

# CBP Automated Manifest Interface Requirements

## Appendix I - Container-Equipment Description Codes

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*This appendix provides a complete listing of valid container/equipment description codes.*

Code	Description
00	Openings at one end or both ends.
01	Opening(s) at one or both ends plus "full" opening(s) on one or both sides.
02	Opening(s) at one or both ends plus "partial" opening(s) on one or both sides.
03	Opening(s) at one or both ends plus opening roof.
04	Opening(s) at one or both ends plus opening roof, plus opening(s) at one or both sides.
05	(Spare)
06	(Spare)
07	(Spare)
08	(Spare)
09	(Spare)
10	Passive vents at upper part of cargo space - Total vent cross-section area < 25 cm <sup>2</sup> /m of nominal container length.
11	Passive vents at upper part of cargo space - Total vent cross-section area > 25cm <sup>2</sup> /m of nominal container length.
12	(Spare)
13	Non-mechanical system, vents at lower and upper parts of cargo space.
14	(Spare)
15	Mechanical ventilation system, located internally.
16	(Spare)
17	Mechanical ventilation system, located externally.
18	(Spare)
19	(Spare)
21	Insulated - containers shall have insulation "K" values of Kmax < 0.7 W/(m <sup>2</sup> .oC).
22	Heated - containers shall have insulation "K" values of Kmax < 0.4 W/(m <sup>2</sup> .oC). Containers shall be required to maintain the internal temperatures given in ISO 1496/2. Series 1 freight containers – specification and testing - part 2: Thermal containers.
23	(Spare).
24	(Spare).
25	(Spare) Livestock carrier.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
26	(Spare) Automobile carrier.
27	(Spare)
28	(Spare)
29	(Spare)
30	Refrigerated - expendable refrigerant – containers shall have insulation "K" values of $K_{max} < 0.4 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2.\text{oC})$ . Containers shall be required to maintain the internal temperatures given in ISO 1496/2. Series 1 freight containers – specification and testing - part 2: Thermal containers.
31	Mechanically refrigerated – containers shall have insulation "K" values of $K_{max} < 0.4 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2.\text{oC})$ . Containers shall be required to maintain the internal temperatures given in ISO 1496/2. Series 1 freight containers - specification and testing - part 2: Thermal containers.
32	Refrigerated and heated. Heated container: thermal container fitted with a heat-producing appliance. Refrigerated container: Thermal container using either expendable refrigerant or fitted with a refrigerator appliance. Refrigerated and heated - containers shall have insulation "K" values of $K_{max} < 0.4 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2.\text{oC})$ . Containers shall be required to maintain the internal temperatures given in ISO 1496/2. Series 1 freight containers - specification and testing - part 2: Thermal containers
33	(Spare)
34	(Spare)
35	(Spare)
36	(Spare)
37	(Spare)
38	(Spare)
39	(Spare)
41	Refrigerated and/or heated with removable equipment appliance located INTERNALLY - containers shall have insulation "K" values of $K_{max} < 0.4 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2.\text{oC})$ .
42	Refrigerated and/or heated with removable equipment appliance located EXTERNALLY - containers shall have insulation "K" values of $K_{max} < 0.7 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2.\text{oC})$ .
43	(Spare)
44	(Spare)
45	(Spare)
46	(Spare)
47	(Spare)
48	(Spare)
49	(Spare)
50	Opening(s) at one or both ends.
51	Opening(s) at one or both ends plus removable top member(s) in end frame(s).
52	Opening(s) at one or both ends, plus opening(s) on one or both sides.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>53</b>	Opening(s) at one or both ends, plus opening(s) on one or both sides plus removable to member(s) in end frame(s).
<b>54</b>	(Spare)
<b>55</b>	(Spare)
<b>56</b>	(Spare)
<b>57</b>	(Spare)
<b>58</b>	(Spare)
<b>59</b>	(Spare)
<b>60</b>	Platform (container) - Type 60. A loadable platform having no superstructure whatever but having the same length and width as the base of the series 1 container and equipped with top and bottom corner fittings, located in plain view as on other series 1 containers so that some of the same securing and lifting devices can be used.
<b>61</b>	With complete and fixed ends (2).
<b>62</b>	With fixed free standing posts.
<b>63</b>	With complete and folding ends.
<b>64</b>	With folding free-standing posts.
<b>65</b>	With roof.
<b>66</b>	With open top.
<b>67</b>	With open top, open ends (skeletal).
<b>68</b>	(Spare).
<b>69</b>	(Spare).
<b>70</b>	For non-dangerous liquids, test pressure 0.45 bar.
<b>71</b>	For non-dangerous liquids, test pressure 1.5 bar
<b>72</b>	For non-dangerous liquids, test pressure 2.65 bar.
<b>73</b>	For dangerous liquids, test pressure 1.5 bar.
<b>74</b>	For dangerous liquids, test pressure 2.65 bar.
<b>75</b>	For dangerous liquids, test pressure 4.0 bar.
<b>76</b>	For dangerous liquids, test pressure 6.0 bar.
<b>77</b>	For dangerous gases, test pressure 10.5 bar.
<b>78</b>	For dangerous gases, test pressure 22.0 bar.
<b>79</b>	For dangerous gases, test pressure (to be developed).
<b>80</b>	Reserved for dry bulk containers (code allocation, characteristic text and notes, where required, shall be provided by ISO/TC 104/5C 2)
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<b>90</b>	Air/surface containers: Code characteristics are to be developed by ISO and IATA jointly. It is envisaged that number 90 to 99 will be allocated to containers for carriage in fixed wing aircraft.
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<b>20</b>	20 ft. IL Container (Open Top)
<b>2B</b>	20 ft. IL Container (Closed Top)
<b>2D</b>	Control Unit
<b>2E</b>	Helper Unit
<b>2F</b>	Roadrailer
<b>40</b>	40 ft. IL Container (Open Top)
<b>4B</b>	40 ft. IL Container (Closed Top)

