

## **ECTN CERTIFICATE OVERVIEW**

Some ECTNs must be obtained prior to loading the cargo onto the vessel, and failure to comply with this requirement can result in fines.

Country	Description	Required Documents	Notes
Angola	This vital document -	Master Bill of Lading	A CNCA number cannot be created i
	also called the ARC Number or CNCA - is a	Commercial Invoice	advance. A CNCA number will be
	requirement for cargo	Freight Invoice	available together with the draft CNCA certificate.
	clearance. The ARCCLA	DU (Consignee must match B/L)	The CNCA number need not be
	(Agência Reguladora de Certificação de Cargas e Logística de Angola) endorses the CNCA Loading Certificate, a mandate put forth by Angolan Customs Officials since 1994.	ARCCLA Form (Download here)	mentioned on the Master Bill of Lading (B/L) and manifest of the carrier. Once the draft CNCA certificate is approved an original CNCA certificate will be printed at the responsible authority.
		<ul> <li>Title of Vehicles (Unless vehicle is of current year)</li> </ul>	
		Officials since 1994.	<ul> <li>The CNCA certificate can only be us when it is signed, dated and stampe by the Angolan authority. In case of partial shipment the Documento Unico (DU) must be signed and stamped by MINCO in Angola.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Used vehicles older than 5 years require a license from ANTR (Nation Agency for Road Transportation).</li> </ul>



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			<ul> <li>The CNCA certificate must be validated before the vessel arrives. If it is validated afterwards there will be additional charges.</li> <li>Changes to the Documento Unico (DU) after validation must be handled by the importer at destination.</li> </ul>
Benin	A BESC (Bordereau Electronique de Suivi de Cargaison) certificate is required for all shipments going to Benin.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> <li>Export Declaration</li> <li>Title of Vehicles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The BESC number must be mentioned on the Master Bill of Lading (B/L) and manifest of the carrier. We can provide the BESC number in advance, even when the documentation is incomplete. The BESC number must be forwarded to the carrier.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Shippers and their agents are required to establish and validate an Electronic Cargo Tracking Note for any cargo loaded or unloaded from the Port of Cotonou.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Any shipment not covered by an ECTN Certificate from the port of loading is considered non-compliant</li> </ul>



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			with these regulations and can result in penalties and fines to be paid directly to Port Autonome de Cotonou.
Burkina Faso	An ECTN (Electronic Cargo Tracking Note) certificate is required for all shipments going to Burkina Faso.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> <li>Export Declaration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For Burkina Faso it is now mandatory to mention the ECTN number on the Master Bill of Lading (B/L). Besides this, we can provide the ECTN number in advance, even when the documentation is incomplete.</li> <li>The validation of the ECTN must be carried out before the vessel arrives to the destination.</li> </ul>
Burundi	An ECTN (Electronic Cargo Tracking Note) certificate is required for all shipments going to Burundi.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> <li>Export Declaration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If you are using Burundi for transit shipments, you are exempt from the ECTN waiver in certain cases.</li> <li>Any amendments required after validation will incur a fee of USD 150 and must be requested within 30 days.</li> </ul>



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			<ul> <li>If the cargo is not departing from North America, an export declaration is required.</li> <li>The Master Bill of Lading (B/L) must be dated.</li> <li>The ECTN must be validated prior to the vessel's arrival at the destination port.</li> </ul>
Cameroon	A BESC (Bordereau Électronique de Suivi de Cargaisons) certificate is required for all shipments going to Cameroon.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> <li>Import Declaration: The importer must provide it. PR code and the taxpayer's ID of the importer are enough to proceed. (Below details are required from this document)</li> <li>Taxpayer's ID - starts with M</li> <li>PR number - starts with PR</li> <li>SGS number - starts with SGS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Household goods without a commercial invoice will require both a packing list and export declaration</li> <li>All BESCs must be validated 48 hours before the vessel arrives at destination.</li> <li>Commercial invoices must contain the name and address of the shippe and consignee, an invoice number and unit prices of the cargo.</li> </ul>



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Central African Republic (CAR)	An ECTN (Electronic Cargo Tracking Note) certificate is required for all shipments going to the Central African Republic.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> <li>Export Declaration (Exempt in the USA)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The ECTN number for the subject country doesn't need to be mentioned on the B/L copy unless specifically required by your shipping line.</li> <li>Any amendments required after validation will incur a fee of USD 150 and must be requested within 30 days.</li> <li>If the cargo is not departing from North America, an export declaration is required.</li> <li>The Master Bill of Lading (B/L) must be dated.</li> <li>The ECTN must be validated prior to the vessel's arrival at the destination port.</li> </ul>
Chad	An ECTN (Electronic Cargo Tracking Note) certificate is required for all shipments going to Chad.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>We cannot create an ECTN number for Chad in advance.</li> <li>Please review all the details in your draft carefully. Once the ECTN is validated, amendments cannot be made.</li> </ul>



