

# UNDERSTANDING THE KEY ELEMENTS OF SHIPPING

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# Understanding the key Elements of the Shipping Process

## Shipping ..

- Transporting of goods and passengers by water.
- Backbone of global trade.
- Responsible for transport of majority of raw materials, components, and finished products that drive the economy





## 2024 - Maritime industry

- Maritime industry is clearly on track to improve by 2024.
- From the rising tide of automation to the greening of fleets.
- innovation is the theme of the year.

• Despite concerns like potential cyber threats and shifting trade patterns, the industry has the potential for significant growth and transformation.



## Global shipping disruptions

- Red sea Shipping Crisis. First two months of 2024 Suez Canal trade dropped by 50 % from year earlier. Shipping lines continue to route their vessels around the Cape of Good Hope.
- Severe drought at the Panama canal delays impacting shipments to both the US West Coast and the West Coast of Latin America. Trade dropped by 32 %
- Black Sea disruption due to war in Ukraine .altered traditional Oil & Grain routes.
- Collapse of the Baltimore Bridge. (The Francis Scott Key Bridge) regretful incident has halted the Port of Baltimore's vessel traffic.
- These disruptions has caused delays, increased costs, and disrupted supply chains, affecting major shipping canals and global trade routes.

## Sale & Carriage relationship



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BUYER

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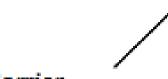
and / or receiver of



(Also called Shipper or Consignor - may employ Forwarding Agent or Freight forwarder to Make contract with Carrier).

> Makes a contract of carriage

No express





Carrier contracts with the Shipper and issues Bill of Lading.





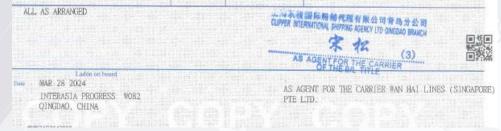
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- Evidence of the terms of the contract of affreightment but not the actual contract.

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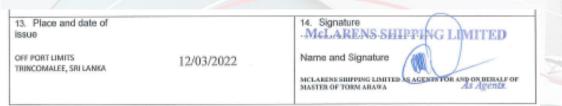
A Quasi – negotiable instrument .

## Signing of bs/l

**Liner Bs/L** - indicate the name of the carrier and be signed by the carrier or a named agent for or on behalf of the carrier.



**Tramp Bs/I** – Indicate the name of the carrier & be signed by the master or the named agent on behalf of the master.







### Carriers' limitation of liability.

- Hague Rules
- Limitation of liability STG 100 per package or unit
- Time Bar 01 year
- Hague Visby Rules
- Limitation of liability 666.67 SDR per package or 2 SDR per killo which ever gives a higher revenue
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- Hamburg Rules
- Limitation of liability 835 SDR per package or 2.5 SDR per killo which ever gives a higher revenue

WHAT IS CARRIER LIMIT

OF LIABILITY FOR .

INTERNATIONAL

SHIPPING?

- Time Bar 02 years
- Rotterdam Rules.
- Limitation of liability 875 SDR per package or 3 SDR per killo which ever gives a higher revenue.
- Time Bar 02 years.

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## Types of bs/I

- Straight bs/l
- "To Order " bs/l
- Negotiable bs/l (To order of issuing bank)
- Surrendered Bs/l
- Seaway bs/l



## Straight bs/l or Non-Negotiable Bill of Lading

A B/L consigned to a named consignee &

NOT

"to Order"

Consignee pays in advance to the shipper for the goods

#### Sign

MABROC TEAS (PVT) LTD NO: 57/3, NEW HUNUPITIYA RCAD KIRIBATHGODA, SRI LANKA. TEL: +94117878000+

#### Consignation

CHINA NATIONAL GEOLOGICALEMINING CORPORATION HO.26 BLOCK 3 OF ANIHEMXILI, CHAOYANG DISTRICT, BELJING, CHINA POSTAL CODE: 100029\*\*

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## To order bs/I

- When the goods are shipped before the payment is made.
- Shipper blank endorses the b/l.
- "To Order of the shipper" or To
   "Order of a bank"

#### Shipper

JIANGSU REBORN BCO-TECH CO.,LTD SHENGHONG ADVANCED MATERIAL INDUSTRIAL AREA, SOUTHERN YIYANG AVE EASTERN G343, SIYANG EUZ, SUOJAN, CHINA\*

Consignee.

TO THE ORDER

Notify party (carrier not to be responsible for failure to notify)

TRISCHEL FABRIC (PVT) LTD
MAS FABRIC PARK, KURUNEGALA BOAD,
THULHIRIYA, SRI LANKA.
TEL:94772538187



# Negotiable bill of lading ("to order of issuing Bank")

- A Negotiable Bill of Lading is considered a document of title that can be used to transfer ownership of commodities from one party to the next.
- The original consignee transfers title of the goods to another party by signing, or 'indorsing' the back of the bill.

#### thipper

COTARA TRADING (PVT) LTD INDUSTRIAL SONE, SIRIGAMPOLA, LUNUWILA, SRI LANKA

#### Consignee

BANK AL MABIB LIMITED, , KARACHI, PAKISTAN

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# Surrendered bill of lading.

