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Carriage of Goods by Sea

The transportation of goods, by whatever mode, must be done in a safe and efficient manner if the parties to the transaction are to be satisfied and trade relations, sustained. Therefore, it is paramount to have in place binding agreement between parties to any contract for the transportation of goods as well as laws which create, unify and if necessary, regulate the transactions by setting minimum or further obligations, liabilities and rights for the parties.

This essay is concerned with contracts of carriage of goods by sea, and consequently, excludes discussions on carriage by other modes of transportation. The scope of this essay is however, further limited to contracts of carriage evidenced or covered by a bill of lading. This impliedly excludes discussions on contracts for which the basic contractual document is a charterparty. In other words, this essay will critically discuss the contracts of carriage of goods by sea which are covered by a bill of lading by making reference to governing international instruments such as the Hague-Visby Rules.

The court decided that the bill of lading is not itself the contract of carriage between the shipper and the carrier although it is an excellent evidence of it. The bill is however, a contract of carriage when transferred to a third party endorsee or consignee. From evolution, 18 through its development to the modern day usages, the above functions as well as terms evidenced in a bill of lading, have not only pointed out the importance of the document in international trade but also indicated how central it is in determining the rights and liabilities of the parties to contracts of carriage. In the UK, even in the face of the apparent inequality in the bargaining powers of the parties to carriage contracts, the courts, on the authority of the principles of freedom of contract laissez faire prevalent at that time, interpreted such clauses in favour of carriers and exempted them from liability for loss or damage arising from perils of the sea, deviation, unseaworthiness of the ship and even negligence.

In the United States however, there was as early as , the Harter Act which under s. Today, nearly every contract of carriage covered by a bill of lading is governed by an international convention. It is paramount to note that, in recent times, advancement in technology has strongly influenced dematerialization of transport documents. Although, not effectively achieved, efforts are continually being made 26 to shift from the traditional paper bills of lading to electronic bills of lading eBL.

The eBL must however, reflect the above stated functions of a paper bill of lading. In this essay, the Hague-Visby Rules hereafter the Rules will be the primary convention to which reference will be made. Other international instruments such as the Hague, Hamburg and Rotterdam Rules will be referred to, though less. It is important to start by understanding that the Rules are not applicable to every contract of carriage and therefore, apply only to those covered by a bill of lading or any similar document of title issued in relation to goods carried by sea. Inc v Mediterranean Shipping Co. SA The Rafaela S , 37 the claimant who was a named consignee under a straight bill of lading, which indicated that the bill was non-negotiable, sought the application of the Rules to a contract of carriage in respect of which goods carried from Durban, South Africa got damaged between Felixstowe, England and Boston, USA.

The Court held that the Rules were applicable, and in so holding, stated that the document was a document of title because it expressly provided that it had to be presented to obtain delivery of the goods. The Rules further provide that, the Rules will apply to any similar document regulating the relationship between a carrier and the holder even if it is issued pursuant to a charterparty. This provision seems uncertain as to when the carrier may be held liable for cargo damages occurring for example, before the cargo crosses the ship's trail. This uncertainty was laid to rest by Devin J. Certain cargoes e. Jato is a Barrister and Solicitor with B. Defence Chambers Abuja. He has an LL. B Bayero University , LL. See also

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Where under the customs of any trade the weight of any bulk cargo inserted in the bill of lading is a weight ascertained or accepted by a third party other than the carrier or the shipper, and the fact that the weight is so ascertained or accepted is stated in the bill of lading, then, notwithstanding anything in this Act, the bill of lading shall not be deemed to be prima facie evidence against the carrier of the receipt of goods of the weight so inserted in the bill of lading, and the accuracy thereof at the time of shipment shall not be deemed to have been guaranteed by the shipper. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as superseding any part of the Act entitled 'An Act relating to navigation of vessels, bills of lading, and to certain obligations, duties, and rights in connection with the carriage of property', approved February 13, [now this chapter], or of any other law which would be applicable in the absence of this Act, insofar as they relate to the duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of the ship or carrier prior to the time when the goods are loaded on or after the time they are discharged from the ship.

This Act shall apply to all contracts for carriage of goods by sea to or from ports of the United States in foreign trade. As used in this Act the term 'United States' includes its districts, territories, and possessions: Provided, however, That the Philippine Legislature may by law exclude its application to transportation to or from ports of the Philippine Islands. The term 'foreign trade' means the transportation of goods between the ports of the United States and ports of foreign countries.

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The definition avoids the need to repeat in various sections of this chapter the list of persons to whom the requirements and restrictions of this chapter apply, and it ensures that the list of persons is consistent in the chapter. Act Apr. Subject to the provisions of section 6, under every contract of carriage of goods by sea, the carrier in relation to the loading, handling, stowage, carriage, custody, care, and discharge of such goods, shall be subject to the responsibilities and liabilities and entitled to the rights and immunities hereinafter set forth. The right of the carrier to such indemnity shall in no way limit his responsibility and liability under the contract of carriage to any person other than the shipper.

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Nearly 50 years later, the Hague-Visby "update" made few changes, so that the newer Rules still applied only to "tackle to tackle" carriage i. The Hague-Visby Rules both excluded cabotage carriage, and declared that deck cargo and live animals were not to be considered as "goods" although the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act provided that cabotage, deck cargo and live animals are to be covered in English contracts. The enormous list of exemptions to liability in Article IV made the Rules seem biased in favour of the carrier. As a result, The United Nations produced its own Hamburg Rules which were both more modern and fairer to cargo-owners; but while these have been enthusiastically adopted by developing nations, the wealthier ship-owning nations have stuck to Hague-Visby.

