

IMPORTANCE OF INSURING YOUR CARGO

It is surprising that many shippers and importers believe that in the event that their goods are lost or damaged they can recover this cost from ocean carriers or other contractors in the transport chain. Consequently, they do not carry adequate marine insurance.

In the case of loss or damage to cargo failure to insure cargo can ultimately result in significant costs. Shipping lines, Airlines, Freight Forwarders, Terminal Operators and Road Transport Operators all contract under limited liability. In the case of a claim, having marine cargo insurance can protect you from a substantial loss.



GENERAL AVERAGE

If a ship declares a general average all cargo on board is subject to a lien of the ship and all parties must contribute to the losses incurred. Cargo will not be released until the contribution is made or a guarantee given. The amount of contribution is usually a percentage of the commercial invoice value of the goods on board which is set by a General Average Adjuster. The implications are such that insurance against the risk of General Average is vital.

BANKRUPTCY OF CARRIERS

The bankruptcy, or other financial failure of shipping lines or other carriers can involve the merchant in unforeseen expenses of substantial proportions, depending upon the quantity of cargo on board vessels which suffer arrest. Goods enroute have to be unloaded from the arrested vessel and then stored pending on carriage by another vessel to ultimate destination. These are all additional costs that the merchant has to bear if he does not have adequate insurance in place.

EXPERT ADVICE

Cargo insurance whether it be for a single shipment or an annual cover for all shipments can be obtained at very competitive prices.

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