



FIATA's Multimodal Bill of Lading: A product of FIATA-UNECE cooperation

Transport and trade connectivity in the age of pandemics

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FIATA – International Federation of Freight-Forwarders Associations

Representing Freight Forwarders in some **150 countries**

- FIATA is composed of:
 - 109 Association Members
 - 5,500 Individual Members
- Overall representing an industry of **40,000 freight forwarding and logistics firms**
- FIATA advocates **trade facilitation** and actively contributes to the well-functioning of the supply chain through close collaboration with relevant stakeholders



FIATA during the pandemic

- Development of COVID-19 portal containing updates and best practice guides on topics such as container imbalances, demurrage and detention, abandoned goods, and force majeure
- Strengthened cooperation with international and regional organisations to empower the industry with necessary resources and support
- Establishment of crucial dialogue with stakeholders across the supply chain, including governmental regulators, to find solutions
- Advocacy and awareness-building on the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and related measures to optimise trade
- Promotion of multimodal transport as a key solution in a turbulent supply chain, and crucial role of freight forwarders
- Promotion of the Paperless FIATA BL as a solution to increase resilience and process optimization



FIATA Multimodal Bill of Lading

- Only truly multimodal negotiable trade document
- Deemed in conformity with UNCTAD/ICC Rules for Multimodal Transport Documents and with UCP 600 by ICC
- Reputable and trustworthy due to conditions for use, including liability insurance requirements and document tracking
- Known document by banking institutions; FBL can be used to support a Letter of credit
- Around 1 million copies issued globally every year



Bringing trust and security through digitalization

- FIATA members have been asking for a **digital version** of the document, easily **accessible through their everyday tools**
- FIATA created an **open source solution**, that can be implemented by any software provider to allow its members to create paperless FBLs through their TMS/software
- Technical solution tested through a 7 months **Proof of Concept** last year, involving 7 software providers and 19 freight-forwarders



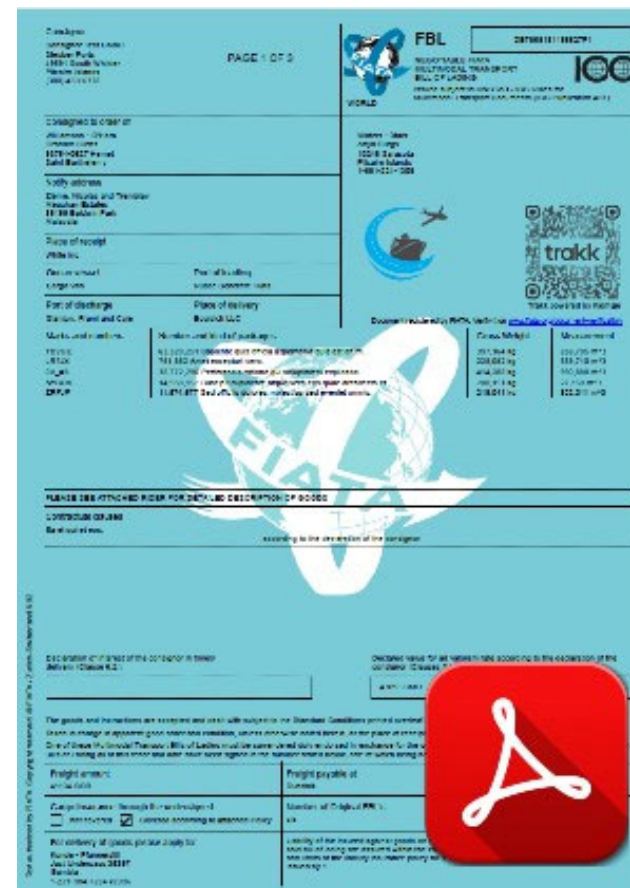
Promoting interoperability through the eFBL data standard

- eFBL data standard, based on **UN/CEFACT Multimodal Transport Reference Data Model** to ensure the data exchanged can be understood in the same way by all actors of the supply chain
- Mapping exercise took place last year, involving UN/CEFACT experts and FIATA Technical and Business experts
- Officially launched together with UNECE on March 10 2022
- FIATA expects its standard to become the main global standard for all House Bill of Ladings, noting the compatibility with other BLs



Paperless FIATA BL

- Through a dedicated API service, secured paperless FIATA BL can be issued through TMSs/software
- Freight-forwarders issuing the document go through a Know Your Customer process performed by FIATA National Association to ensure they fulfill the conditions to issue FBL (valid membership and valid liability insurance). Members fulfilling the requirements have a digital identity profile created, allowing them to be identified when creating paperless FBLs.
- Each document is registered on an immutable ledger to protect it against fraud and can be verified at anytime by all stakeholders interacting with the document.



Paperless FIATA BL

- By scanning the QR Code or uploading the document on FIATA's verification page, stakeholders can access the document audit trail and verify:
 - The validity of the document
 - The identity of the company issuing the document
 - The integrity of its content



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Key benefits

- Freight-forwarders can issue FBLs through their **everyday tools** (TMS and others) – integrated in their everyday processes – save time by avoiding duplication of data entry.
- **Flexibility of format:** the eFBL can be shared as a printed document or in digital format (PDF and eventually fully digital) – *corresponds with the current legal status of Electronic Transferable Records*
- **Trust and reputation:** the eFBL immutable audit trail includes a digital proof of the Freight Forwarders identity (proves that they are a valid FIATA/National Association member and hold a valid liability insurance)
- **Security:** the document audit trail certifies the validity of the document and the integrity of its content



More information

- Visit FIATA website for more information:
<https://fiata.org/paperless-fbl.html>
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