Although the Rotterdam Rules are up-to-date and address multimodal carriage, they have, nine years later, yet to be in force. It now seems doubtful that the Rotterdam Rules will ever be adopted, but there is a slim possibility that a cut-down version of the Rules "Rotterdam Lite" might find favour. China has effectively adopted the Hague Rules. The USA, which tends to shun conventions and instead rely on homespun legislation, has its own statutes. These comprise the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act a mildly updated version of the Hague Rules for goods in foreign commerce , and the Harter Act for mostly domestic carriage. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. This article is about private shipping law.

For the law of maritime states, see Law of the sea. Main article: freight claim. Hague-Visby Rules Art.

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The charter of a ship is the hire of the ship for the use of the charterer. The three main types of charters are:. The charterer is obliged to supply whatever is needed for the operations of the vessel including the crew. The time charter deploys the vessel for the exclusive use of the charterer for a fixed period of time. The master is obliged to sail the vessel under the instructions of the charterer within the confines of the agreed geographical parameters. The charterer is obliged to indemnify the master and owner for the consequences of obeying the instructions of the charterer. The time charter is most suitable for cases where the use of the vessel is definite for the contemplated period. Petronas charter of MISC vessels. Under a voyage charter, the vessel is chartered for specified voyages. The voyages can run consecutively for back to back deployment of the vessel.

The voyage charter is the most common form of charter. As such the voyage charter will often have fixed laytime and demurrage provisions to provide a financial incentive to the charterer to complete loading and discharging as soon as possible. Demurrage disputes are the most common form of disputes in voyage charters. Further the vessel owner will often shift the risks of delay under the charter provisions to the charterer. Parties can negotiate directly especially if previously dealt with each other. Often the vessels are sourced by shipbrokers and the shipbrokers act as intermediary the negotiations and finalisation of the charterparty terms. Often the charter terms refer to the standard or industry forms. Even if the forms are commonly used, it is important to do the following:. Apart from the contractual relationship and the express and implied contractual duties, there are also obligations and responsibilities imposed by law eg.

Duties under bailment, lien, maritime law eg general average, salvage. A bailment, traditionally defined, is a delivery of personal chattels on trust, usually on a contract, express or implied, that the trust shall be duly executed, and the chattels redelivered in either their original or an altered form, as soon as the time or use for, or condition on, which they were bailed shall have elapsed or been performed.

Under modern law, a bailment arises whenever one person the bailee is voluntarily in possession of goods belonging to another person the bailor. The legal relationship of bailor and bailee can exist independently of any contract, and is created by the voluntary taking into custody of goods which are the property of another, as in cases of sub-bailment or of bailment by finding. The element common to all types of bailment is the imposition of an obligation, because the taking of possession in the circumstances involves an assumption of responsibility for the safe keeping of the goods. An action against a bailee can be regarded as an action on its own, sui generis, arising out of the possession had by the bailee of the goods.

In the Privy Council case of *The KH Enterprise v Pioneer Container* [5], the Privy Council held that on receipt of the goods on board the vessel the carrier becomes bailee of them, owing a duty of care to the owners of the goods[6]. The Court was of the opinion that a sub-bailee voluntarily takes possession of the goods of another if he has sufficient notice that a person other than the bailee is interested in the goods and therefore the sub-bailee assumes responsibility as a bailee to that other person[7]. When loss or damage to cargo occurs in the context of carriage of goods by sea, the cargo owner has may have three choices as to the legal basis for a claim. He can either start a claim based on his contract of carriage with the carrier, he can claim in tort or he can claim in bailment. Once a person has taken charge of goods as a bailee for reward, it is his duty to take reasonable care to keep them safe: and he cannot escape that duty by delegating it to his servant.

If the goods are lost or damaged, whilst they are in his possession, he is liable unless he can show—and the burden is on him to show—that the loss or damage occurred without any neglect or default or misconduct of himself or of any of the servants to whom he delegated his duty. Philip Teoh has been in legal practice in Singapore and Malaysia for the past 31 years handling both contentious and non-contentious areas. Print Digital Newsletter Renew. Subscribe Now. B Bayero University , LL. See also art 1 a of the Hague-Visby Rules on who is a carrier for the purpose of a contract of carriage to which the Rules are applicable. Bennett, The History and Present Position of the Bill of Lading as a Document of Title to

Goods , Cambridge University Press, at pages 1 — 15, for the historical evolution and construction of the bill of lading in international trade.

See also Jason Chuah, note 5, at page See also Indira Carr and Peter Stane, note 2, at page See art 8 of the Rules. See also Jason Chuah, note 5, at page Note, while the Rules do not contemplate carriage by sea and other modes multi-modal transport as falling within a contract of carriage by sea, the Hamburg and the Rotterdam Rules admit this situation. See also Francesco Berlingieri, note 38, at page 5. N J Ngutor Jato Author. Add to cart. The extent of application of the Rules to contracts of carriage It is important to start by understanding that the Rules are not applicable to every contract of carriage and therefore, apply only to those covered by a bill of lading or any similar document of title issued in relation to goods carried by sea. Wilson, note 6, at page 3 10 See John F. Sign in to write a comment. Read the ebook. Organische und bezahlte Public Affairs of International Seabe The role of good faith in internation Effectiveness of Internal Control Sys The International Criminal Court as a The Incorporation of a World English Liability Regimes in International Ai Plato's Kallipolis.

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