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>AC</b>	Closed Container
<b>AF</b>	Air Freight (Break Bulk)
<b>AL</b>	Container, Aluminum (Container must be made of aluminum)
<b>AP</b>	Aircraft
<b>AT</b>	Closed Container (Controlled Temperature)
<b>BC</b>	Covered Barge
<b>BE</b>	Bilevel Railcar Fully Open
<b>BF</b>	Bilevel Railcar Fully Enclosed
<b>BG</b>	Bogie
<b>BH</b>	Bilevel Railcar Screen, With Roof
<b>BJ</b>	Bilevel Railcar Screen, No Roof
<b>BK</b>	Container, Bulk
<b>BO</b>	Barge Open
<b>BR</b>	Barge
<b>BX</b>	Boxcar
<b>CA</b>	Caboose
<b>CB</b>	Chassis, Gooseneck
<b>CC</b>	Container Resting on a Chassis
<b>CD</b>	Container with Bag Hangers (Rings or bars located in upper part of container walls to suspend bulk bags within the ocean-type container)
<b>CG</b>	Container, Tank (Gas)
<b>CH</b>	Chassis
<b>CI</b>	Container, Insulated
<b>CJ</b>	Container, Insulated/Ventilated
<b>CK</b>	Container, Heated/Insulated/ Ventilated
<b>CL</b>	Container (Closed Top - Length Unspecified)
<b>CM</b>	Container, Open-Sided
<b>CN</b>	Container
<b>CP</b>	Coil Car Open
<b>CQ</b>	Container, Tank (Food Grade-Liquid)
<b>CR</b>	Coil-Car Covered
<b>CS</b>	Container-Low Side Open Top
<b>CT</b>	Container-High Side Open Top
<b>CU</b>	Container (Open Top - Length Unspecified)
<b>CV</b>	Closed Van
<b>CW</b>	Container, Tank (Chemicals)
<b>CX</b>	Container, Tank
<b>CZ</b>	Refrigerated Container
<b>DD</b>	Double-Drop Trailer (A flatbed with two drop decks)
<b>DF</b>	Container with Flush Doors (Container doors must be flush with the inside walls of the ocean-type container)
<b>DT</b>	Drop Back Trailer
<b>DX</b>	Boxcar, Damage Free Equipped
<b>ET</b>	End of Train Device

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>FH</b>	Flat Bed Trailer with Headboards
<b>FN</b>	Flat Bed Trailer - Removable Sides
<b>FP</b>	Flatcar with Pedestal
<b>FR</b>	Flat Bed Trailer - Removable Sides
<b>FS</b>	Container with Floor Securing Rings (Appliances at floor level that can be used to secure cargo)
<b>FT</b>	Flat Bed Trailer
<b>FX</b>	Boxcar Cushion Under Frame Of
<b>GS</b>	Generator Set
<b>HB</b>	Container with Hangar Bars (Container must be equipped with hangar beams/bars for garment shipments)
<b>HC</b>	Hopper Car (Covered)
<b>HO</b>	Hopper Car (Open)
<b>HP</b>	Hopper Car (Covered; Pneumatic Discharge)
<b>HT</b>	Head of Train Device
<b>HV</b>	High Cube Van
<b>HY</b>	Hydrant-Cart (Used at large airports with installed distribution systems to make into-plane deliveries; distinguished from other types of fueling vehicles)
<b>ID</b>	Idler Car
<b>IX</b>	Boxcar (Insulated)
<b>LO</b>	Locomotive
<b>LS</b>	Half Height Flat Rack
<b>LU</b>	Load/Unload Device on Equipment
<b>NC</b>	Non-containerized
<b>NX</b>	Boxcar (Interior Bulkheads)
<b>OB</b>	Ocean Vessel (Break Bulk)
<b>OT</b>	Open-Top/Flatbed Trailer
<b>OV</b>	Open Top Van
<b>PL</b>	Container, Platform
<b>PP</b>	Power Pack (A container holding a motor, generator, and fuel tank; used to provide power for refrigerated containers on a double stack train)
<b>PT</b>	Protected Trailer
<b>PU</b>	Pick-Up Truck
<b>RA</b>	Fixed-Rack, Flatbed Trailer (A flatbed trailer with an A-frame)
<b>RC</b>	Refrigerated (Reefer) Car
<b>RD</b>	Fixed-Rack, Double-Drop Trailer (A double-drop flatbed with an A-frame)
<b>RE</b>	Flat Car (End Bulkheads)
<b>RF</b>	Flat Car
<b>RG</b>	Gondola Covered
<b>RI</b>	Gondola Car (Covered-Interior Bulkheads)
<b>RL</b>	Road Railer
<b>RO</b>	Gondola Car (Open)