Importer makes the payment.

Shipper/exporter surrenders ownership rights to the importer.

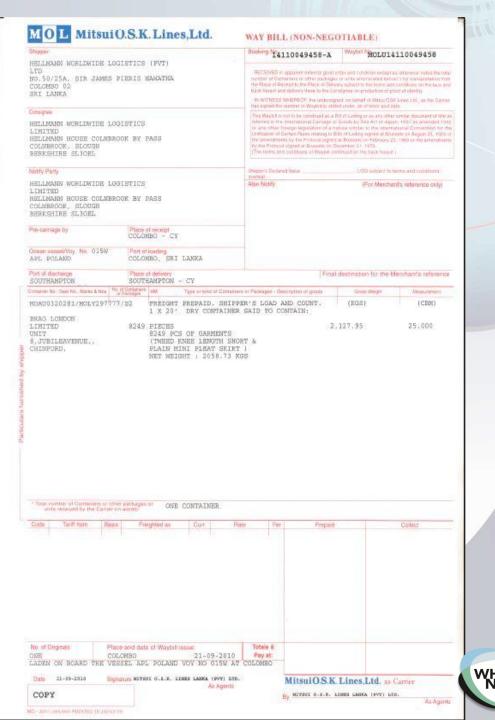
Surrender of all originals is a must.

Difference between surrender b/I & Telex release.



## Seaway bs/l

• is a document issued to a specific consignee by name and address (and not consigned "To Order")



## Value of the cargo in the bill of lading

"Help, carrier refuses to show commercial information relating to the cargo on the bill of lading"!!!!!!

- Becomes an "AD VALOREM" bill of lading.
- Greater liability for the carrier.
- Bill of lading limitations cannot be applied event of a claim.
- Need to arrange for an additional insurance cover
- Shipper to bear the cost.



## Switch bs/l – Is it fraudulent ??

- switching" bills of lading means issuing a second set of bills of lading, showing different shipper and/or consignee details
- Often used in "Triangle Trade".
- requested by a trader, who does not wish his ultimate buyer (consignee) to know the identity of the initial seller (shipper).

#### **SWITCH BILL OF LADING**







#### Switch Bill of Lading



(Becomes Seller)



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#### Clean and Claused Bs/I

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Port of loading COLOMBO\_SRI LANKA

Port of discharge SHANGHAI / CHINA

Shipper's description of goods

Gross weight

#### 31 PKGS BULK CARGO

SCALE CRAWLER CRANE ENGINE: 73079035 CH NO: 10CC02000265

CARGO RE-EXPORTED AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT

Remarks: \* MACCCKE 06 cargo condition / A dent 150 mm at a corner bar of a boom section before loading. (ship not responsible for above mention)

- \*All cargo have been used.
- \* All cargo with partly scratched and chafed before loading.
- \*All cargo with partly rusty stain before loading.

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## Cargo release

- agent is instructed to deliver cargo without the original bill of lading.
- Great care is needed.
- breach of the bill of lading contract
- the legal holder of the bill of lading can sue the ship owner, the carrier or the party who has wrongfully delivered the cargo.

(The legal holder of the bill of lading could be the shipper, the receiver, a bank or another party to whom the bill of lading has been negotiated.)



## Cargo release...

Traditional wordings are on the following lines:

"In witness whereof the number of Bills of Lading stated above all of this tenor and date, have been signed, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void."

The goods SHIPPED ON BOARD in apparent good order and condition and, as far as ascertained by reasonable means of checking, as specified above unless otherwise stated.

The Carrier, in accordance with the provision contained in the document,

 undertakes to perform or to procure the performance of the entire transport from the place at which the goods are taken in charge to the place designated for delivery in this document for such transport.

b) assumes liability as prescribed in this document for such tranport.

One of the Bills of Lading must be surrendered duly endorsed in exchange for the goods or delivery order.

IN WITNESS whereof THREE (3) original Bills of Lading have been signed, if not otherwise stated above, one of which being accomplished the other(s) to be void.

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as agents for the carrier



<sup>\*</sup>Applicable only when used as a Combined Transport Bill of Lading.

## Shipping Guarantee is the rescuer ......

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Arrival of cargo prior to the shipping documents.

Avoiding payment of Demurrage

Counter Guarantee by the respective bank - 300% CIF value

Cancellation & retention

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# BILL OF LADING PROBLEMS, ISSUES AND COMPLEXITIES YOU WANT TO AVOID



#### Caution !!!!! when accepting LOIs

- Back dating /post dating bills of Lading
- Issuing clean bs/l i/o claused bs/l
- Switching of bs/l. changing load port, description.
- To conceal the fact that the cargo was commingled with another parcel after shipment



 LOIs are not likely to be enforceable if not issued for commercial reasons but for the purpose of deceiving an innocent 3<sup>rd</sup> party. ......



