown, and place payable. Carrier tariffs and additional charges may be incorporated by reference.

6. Delivery / originals

Clearly identify whether the document is an original negotiable B/L, straight B/L, sea waybill or copy, and state the number of originals. Order B/L delivery ordinarily involves surrender and proper endorsement.

7. Liability / time bars

Actual carrier terms address responsibility, package/unit limits, defenses, notice periods and suit time bars under the convention, statute and contractual regime applicable to the route.

8. Lien / general average / salvage

Carrier B/Ls commonly contain lien provisions and clauses dealing with general average, salvage, security and related adjustment rules.

9. Subcontracting / Himalaya

Carrier terms commonly permit subcontracting and extend contractual protections to servants, agents and subcontractors, subject to applicable law.

10. Governing law / jurisdiction

Real carrier forms contain governing-law and forum clauses. These must be carrier- and route-specific; they should not be copied generically.

11. Special cargo

Deck cargo, reefer cargo, live animals, oversized cargo and other special shipments can require additional face notations, declarations, instructions and contractual provisions.

12. Electronic B/L

An emailed PDF is not, by itself, a transferable eBL. Electronic transferability requires a reliable method to identify the authoritative record, preserve its integrity and establish/transfer exclusive control.

FACE-OF-DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Category	Typical fields
Parties / IDs	Shipper; consignee/order party; notify party; carrier/agent; B/L number; booking/carrier references
Routing	Pre-carriage; place of receipt; vessel/voyage; port of loading; port of discharge; place of delivery
Cargo	Marks; container/type; seal; packages; description; gross weight; measurement; shipper qualification wording
Freight / value	Freight amount or 'as arranged'; prepaid/collect; payable-at; declared value; insurance field where relevant
Issuance	Place/date of issue; on-board notation/date; number of originals; original/copy status; carrier/agent signature
Conditional	DG/IMDG data; reefer temperature; on-deck notation; customs/manifest IDs; documentary-credit wording when required

Training note: This specimen is not branded as a FIATA or carrier-issued form and does not reproduce proprietary carrier conditions. Actual completion depends on the carrier, cargo, route, customs/manifest regime, applicable carriage law, letter-of-credit instructions and whether paper or electronic originals are used.