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			<ul> <li>The validation of ECTN requires a dated Master Bill of Lading.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Failure to obtain an ECTN may result in fines and delays in cargo arrival.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>To be considered valid, both commercial and freight invoices must be stamped and signed.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>It is mandatory to provide contact information including email and phone number for both shipper and consignee.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The B/L must be either non-negotiable, a verified copy, or the final B/L with both shipped on board and issue date included.</li> </ul>
Democratic Republic of the	A FERI (Fiche Électronique des	Master Bill of Lading	Amendments are not allowed once     the process is completed.
Congo	Renseignements a l'Importation) certificate is required for all shipments going to the Democratic Republic of	<ul> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For air shipments, aircraft type, flight numbers, and dates must be provided.</li> </ul>
For details about shipping to Republic of the Congo, please refer <b>page 16</b> .	the Congo.		



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			<ul> <li>If the FERI validation is not completed before the arrival of the vessel or flight, the regularisation process must be initiated by contacting the office in DRC. This process will include penalties for late submission.</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>To be considered valid, the commercial and freight invoice must be stamped and signed.</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>The FERI validation process must be completed before the vessel's arrival at the discharge port.</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>The B/L must be either non-negotiable, a verified copy, or the final B/L with both shipped on board and the issue date included.</li> </ul>	
Djibouti	outi A CTN certificate also known as an ECTN, BSC,	Master Bill of Lading	CTN must be validated prior to vessel     arrival.	
	or BESC, is a mandatory loading document that	Commercial Invoice     Freight Invoice		
	must accompany all	Export Declaration (Exempt in the USA)		
	shipments that will be unloaded in Djibouti regardless of final destination.	shipments that will be unloaded in Djibouti regardless of final		



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Egypt	The Advanced Cargo Information Declaration (ACID) Number is crucial for all Egypt-bound shipments. Maersk does not offer ECTN to Egypt.	<ul> <li>Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Commercial Invoice in Excel format</li> <li>Packing List</li> <li>Certificate of Origin</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Known interchangeably as BSC, BESC, or CTN certificate, its absence can lead to significant penalties and consequences. Enforced by the Egyptian government to ensure port safety and order, the ACID number is an integral part of the nation's cargo regulation framework. Compliance with this requirement is essential for smooth import operations into Egypt.</li> </ul>
Equatorial Guinea	An ECTN (Electronic Cargo Tracking Note) certificate is required for all shipments going to Equatorial Guinea.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> <li>Export Declaration (Exempt in the USA)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Any amendments required after validation will incur a fee of USD 150 and must be requested within 30 days.</li> <li>If the cargo is not departing from North America, an export declaration is required.</li> <li>The Master Bill of Lading (B/L) must be dated.</li> <li>The ECTN must be validated prior to the vessel's arrival at the destination port.</li> </ul>



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Gabon	A BIETC (Bordereau d'Identification Électronique de Tracabilité des Cargaisons) certificate is required for all shipments going to Gabon.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> <li>Packing List</li> <li>Title of Vehicles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shipping or arrival without BIETC or false information in BIETC results in a fine of up to USD 2,500, plus the regulation charge determined by Customs officials. Thus, we encourage you to apply for your certificate as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
	Sourie co cooorii		<ul> <li>Depending on the continent the loading port is located, the Gabon authorities have granted 5 to 15 days within which the BIETC certificate must be validated.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>You will be penalised if the certificate is not validated within the allocated time frame:</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>10 calendar days after sailing for shipments with departure Europe</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>5 calendar days after sailing for shipments with departure Africa</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>15 calendar days after sailing for shipments with departure America, Asia and Oceania</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Used vehicles older than 5 years require a license from the National Agency for Road Transportation.</li> </ul>



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			<ul> <li>The Gabon BIETC must be validated before the vessel arrives. If it is validated afterwards there will be additional charges.</li> <li>Changes to the Documento Unico (DU) after validation must be handled by the importer at destination.</li> </ul>
Guinea	An ECTN (Electronic Cargo Tracking Note) certificate is required for all shipments going to Guinea.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> <li>Export Declaration (Will not be processed without)</li> <li>Title of Vehicles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>According to Guinea Customs regulations, the authorised person must apply for the certificate cargo from the assigned agent.</li> <li>The authorised person must validate the ECTN at the latest 5 days before the vessel arrives at the destination.</li> <li>Shipments arriving without ECTN or false information in the ECTN will result in a fine of an amount that is twice of the cost of the ECTN, plus the regulation charge determined by Guinea.</li> </ul>



