



Have you ever wondered what Port Metro Vancouver trades with other countries? Or what the ships in Burrard Inlet and the Fraser River carry? Below are words you may hear or cargo you may see at the Port and their definitions!



Automobiles: Driven on and off of ships called Roro's.

Berth: a place at a terminal where a ship docks.

Breakbulk: cargo lifted by a crane onto a ship, including logs, machinery and wood pulp.



Breakbulk ship: vessel used to transport cargo that is too large to be poured into a ship and does not require the protection of a container. The cranes help move cargo on and off the ship.

Bulk: cargo poured directly into the hold of a ship, including coal, grain, sulphur and potash.



Bulk ship: vessel used to transport cargo that is poured directly into a hold of a ship.

Cargo: Goods/products/commodities moved through the Port.



Coal: The largest bulk export at Port Metro Vancouver. Coal is used for the production of steel and metal for automobiles and machinery.

Containers: Commodities that need protection are placed inside containers. Three common sizes of containers are 20ft, 40ft and 45ft.



Container ship: carries its load in containers used to protect goods such as clothes, electronics and toys.

Cranes: large machines used to move breakbulk cargo and containers on and off ships and around the terminal.

Cruise: at Port Metro Vancouver cruises take passengers on pleasure voyages to Alaska from April to October.



Cruise ship: unlike other ships that visit the Port, these ships carry passengers and take them on pleasure voyages.

Export: Sending cargo from Canada to other countries.

Grain: Used in everyday foods such as bread and muffins.

Import: Cargo arriving to Canada from other countries.

Port: A place where domestic and international trade occurs.

Potash: a sea salt from Saskatchewan used for the production of fertilizer and optical lenses, among other items.

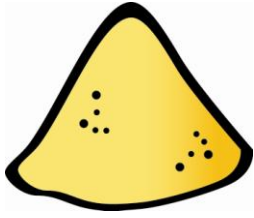
Reefer: term short for refrigerated container. Food products, plants and flowers are placed inside these containers to maintain freshness while being shipped from country to country.



Roro: vessel used to transport automobiles. A built in ramp on allows automobiles to be driven on and off the ship (roll on/roll off).



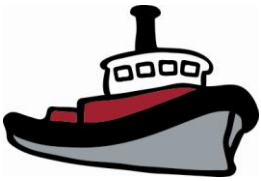
Salty: this friendly seagull is the Port's mascot! He's outgoing and enthusiastic and likes to give high fives and hugs!



Sulphur: A by-product of natural gas excavation. Sulphur has more than 500 different uses, including fertilizer, fireworks and soap.

Terminal: a place where ships dock to unload and load cargo. At the Port, most terminals have two or more berths.

Trade: the importing and exporting of cargo, or switching cargo from Canada with cargo from other countries.



Tugboat: small but powerful boats and one of the most helpful vessels at the Port! Help to guide ships into berth.

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