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>RR</b>	Rail Car
<b>RS</b>	Fixed-Rack, Single-Drop Trailer (A single-drop flatbed with an A-frame)
<b>RT</b>	Controlled Temperature Trailer (Reefer)
<b>SA</b>	Saddle (Device to stack containers on a rail car)
<b>SC</b>	Service Car
<b>SD</b>	Single-Drop Trailer (A flatbed trailer with one drop deck)
<b>SK</b>	Stack Car
<b>SL</b>	Container, Steel (Container must be made of steel)
<b>SR</b>	STAK-RAK (A device upon which empty chassis may be stacked for movement "en bloc" on a railcar stack train, trailer, or water-borne vessel)
<b>SS</b>	Container with Smooth Sides (Walls in ocean container must be flat/smooth)
<b>ST</b>	Removable Side Trailer
<b>SV</b>	Van-Special Inside Length, Width, or Height Requirements
<b>TA</b>	Trailer, Heated/Insulated/Ventilated
<b>TB</b>	Trailer, Board
<b>TC</b>	Trailer, Car
<b>TF</b>	Trailer, Dry Freight
<b>TG</b>	Trailer, Tank (Gas)
<b>TH</b>	Truck, Open Top High Side
<b>TI</b>	Trailer, Insulated
<b>TJ</b>	Trailer, Tank (Chemicals)
<b>TK</b>	Trailer, Tank (Food Grade-Liquid)
<b>TL</b>	Trailer (Not otherwise specified)
<b>TM</b>	Trailer, Insulated/Ventilated
<b>TN</b>	Tank Car
<b>TO</b>	Truck, Open Top
<b>TP</b>	Trailer, Pneumatic (A specialized trailer with a pneumatic device for loading or unloading)
<b>TQ</b>	Trailer, Electric Heat (A trailer with electric heat to keep product from freezing)
<b>TR</b>	Tractor
<b>TT</b>	Telescoping Trailer
<b>TU</b>	Truck, Open Top Low Side
<b>TV</b>	Truck, Van
<b>TW</b>	Trailer, Refrigerated (A refrigerated trailer capable of keeping product cold. Different from a temperature controlled trailer that is able to keep product at a constant temperature.)
<b>UA</b>	Trilevel Railcar 20 Feet
<b>UB</b>	Trilevel Railcar Screened, Fully Enclosed
<b>UC</b>	Trilevel Railcar Screened, With Roof
<b>UD</b>	Trilevel Railcar Screened, No Roof
<b>UE</b>	Trilevel Railcar Screened, With Doors, No Roof
<b>UL</b>	Unit Load Device (ULD)



<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>UP</b>	Container, Upgraded Container must be upgraded for higher weights)
<b>VA</b>	Container, Vented (Dry container must be vent openings for air exchange)
<b>VE</b>	Vessel, Ocean
<b>VL</b>	Vessel, Lake
<b>VR</b>	Vessel, Ocean, Rollon-Rolloff
<b>VS</b>	Vessel, Ocean, Lash
<b>VT</b>	Vessel, Ocean, Containership
<b>WR</b>	Container with Wavy or Ripple Sides (Walls must be wavy or ripple type)
<b>WY</b>	Railroad Maintenance of Way Car
<b>The third and fourth characters of the code from Appendix I identify the type of container/equipment below.</b>	
<b>General Purpose Container/Equipment</b>	
<b>G0</b>	Opening(s) at one end or both ends.
<b>G1</b>	Passive vents at upper part of cargo space.
<b>G2</b>	Opening(s) at one or both ends plus "full" opening(s) on one or both sides.
<b>G3</b>	Opening(s) at one or both ends plus " partial" opening(s) on one or both sides.
<b>G4</b>	(Spare)
<b>G5</b>	(Spare)
<b>G6</b>	(Spare)
<b>G7</b>	(Spare)
<b>G8</b>	(Spare)
<b>G9</b>	(Spare)
<b>V0</b>	Non-mechanical system vents at lower and upper parts of cargo space.
<b>V1</b>	(Spare)
<b>V2</b>	Mechanical ventilation system located internally.
<b>V4</b>	(Spare)
<b>V5</b>	(Spare)
<b>V6</b>	(Spare)
<b>V7</b>	(Spare)
<b>V8</b>	(Spare)
<b>V9</b>	(Spare)
<b>Dry Bulk Container</b>	
<b>B0</b>	Closed
<b>B1</b>	Airtight
<b>B2</b>	(Spare)
<b>B3</b>	Horizontal discharge, test pressure 1,5 bar.
<b>B4</b>	Horizontal discharge, test pressure 2,65 bar.
<b>B5</b>	Tipping discharge, test pressure 1,5 bar.
<b>B6</b>	Tipping discharge, test pressure 2,65 bar.
<b>B7</b>	(Spare)

