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(57) Abstract: An apparatus for rapidly loading and unloading cargo containers from a ship and transporting them to a storage or ground transport area comprising: a grid formed over the ship and the ground transport area. A box structured container handling element forming a shell and having a slit. At least one bogie mounted on wheels. A container lifting mechanism attachable to said bogie. A traverser connected to the grid for suspending said container handling element. A control means remotely located from the element for controlling the movement of the which and the movement of the traverser on the grid. The system in accordance with this invention envisages a transportation system where containerized cargo can be loaded and unloaded from a transport vehicle such as a ship, train and the like. The system also envisages a port wherein a traverser is used to load and unload cargo at sea.

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