# B. Logistics definitions

## 1. Freight transport

Services to the transport units (containers, swap bodies, pallets, etc.) using different transport modes: Maritime transport: Ocean Freight and Short Sea Shipping services | Road Transport | Rail Transport | Air Transport.

New concepts and services have been developed in the field of freight transport, including:

#### Intermodal Transport.

"A characteristic of a transport system whereby at least two different modes are used in an integrated manner in order to complete a door-to-door transport sequence". The resultant global approach enables the available transport capacity to be used more rationally". (European Union).

### Combined transport.

"Combined transport is intermodal transport where the major part of the European journey is by rail, inland waterways or sea and any initial and/or final legs carried out by road are as short as possible" (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe).

#### Consolidation (or Groupage).

Consolidation (or Groupage) is the activity of combining several smaller shipments into a container or a large shipment to reduce freight rates.

#### **Express Transport.**

Express transport is a transport system for sending cargo in a short and guaranteed period.





