

**FOREIGN OCEAN CARRIERS' EXPENSES IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**To be reported by U.S. agents of foreign carriers**  
 (This report is mandatory and confidential. See instructions.)

Name of reporter (U.S. agent)			Name of foreign carrier		
Attention					
Street			Street		
City	State	Zip Code	City	State	Zip Code
Nationality of foreign carrier			Calendar year covered by this report		

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Item no.	Item	EXPENSES: Report in thousands of U.S. dollars			
		Liner (including passenger/cruise)	Tramp (dry bulk)	Tanker (liquid bulk)	TOTAL
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Port call expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$
2	Cargo expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$
3	Fuel expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$
4	Other vessel expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$
5	Other expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$
6	Total expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$
7	Shipping weights of cargo handled <i>Report weight in thousands of long tons</i> (One long ton = 2,240 pounds)	tons	tons	tons	tons

<b>Person to consult concerning questions about this report</b>		<b>Certification</b> – The undersigned official certifies that this report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable instructions and is complete.		
Name				
Title				
Telephone number (    )				
Fax number (    )				
E-mail address				
<b>EXEMPTION CLAIM - Mark (x) one</b>		Authorized official's signature		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Not in existence during the reporting period</b>	Print or type name and title		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Did not have transactions related to the survey during the reporting period</b>			Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Had transactions related to the survey during the reporting period, but they were below the mandatory filing threshold</b>			

## Instructions

Public reporting burden for this BE-29 report is estimated to average 3 hours per response. This burden includes time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate to Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BE-1), U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 0608-0012, Washington, DC 20503.

**Purpose**—Reports are required to obtain data for use in estimating the international transactions accounts of the United States.

**Mandatory Reporting**—A U.S. person is required to report if the total number of port calls by foreign vessels handled in the reporting period is 40 or more or if total covered expenses in the reporting period are \$250,000 or more.

**Exemptions**—A U.S. person that receives this form from BEA but is not required to report data on a mandatory basis, or is not in existence during the reporting period, must complete the exemption claim box located in the lower left hand corner of the form. The determination of whether a U.S. person is exempt may be based on the judgment of knowledgeable persons who can identify reportable transactions without conducting a detailed manual records search.

**Authority**—This survey is being conducted under the authority of the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (P.L. 94-472, 90 Stat. 2059, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended – hereinafter “the Act”), and the filing of reports is mandatory under Section 5(b)(2) of the Act (22 U.S.C. 3104). Regulations for the survey may be found in 15 CFR Part 801.

**Penalties**—Whoever fails to report may be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$2,500, and not more than \$32,500, and to injunctive relief commanding such person to comply, or both. These civil penalties are subject to inflationary adjustments. Those adjustments are found in 15 CFR 6.4. Whoever willfully fails to report shall be fined not more than \$10,000 and, if an individual, may be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. Any officer, director, employee, or agent of any corporation who knowingly participates in such violations, upon conviction, may be punished by a like fine, imprisonment, or both. (See 22 U.S.C. 3105.) Notwithstanding the above, a U.S. person is not subject to any penalty for failure to report if a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number is not displayed on the form; such a number (0608-0012) is displayed at the top of the first page of this form.

**Confidentiality**—The Act provides that your report to this Bureau is CONFIDENTIAL and can be used only for analytical or statistical purposes. Without your prior written permission, the information filed in your report CANNOT be presented in a manner that allows it to be individually identified. Your report CANNOT be used for purposes of taxation, investigation, or regulation. Copies retained in your files are immune from legal process.

### General Instructions

**Who must report**—Reports are required from U.S. agents on behalf of foreign ocean carriers. U.S. agents are steamship agents and other persons representing foreign carriers in arranging ocean transportation between U.S. and foreign ports and in arranging for port services in the United States. U.S. agents must report all relevant transactions of which they have knowledge. U.S. agents must report information on port services provided or obtained by them for foreign carriers. They must also report, to the extent of their knowledge, information on port services provided by third persons. For example, agents who approve invoices for payment by foreign carriers for port services provided by third persons should include that information in preparing this report.

Explain briefly any omission of data (for example, no access to this information, services not purchased by foreign carrier, etc.) and if known, any information about who could provide these data.

