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## ABBREVIATIONS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

### *Abbreviations*

<b>ACIS</b>	Advance Cargo Information System
<b>APEC</b>	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
<b>BAF</b>	bunkering adjustment factor
<b>c.i.f.</b>	cost, insurance and freight
<b>DMECs</b>	developed market-economy countries
<b>dwt</b>	deadweight tons
<b>ECLAC</b>	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
<b>EEC</b>	European Economic Community
<b>FDI</b>	foreign direct investment
<b>FIO</b>	free in and out
<b>f.o.b.</b>	free on board
<b>GDP</b>	gross domestic product
<b>grt</b>	gross registered tons
<b>IICL</b>	Institute of International Container Lessors
<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund
<b>IMO</b>	International Maritime Organization
<b>IT</b>	information technology
<b>LNG</b>	liquefied natural gas
<b>LPG</b>	liquefied petroleum gas
<b>mbpd</b>	million barrels per day
<b>NAFTA</b>	North American Free Trade Agreement
<b>OECD</b>	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
<b>OPEC</b>	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
<b>TEU</b>	20-foot equivalent unit
<b>ULCC</b>	ultra-large crude carrier
<b>UNCTAD</b>	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
<b>VLCC</b>	very large crude carrier
<b>WS</b>	Worldscale
<b>WTO</b>	World Trade Organization

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