# Forged Bills of Lading with the intention of stealing the cargo

#### Precautionary measures:

- proper safe keeping of sets of original bills of lading by the local shipping agents, to avoid being held liable.
- Conducting proper checks against documents presented to ensure their genuine nature.
- a phone call can help to clear up many issues and concerns.
- If, however, serious concerns persist (such as clear errors or inconsistencies on documents) then calling a "halt" to operations will be a prudent step to take.



#### **Security controls - Bills of Lading**

Bar code/QR code.







#### Water Marks





Infra red scanners



Bar code scanners

WHAT'S NEXT?

#### Fake Cargo Sale - Incorrect cargo











#### Misdeclaration of Container weight

- (SOLAS)that will require verification of container weights as a condition for loading packed export containers aboard ships.
- Verified Gross Mass certification





#### Cyber scams

• Information phishing - cunning plans by fraudsters

@Gmail.com email address.

makersangani@gmail.com

maker.sangani@gmail.com

#### HOW TO SPOT A PHISHING EMAIL:

- Check the From email address.
- ✓ <u>Hover</u> over links before you click.
- ✓ Watch for poor spelling and grammar.
- Beware of <u>false</u> scholarships and job offers.
- Beware of urgent or threatening language.









## **General Average**



 Baltimore bridge collapse - Grace Ocean the Singapore based owners of the Maersk chartered Dali, which ran into Baltimore's Francis Key bridge, killing six workers and demolishing the crossing, declared General Average.

# General Average principle

The main principle is that the adventure must have been saved.

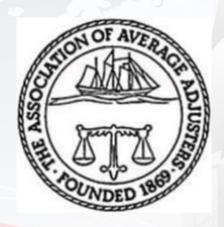
Where the ship and the cargo have been destroyed altogether, no question of General Average arises.





## General Average

Appointment of an Average adjuster.



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#### GENERAL AVERAGE GUARANTEE

(for signature by insurance companies)

MV "Amsterdam Bridge" from Nhava Sheva to Asian Ports Accident: Fire on board - 9.9.2012 Ref.ID: 8100901

B/L No.	Description of Goods	Sum insured
272598666	61.5MT PARAFFIN WAX	

In consideration of the delivery of the above mentioned cargo to the consignees against signature of general average bond without payment of a deposit, we, the undersigned underwriters, hereby guarantee to the shipowners the payment of any contribution to general average and/or salvage and/or special charges which may hereafter be ascertained by Messrs. Groninger Welke Janssen to be properly due in respect of the said cargo. We further agree to make a prompt payment on account of disbursements to the hipowners if required and certified by the average adjuster

We further agree that any period of prescription, whether provided by applicable law, contract or otherwise, shall commence to rur from the date upon which the general average adjustment is issued.

This agreement shall be governed by English Law and the High Court of Justice in London shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute arising out of this agreement, and each party shall irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of the English Court

Full address: People\'s Insurance Limited, No 53, Dharmapala Mawatha., 094 Colombo 03, Sri lanka

Signature of Cargo Underwriters Please return this paper duly signed and dated to the average adjusters

#### **Insured Cargo**

Average Guarantee to be completed; signed by the cargo insurers + copy of the cargo invoice + sea freight charges.

#### Average Bond



#### GRONINGER - WELKE - JANSSEN

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#### AVERAGE BOND

MV "Amsterdam Bridge" from Nhava Sheva to Asian Ports Accident: Fire on board - 9.9.2012 Ref.ID: 8100901

Consignee: H D HEMAMALINI DEWASIE

INDUSTRIES	
B/L No.	Description of Goods
272598666	61.5MT PARAFFIN WAX

on of the delivery to consignees, on payment of the freight due, of the goods noted above we agree to pay the prope proportion of any salvage and/or general average and/or special charges which may hereafter be ascertained to be due from the oods or the shippers or owners thereof under an adjustment prepared by Messrs. Groninger Welke Janssen in accordance with the York-Antwerp Rules 1994, the provisions of the contract of affreightment governing the carriage of the goods or, failing any such rovision, in accordance with the law and practice of the place where the common maritime adventure ended and which is payable in respect of the goods by the shippers or owners thereof

(i) to furnish particulars of the goods | value, supported by a copy of the commercial invoice rendered to us or if there is no such twoice, details of the shipped value;

(ii) to make a payment on account of such sum as is duly certified by the average adjusters to be due from the goods and which is payable in respect of the goods by the shippers or owners thereof.

(iii) that any period of prescription, whether provided by applicable law, contract or otherwise, shall commence to run from the date upon which the general average adjustment is issued.

(iv) that this agreement shall be governed by English Law and the High Court of Justice in London shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute arising out of this agreement, and each party shall irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of the English Court.

Signature and full ctyle address H D HEMAMALINI DEWASIE INDUSTRIES 432.ERIYAWETTYA 0001 KELANIYA

e-mail: importdocs@mclarens.lk

Please return this paper duly signed and dated to the average adjusters!

#### **Uninsured Cargo**

Average bond completed and signed by the cargo owner + Cargo Invoice + Sea freight charges & a cash deposit

