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Foreword

This document complies with the provisions of GB/T 1.1-2020 "Standardization Work Guidelines Part

1. Structure and Drafting Rules of Standardization Documents". Drafting. This document replaces GB/T 18041-2000 "Terminology for Civil Aviation Cargo Transportation". Compared with GB/T 18041-2000, the only differences are in the structural design. Aside from integration and editorial changes, the main technical changes are as follows:

a) Changes were made to "Air Cargo", "Public Air Transport Enterprise", "Airline", "Cargo Airlines", "Actual Carrier", and "Cargo Sales". "Agent", "Freight Ground Service Agent", "Cargo Aircraft", "Cargo Hold", "Cargo Hold Capacity", "Freight Flight", "International Cargo Transportation", "International Cargo Transportation" Terms and definitions for "internal transport", "freighter daily utilization rate", "cargo and mail transport turnover", "cargo and mail transport volume", and "cargo and mail throughput" (see [link]). 3.1.1~3.2.3, 3.2.5, 3.2.8, 3.2.9, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.2.6, 3.5.1, 3.5.4~3.6.1, 3.6.3~3.6.5, 2000 Versions 4.1.1, 2.1.1~2.1.3, 4.8.9.3, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.3.1, 7.2.1, 2.3.5, 2.6.6, 2.8.2, 2.8.3, 2.10.1, 2.10.3~2.10.5);

b) Added "Shipper's Agent", "Cargo Terminal Operator", "Large Freighter", "Medium Freighter", "Small Freighter", "Main Cargo Hold", and "Lower Cargo Hold" Terms and definitions for "forward unloading hold", "rear unloading hold", "bulk cargo hold", "specialized cargo airport", and "special proportion sharing agreement" (see [link to relevant documentation]). 3.2.10, 3.2.11, 3.3.1.1~3.3.1.3, 3.3.2.1~3.3.2.5, 3.4.1, 3.5.2);

c) The following terms have been removed. "freight forwarder," "IATA freight forwarder," "passenger aircraft," "wide-body aircraft," "fast-conversion aircraft," "airport," and "civilian." Airport, civilian-military joint-use airport, international airport, domestic airport, alternate airport, origin airport, agreed stopover airport, destination airport Airports, routes, international routes, domestic routes, trunk lines, feeder lines, inter-regional routes, intra-regional routes, route maps, and flight information. "Scheduled flights", "Unscheduled flights", "International flights", "Domestic flights", "Flight numbers", "Flight delays", "Onward flights", "Flights" "Number", "Flight Schedule", "International Air Transport", "Bilateral Agreements", "Five Types of Business Rights in International Air Transport", "Domestic Air Transport Business" Terms and definitions for "rights," "technology stopover," "domestic air transport," and "air express" (see sections 2.2.1, 2.2.4, and

2.3.2 of the 2000 edition). 2.3.4, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6.1~2.6.5, 2.6.7~2.6.11, 2.7, 2.9);

d) Changes were made to "valuables", "dangerous goods", "fresh and perishable goods", "bacteria (viruses)", "diplomatic pouches", "undeliverable goods", and "international shipping". Terms and definitions for "empty mail," "domestic airmail," "transit mail," "cargo sourcing," and "freight development planning" (see 4.1.2.4). Versions 4.1.2.5, 4.1.2.7,

4.1.2.11, 4.1.2.13, 4.1.5, 4.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.15, and versions

4.1.3.5 from the 2000 edition. 4.1.3.7, 4.1.3.10, 4.1.3.13, 4.1.6, 4.2.2~4.2.4, 3.3, 3.16);

e) The terms and definitions for "aquatic animals" and "oversized cargo" have been added (see 4.1.2.9, 4.1.2.12);

f) Removed "freight market share", "baggage as freight transport", "oversized cargo", "overweight cargo", "multimodal transport cargo", and "violations". Terms and definitions for "prohibited items" and "airmail" (see 3.12, 4.1.2.2, 4.1.3.11, 4.1.3.12,