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Guinea-Bissau	A CEE (Certificado Eletronico de Embarque) certificate is required for all shipments going to Guinea-Bissau.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading (Draft B/L is allowed)</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice – If not mentioned on the Commercial Invoice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The authorised person must validate CEE for Guinea-Bissau at the latest 5 days before the vessel arrives at the destination.</li> <li>Shipment arriving without CEE or</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Export Customs Declaration –</li> <li>Details have to be the same across all documents if it is not cross-trade.</li> </ul>	false information in the CEE will result in a fine of an amount that is twice of the cost of the CEE, plus the regulation charge determined by
		<ul> <li>NIF Number (Importer Taxpayer's ID)         <ul> <li>Required to complete the process</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Guinea-Bissau National Port officials.</li> <li>Any amendments required after validation will incur a fee of USD 150 and must be requested within 30 days.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>If the cargo is not departing from North America, an export declaration is required.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The Master Bill of Lading (B/L) must be dated.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The CEE must be validated prior to the vessel's arrival at the destination port.</li> </ul>



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lvory Coast	A BSC (Bordereau de Suivi de Cargaisons) certificate is required for all shipments going to Ivory Coast.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading (B/L) – a Draft copy can be used to generate the draft BSC. Original copy has to be provided with the date of issue before the validation.</li> <li>Commercial Invoice.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The authorised person must validate BSC for Ivory Coast at the latest 5 days before the vessel arrives at the destination.</li> <li>Shipment arriving without BSC or false information in the BSC will</li> </ul>
	-	Freight Invoice	result in a fine of an amount that is twice of the cost of the BSC, plus the
		<ul> <li>Export Customs Declaration –</li> <li>Details have to be matched with all documents if it is not cross-trade.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>regulation charge determined by Ivorian National Port officials.</li> <li>You are only obliged to obtain Ivory</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Packing list – Reference of the document, the date, the number of containers, the container numbers and the container type have to be mentioned.</li> </ul>	Coast BSC certificate if it is your final destination. If you are using Ivory Coast port for transit shipments you are exempt from BSC waiver in certain cases.
		Certificate of origin	If you fail to submit the BSC waiver
		<ul> <li>Local Certificate of Insurance (Local certificat d'assurance - The importer</li> </ul>	certificate, cargo cannot be cleared and will be sent back to the origin.
		will get it from Ivory Coast regardless of shipment type)	<ul> <li>Shipments without the loading certificate are subject to a fine of USD</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>FDI document (Fiche de decleration a l'importation - The importer will get it from Ivory Coast regardless of shipment type)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2,500 per Master Bill of Lading (B/L).</li> <li>The importer must be registered in the L'Office Ivoirien des Chargeurs (OIC).</li> <li>The BSC must be validated before the</li> </ul>
			vessel's arrival at the destination port.



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			<ul> <li>No regularisation will be allowed at the destination port.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The consignee or receiver of the cargo must be a registered member of the L'Office Ivoirien des Chargeurs (OIC).</li> </ul>
Liberia	A CTN (Cargo Tracking	Master Bill of Lading	The authorised person must validate
	Note) is required for all	Commercial Invoice	CTN for Liberia at the latest 5 days before the vessel arrives at the
	shipments going to Liberia	Freight Invoice	destination.
		Export Declaration	<ul> <li>Shipment arriving without CTN or false information in the CTN will result in a fine of an amount that is twice of the cost of the CTN, plus the regulation charge determined by Liberia National Port officials.</li> </ul>



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Madagascar	A BSC (Bordereau de Suivi de Cargaisons) certificate is required for all shipments going to Madagascar.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> <li>Export Declaration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To make an amendment, the importer must apply at the customs port upon arrival using the MIDAC application.</li> <li>Any shipment without a validated BSC upon vessel arrival is subject to penalties.</li> <li>Shipper and consignee must be registered in Madagascar. (Register here)</li> <li>Any changes to Documento Unico (DU) after validation must be handled by importer at destination.</li> </ul>
Mali	A BSC (Bordereau de Suivi de Cargaisons) certificate is required for all shipments going to Mali.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading (B/L) – a Draft copy can be used for the draft.</li> <li>Commercial Invoice – Incoterm and the date have to be mentioned.</li> <li>Freight Invoice – It has to be provided if the freight value is not mentioned on the Commercial Invoice.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The BSC must be validated before the vessel arrives at the destination. There is no regularisation at the destination port.</li> </ul>



