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Common abbreviations used in business

& Co. @ a/c	and Company at (a price of) account	lb or lbs Ltd m.	pounds (weight) Limited meters (US) / metres (GB)
admin. approx. ASAP or asap attn b/f c.c.	administration approximately as soon as possible for the attention of brought forward cubic centimetres	MD misc. N/A No. (US #)	or miles managing director miscellaneous not applicable number ounces
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