4.1.4 in the 2000 edition). 4.1.9, 4.2.1);

g) Changes were made to "transport packaging", "inner packaging", "outer packaging", "multi-layer packaging", "anti-tipping packaging", "hanging packaging", "aquatic product packaging", and "dangerous goods packaging". "Dangerous Goods Packaging", "Packaging Materials", "Packaging Containers", "Packaging Standards", "Transport Markings", "Transport Marks", "Transport Labels", "Cargo Inspection Marks", "Records", "Operating Labels", "Hazard Labels", "Live Animal Transport Labels", "Fresh and Perishable Goods Labels", "Consignment Notes", "Air Waybill Numbers", "Code", "One shipment", "Cargo manifest", "Weighing", "Dangerous goods transport documents", "Dangerous goods acceptance and inspection form", "Live animal consignment", "Certificate of Ownership", "Live Animal Collection and Inspection Form", "Live Animal Hostel", "Cold Storage", "Storage Location", "Handover", "Assembly", "Loading", "Aircraft manifest", "Unloading manifest", "Air-land intermodal transport", "Maximum payload", "Available payload", "Loading", "Mail waybill", "Free storage period", "Door-to-door delivery", "Door-to-door transportation", "Missing cargo loading", "Missing cargo unloading", "Incorrect cargo unloading", "Under-collected cargo", "Over-collected cargo", "Goods without invoice", "Invoice without goods", "Invoice" Terms and definitions for "difference between goods and cargo," "natural attributes of goods," "natural wear and tear of goods," and "freight delivery status record" (see

5.1.1 to 5.1.3). 5.1.8, 5.2.1~5.2.4, 5.2.6~5.2.9, 5.3.2, 5.3.5.1, 5.3.6~5.3.8, 5.3.11~5.3.14, 5.4.1.3, 5.4.1.4 5.4.3, 5.4.5, 5.4.7, 5.5.4~5.5.6, 5.6.4, 5.6.6.1~5.6.6.3, 5.6.14, 5.7.1.2, 5.7.3, 5.8.1.6,

1 Scope

GB/T 18041-2025 is the Chinese national standard covering the vocabulary of air freight - the air waybill and the parties to it, the booking and the capacity, the handling, the special cargo from dangerous goods to live animals, and the terms of a claim for damage or delay. It replaces GB/T 18041-2000 after twenty-five years, under the Civil Aviation Administration, with the passenger vocabulary GB/T 18764-2026. It was issued on 31 December 2025 and has been in force since 1 July 2026, replacing GB/T 18041-2000. This page is published from the official record of the 2025 edition; the clause text of a standard this recent is not

yet in circulation, and the figures, limits and tables it contains are those of the document itself, delivered in full with the English translation.

This document defines the terminology related to cargo transportation in the civil aviation sector. This document applies to activities related to the production, management, research, and teaching of public air cargo transportation.

2 Normative references

This document has no normative references.

3.1 Goods

3.1.1 air cargo Items that have been or will be transported by civil aircraft, excluding mail or baggage.

Note. This includes baggage transported with an air waybill.

3.2 Market Entities

3.2.1 For profit, using civil aircraft as stipulated by the civil aviation authority under the State Council to transport passengers, baggage, mail, or cargo. Corporate legal person.

3.2.2 airline Enterprises engaged in scheduled or unscheduled air transport services.

3.2.3 Cargo Airline An airline that only operates cargo and mail transportation.

3.2.4 Contracting Carrier A carrier that enters into an air transport contract with a shipper or its agent.

3.2.5 actual carrier A carrier that performs all or part of the transport according to the transport contract.

3.2.6 shipper A person who enters into a contract with a carrier for the air transport of goods and whose name is signed on an air waybill or cargo transport record.

5.8.1.7 Versions

5.8.1.9 to 5.8.1.11,

5.8.1.13 to 5.8.1.18, and versions 4.3.1, 4.3.1.1, 4.3.1.2, and

4.3.1.8 of the 2000 edition. 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.8, 4.4, 4.5.4, 4.5.6.1, 4.5.7~4.5.9, 4.5.12~4.5.15, 4.6.1.4, 4.6.1.5, 4.6.3, 4.6.5, 4.6.7, 4.7.10~4.7.12, 4.8.8.3, 4.8.10.1~4.8.10.3, 4.8.19, 4.9.1.7, 4.9.5, 4.10.1.6, 4.10.1.7, 4.10.1.9~4.10.1.11, 4.10.1.13~4.10.1.16, 4.10.1.18, 4.10.1.19);

h) Added "Dangerous Goods Marking", "Temperature-Controlled Cargo Labeling", "Acceptance", "Air Freight Forwarding Order", "Special Cargo Captain's Notification", and