HOW A TRADE IS DELIVERED

Trafigura oversees the transportation of cargos connecting suppliers and producers with points of consumption worldwide. The Shipping and Chartering Desk at Trafigura arranges freight services, both for the company and for external clients. Its chartering specialists in our main trading offices hire vessels on a voyage charter or time charter basis to deliver on our physical commitments.

By selecting vessels that are less than 25 years old, we ensure that they are of the highest quality and meet our stringent safety standards. We also make sure that all our vessels are classified by the highest authorities, and undergo regular inspections to ensure they comply with all regulations.

We require every vessel we charter to have earned at least two approvals from oil majors following SIRE inspections within the previous six-month period. We also check that the vessel’s insurance is up-to-date and that the vessel is registered in a country with stringent safety regulations.

And we go further. We are one of very few trading companies to insist on double-hulled tankers across our operations. We also make sure that all our vessels are classified by the highest authorities, and undergo regular inspections to ensure they comply with all regulations.

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We regularly trade with oil majors and therefore ensure that we have a reliable partner whose expertise can help underpin our service offering to customers around the world. Our rigorous vetting procedure gives us confidence in their ability to meet our storage requirements. We assess operating licenses, and we also conduct ship-to-ship transfers in carefully controlled conditions.

From an operational perspective, our screening process is systematic and expertise maintained, and where relevant, independently audited by expert third parties.

MANAGING THE PHYSICAL DELIVERY OF A COMMODITY

SOURCING
Trafigura has direct relationships and off-take agreements with raw material producers, including oil and mining companies, refiners, smelters and other industrial entities.

STORAGE/BLENDING
We store petroleum products at Trafigura investment Puma Energy’s facilities and term-lease and spot-lease tankage around the globe. We store non-ferrous concentrates, refined metals and bulk commodities at Trafigura subsidiary Impala Terminals and third-party-owned facilities.

LOADING
We use our knowledge and technological resources to connect shippers, carriers, traders and markets. We load commodities in port from our worldwide network of terminals and bulk logistics facilities. We conduct ship-to-ship transfers in carefully controlled conditions.

CONTRACTS
Most deals are done on a Cost and Freight (CFR) or Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) basis. We use CFR sales, the seller takes on the cost of transferring the goods to a named destination port and unloading them onto the buyer’s vessel. With CIF sales the seller also insures the commodity and underwrites the cost of any unforeseen events during the voyage.

CHARTERING
We fix vessels on time charter, for anything from 30 days to five years. We also insures the commodity and underwrites the cost of any unforeseen events during the voyage.

UNLOADING
On receipt of a delivery, storage facilities conduct product analysis and quality checks. Additional blending procedures may also be applied to the raw material prior to dispatch to meet the buyer’s specifications.

LOGISTICS
Trafigura meets the needs of a diverse range of customers worldwide. Through the use of railcars, trucks, barges, pipelines and the chartering of tankers and dry-bulk carriers we ensure the safe, secure and prompt delivery of products, regardless of geographic location.

VESSSEL SCREENING
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STORAGE SCREENING
Safe and efficient storage of commodities is as important as timely delivery. We only work with reliable partners whose expertise can help underpin our service offering to customers around the world. Our rigorous vetting procedure gives us confidence in their ability to meet our storage requirements. We assess operating licenses, and we also conduct ship-to-ship transfers in carefully controlled conditions.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
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