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Niger	An ECTN (Electronic Cargo Tracking Note) certificate is required for all shipments going to	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>According to Niger Customs regulations, the authorised person must apply for the certificate cargo from the assigned agent.</li> </ul>
	Niger.		<ul> <li>The authorised person must validate the ECTN at the latest 5 days before the vessel arrives at the destination.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Shipment arriving without ECTN or false information in the ECTN will result in a fine of an amount that is twice of the cost of the ECTN, plus the regulation charge determined by Niger National Port officials.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Any amendments required after validation will incur a fee of USD 150 and must be requested within 30 days.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>If the cargo is not departing from North America, an export declaration is required.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The Master Bill of Lading (B/L) must be dated.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The ECTN must be validated prior to the vessel's arrival at the destination port.</li> </ul>



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Republic of the Congo	An ECTN (Electronic Cargo Tracking Note) certificate is required for all shipments going to the Republic of the	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading (B/L) – a Draft copy can be used for the draft.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Republic of the Congo ECTN certificate is mandatory for each of the following:</li> <li>Once the ECTN has been granted, the ECTN will receive a Unique</li> </ul>
U		<ul> <li>Commercial Invoice – Incoterm and the values have to be matched with T1 document.</li> </ul>	
	Congo.	<ul> <li>Freight Invoice – It has to be provided separately if not mentioned on Commercial Invoice.</li> </ul>	Registration Number (URN). This number should be endorsed on the Master Bill of Lading (B/L) and is required by the Congolese Shippers Council when clearing the goods.
			<ul> <li>If you are using the Republic of the Congo for transit purposes, you are exempt from ECTN in certain cases.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The ECTN must be validated within</li> <li>5 days of the vessel sailing. After 5</li> <li>days there is a 50% penalty imposed</li> <li>on the ECTN charges.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>No regularisation at destination port.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The final copy provided by Africa ECTN is a draft copy. The consignee must get the final validated copy in the Republic of the Congo.</li> </ul>



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Senegal	A BSC (Bordereau de Suivi de Cargaisons) certificate is required for all shipments going to	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading (B/L) – a Draft copy can be used for the draft.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>According to Senegal Customs regulations, the authorised person must apply for the certificate cargo from the assigned agent.</li> <li>The authorised person must validate the BSC at the latest 5 days before the vessel arrives at the destination.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Commercial Invoice – Incoterm and the date have to be mentioned.</li> </ul>	
	Senegal. –	<ul> <li>Freight Invoice – It has to be provided if the freight value is not mentioned on the Commercial Invoice.</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>Shipment arriving without BSC or false information in the BSC will result in a fine of an amount that is twice of the cost of the BSC, plus the regulation charge determined by Senegal National Port officials.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>It is recommended that the consignee add the BSC number to their ORBUS account.</li> </ul>
Sierra Leone	A CTN (Cargo Tracking Note) is required for all shipments going to Sierra Leone.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The CTN must be validated before the vessel arrives at its destination. No regularisation at destination port.</li> </ul>



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Somalia	Somalia ECTN is suspended until further notice	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The ECTN must be obtained by the shipper, the goods will not be loaded onto the vessel without an ECTN number.</li> <li>The ECTN number must be written</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The Somali Port Authority on behalf of the Ministry of Ports and Marine Transport of Somalia announced that as of Feb 1/2023 ECTNs are required for all Somali ports.</li> </ul>
South Sudan	An ECTN (Electronic Cargo Tracking Note) certificate is required for all shipments going to South Sudan.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> <li>Freight Invoice</li> <li>Export Declaration (Exempt in the USA)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The authorised person must validate the ECTN certificate for South Sudan at the latest 5 days before the vessel arrives at the destination.</li> <li>Shipment arriving without ECTN or false information in the ECTN will result in a fine of an amount that is twice of the cost of the ECTN, plus the regulation charge determined by South Sudan National Port officials.</li> <li>Any amendments required after validation will incur a fee of USD 150 and must be requested within 30 days.</li> </ul>



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			<ul> <li>If the cargo is not departing from North America, an export declaration is required.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The Master Bill of Lading (B/L) must be dated.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The ECTN must be validated prior to the vessel's arrival at the destination port.</li> </ul>
The Gambia	Gambia CTN is suspended	Master Bill of Lading	CTN must be validated 5 days before
	until further notice.	Commercial Invoice	the vessel arrives.
		Freight Invoice	
		Export Declaration	



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Togo	An ECTN (Electronic Cargo Tracking Note) certificate is required for all shipments going to Togo.	<ul> <li>Master Bill of Lading</li> <li>Commercial Invoice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Any amendments required after validation will incur a fee of USD 150 and must be requested within 30 days.</li> <li>If the cargo is not departing from North America, an export declaration is required.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Freight Invoice</li> <li>Export Declaration (Exempt in the USA)</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>The Master Bill of Lading (B/L) must be dated.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>The ECTN must be validated prior to the vessel's arrival at the destination port.</li> </ul>