



## Types of cargo

Many items like toys, electronic goods, clothes, cars, furniture and food all come to Melbourne from other countries by travelling on ships. These items and any others that are shipped are called **cargo**. Cargo comes in all shapes and sizes. Different types of cargo are given different names which are explained below.

### Container:

Many items that are shipped are stored in a container. A container is a steel box used to carry goods. This can be a standard container, usually either 6 m or 12 m in length (20 ft or 40 ft), a refrigerated container, a collapsible container, or an open top container type. Items like electronic goods, fruit and clothes all get shipped in containers.



### Breakbulk:

Breakbulk cargo is any cargo that is loose and can be lifted individually onto a ship or driven on or off. This includes items like steel, car parts and farm machinery.



### Dry bulk:

Dry bulk cargoes are large amounts of loose solid cargo that gets poured directly into the storage sections of a ship. Dry bulk cargoes include cement and grains such as wheat.



### Liquid bulk:

Liquid bulk cargoes are large amounts of liquids that are carried in specially built vessels, such as tankers. Examples include liquid chemicals, petroleum products and crude oil.