Foreign carriers must report expenses for services not reported or provided by U.S. agents.

Carriers are owners or operators of dry cargo, passenger (including cruise and combination) and tanker vessels calling at U.S. ports. The term carrier also includes VLCC tankers discharging petroleum offshore destined for U.S. ports. Foreign carriers are those whose residence is outside the United States.

Foreign carriers include those who own or operate their own or chartered (U.S.-flag or foreign-flag) vessels. They also include foreign subsidiaries of U.S. companies operating their own or chartered vessels as carriers for their own accounts. Where the vessels under foreign registry are operated directly by a U.S. carrier for its own account, the operation of such vessels should be reported on Form BE-30, Ocean Freight Revenues and Expenses of U.S. Carriers.

#### What must be reported:

**For liner services, including cruise vessels**—Each U.S. agent must report the port

expenses of all liner carriers that the U.S. agent represents. Include all the vessels of that carrier calling at U.S. ports. If the agent represents the carrier in more than one U.S. port, then a consolidated report should be filed. A separate form should be used for each carrier.

**For tramp and tanker services (dry or liquid bulk)**—Report the expenses of a minimum of 10 separate port calls for these services. The expenses of the port calls selected should be representative of the type of service, size, and nationality of vessel that you handle. Select the port calls for which you have the most information. A separate form should be used for each port call.

**How to report**—Use this form to report information in accordance with the instructions and definitions provided. Report expenses in thousands of dollars and shipping weights in thousands of long tons (1 long ton=2,240 pounds).

**Where to send report**—File this form electronically at [www.bea.gov/efile](http://www.bea.gov/efile) or email to [BE-29submission@bea.gov](mailto:BE-29submission@bea.gov). In addition, you may mail the reports to U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-50 (SSB), Washington, DC 20230.

**Frequency**—A report must be filed for each calendar year within 90 days after the end of the year.

**Assistance**—For assistance in filing this report, call (202) 606-5588 Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time.

**United States**—Includes the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. possessions and territories.

**Foreign countries**—Consists of all other countries and areas.

### Specific Instructions

**Nationality of carrier**—Report the foreign carrier's name and country of residence, that is, the country in which the home office or principal place of business is located. This may differ from the country of registration, or flag, of the vessels operated. A separate report is required for each carrier.

#### Types of service:

**Liner**—Dry cargo, passenger, or combination vessels operating on a definite, advertised schedule, giving relatively frequent sailings at regular intervals between U.S. and foreign ports.

**Tramp**—Dry cargo vessels operating on an irregular or unscheduled basis.

**Tanker**—Vessels ordinarily engaged in carriage of liquid cargo.

#### Expenses:

**Port call expenses**—Report expenses related to calling at U.S. ports. Include expenses for services such as pilotage; towing and tugboat services; lines; surveys; documentation; harbor fees; berth fees; etc.

**Cargo expenses**—Report expenses related to loading, unloading, and storing cargo at U.S. ports. Report expenses such as those for stevedoring; for handling bulk cargoes, containers, barges, etc.; for lighterage; for container and barge rentals; and for warehouse and terminal rentals and expenses.

**Fuel expenses**—Report expenses for fuels and oils (bunkers) taken on in U.S. ports. Do not report fuel and oil expenses incurred in foreign ports even though payments for them are made to U.S. companies.

**Other vessel expenses**—Report other (nonfuel) operating expenses such as stores and supplies, vessel repairs, and personnel expenses in the United States.

**Other expenses**—Report other U.S. expenses of foreign carriers related to U.S. operations. Report expenses—such as, but not limited to, U.S. agents' and brokers' fees and commissions—and expenses related to maintaining U.S. offices, such as rent, advertising, and wages.

**Total expenses**—Report all expenses incurred by foreign operators in the United States. This should equal the sum of expenses reported above.

**Expenses not reportable on this form**—Do not include insurance for cargoes and vessels. Do not include vessel leasing expenses, capital transfers such as vessel mortgage payments for principal and interest, depreciation expense, and payments for equipment and supplies for which Shippers Export Declarations were filed with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

**Shipping weight of cargo handled**—Report shipping weight in long tons (1 long ton=2,240 pounds) of total export and import cargo handled by foreign carriers included in this report and for which cargo expenses were reported above.