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

Working Draft for Review
This information document and the attached draft revision to the code list for Recommendation No. 23 are being made available by the UN/CEFACT Information Content Management Group (ICG) to facilitate the public review of the contents of the code list. In accordance with the ICG procedures, this review period covers two months:

Commencing Tuesday 01 April, 2003
Ending Friday 30 May, 2003

This document provides an introduction to this latest revision and includes a description of the presentation layout of the code list. Please note that this revision of the code list is still work in progress for the ICG, and as such may change substantially between drafts.

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RECOMMENDATION No. 23, 1st revision of the code list, working draft for information and review;
UN/CEFACT Information Content Management Group

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Recommendation No. 23

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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.

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/CE/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 first edition of Recommendation 23 (ECE/TRADE/170) adopted by the Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures at its thirty-first session, in March 1990.

II. MAINTENANCE AND UPDATING

1. Recommendation 23 shall be maintained on behalf of UN/CEFACT by the UN/CEFACT Information Content Management Group (ICG).

2. 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.

3. 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 page under:

   http://www.unece.org/cefact/

4. 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 revision or shall prepare a final revision for approval.

5. Final revisions of the body text of this Recommendation shall be approved by the UN/CEFACT Plenary.

6. Final revisions of the code list of this Recommendation shall be approved by the ICG Plenary and notified to the UN/CEFACT Plenary.

III. CODE LIST PRESENTATION

7. 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.

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1 From the mission statement of UN/CEFACT
Mode/Site Indicator
2 character indication of a specific mode of transport or a type of handling site:

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<td>Maritime transport feeder service</td>
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<td>Maritime transport ro/ro service</td>
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8. 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.