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>B8</b>	(Spare)
<b>B9</b>	(Spare)
<b>Named Cargo Containers</b>	
<b>S0</b>	Livestock carrier
<b>S1</b>	Automobile carrier
<b>S2</b>	Livestock carrier
<b>S3</b>	(Spare)
<b>S4</b>	(Spare)
<b>S5</b>	(Spare)
<b>S6</b>	(Spare)
<b>S7</b>	(Spare)
<b>S8</b>	(Spare)
<b>S9</b>	(Spare)
<b>Thermal Containers</b>	
<b>R0</b>	Mechanically refrigerated
<b>R1</b>	Mechanically refrigerated and heated
<b>R2</b>	Mechanically refrigerated
<b>R3</b>	Mechanically refrigerated and heated
<b>R4</b>	(Spare)
<b>R5</b>	(Spare)
<b>R6</b>	(Spare)
<b>R7</b>	(Spare)
<b>Thermal Containers</b>	
<b>R8</b>	(Spare)
<b>R9</b>	(Spare)
<b>H0</b>	Refrigerated and/or heated with removable equipment appliance located EXTERNALLY. Heat transfer K = 0.4 W/(m <sup>2</sup> .K)
<b>H1</b>	Refrigerated and/or heated with removable equipment appliance equipment appliance located INTERNALLY.
<b>H2</b>	Refrigerated and/or heated with removable equipment appliance located EXTERNALLY. Heat transfer K = 0.7 W/(m <sup>2</sup> .K)
<b>H3</b>	(Spare)
<b>H4</b>	(Spare)
<b>H5</b>	Insulated. Heat transfer K = 0.4 W/m <sup>2</sup> , K)
<b>H6</b>	Insulated. Heat transfer K = 0.7 W/(m <sup>2</sup> , K)
<b>H7</b>	(Spare)
<b>H8</b>	(Spare)
<b>H9</b>	(Spare)
<b>Open-Top Containers</b>	
<b>U0</b>	Opening(s) at one or both ends.
<b>U1</b>	Opening(s) at one or both ends, plus removable top member(s) in end frame(s).

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>U2</b>	Opening(s) at one or both ends, plus opening(s) on one or both sides.
<b>U3</b>	Opening(s) at one or both ends, plus opening(s) on one or both sides plus removable top member(s) in end frame(s).
<b>U4</b>	Openings(s) at one or both ends, plus “partial” opening on one side and “full” opening on the other side.
<b>U5</b>	Open top – no doors.
<b>U6</b>	(Spare)
<b>U7</b>	(Spare)
<b>U8</b>	(Spare)
<b>U9</b>	(Spare)
<b>Platform (Container)</b>	
<b>P0</b>	Platform (container)
<b>P1</b>	With two complete and fixed ends.
<b>P2</b>	With fixed posts, either freestanding or with removable top member.
<b>P3</b>	With folding complete end structure.
<b>P4</b>	With folding posts, either freestanding or with removable top member.
<b>P5</b>	With open top, open ends (skeletal).
<b>P6</b>	(Spare)
<b>P7</b>	(Spare)
<b>P8</b>	(Spare)
<b>P9</b>	(Spare)
<b>Tank Container</b>	
<b>T0</b>	Minimum pressure 0.45 bar.
<b>T1</b>	Minimum pressure 1,5 bar.
<b>T2</b>	Minimum pressure 2,65 bar.
<b>T3</b>	Minimum pressure 1,5 bar.
<b>T4</b>	Minimum pressure 2,65 bar.
<b>T5</b>	Minimum pressure 4,0 bar.
<b>T6</b>	Minimum pressure 6,0 bar.
<b>T7</b>	Minimum pressure 9,1 bar.
<b>T8</b>	Minimum pressure 22 bar.
<b>T9</b>	Minimum pressure (to be developed)