



A Review of the Revisions to the Institute Cargo Clauses (A)

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Changes

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Insufficiency of Packing or Preparation



The background image shows the interior of a shipping container. The walls are lined with plywood. The ceiling has yellow and black diagonal hazard stripes. There are several cardboard boxes stacked in the center. The number '3-1092' is visible on the top right corner of the container's interior. The text is overlaid on this image.

“In no case shall this Insurance cover

loss damage or expense caused by insufficiency or unsuitability of packing or preparation of the subject-matter insured to withstand the ordinary incidents of the insured transit where such packing or preparation is carried out by the Assured or their employees or prior to the attachment of this insurance (for the purpose of these Clauses 4.3 “packing” shall be deemed to include stowage in a container and employees shall not include independent contractors)”



Exclusion is now limited to where

- 1, The Assured or their employees are themselves responsible for the poor packing or preparation, at whatever time it is carried out, or
- 2, the packing or preparation is carried out prior to the attachment of the risk

Terrorism

“In no case shall this Insurance cover loss damage or expense

7.3 Caused by an act of any person acting on behalf of, or in connection with, any organisation which carries out activities directed towards the overthrowing or influencing, by force or violence, of any government whether or not legally constituted

7.4 caused by any person acting from a political, ideological, or religious motive.”



Transit Clause - Attachment

“8.1 Subject to clause 11 below, this insurance attaches from the time the subject-matter insured is first moved in the warehouse or at the place of storage (named in the contract of insurance) for the purpose of the immediate loading into or onto the carrying vehicle or other conveyance for the commencement of the transit”



- This is now covered !!!!

Transit Clause - Termination

“8.1.1 on completion of unloading from the carrying vehicle or other conveyance in or at the final warehouse or place of storage at the destination named in the contract of insurance.

8.1.2 on completion of unloading from the carrying vehicle or other conveyance in or at any other warehouse or place of storage, whether prior to or at the destination named in the contract of insurance, which the assured or their employees elect to use either for storage other than in the ordinary course of transit or for allocation or distribution”

Termination continued

“8.1.3 when the Assured or their employees elect to use any carrying vehicle or other conveyance or any container for storage other than in the ordinary course of transit.

8.1.4 on the expiry of 60 days after completion of discharge
overside of the subject-matter hereby insured from the
oversea vessel at the final port of discharge, whichever
shall first occur.”



Change of Voyage

“Where the destination is specified in the policy, and the ship, instead of sailing for that destination, sails for any other destination, the risk does not attach.”

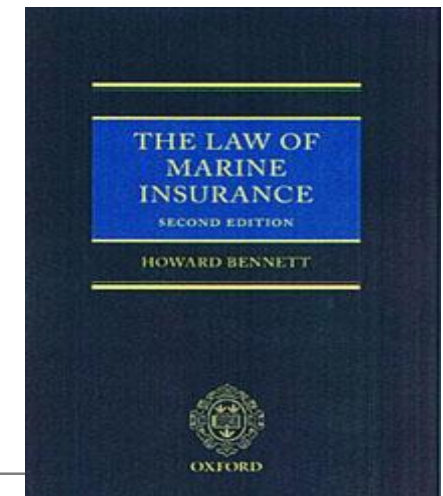
Marine Insurance Act 1906 Section 44

"Prestrioka" Intended Voyage



But where did she go?

“There appears to be no intrinsic merit in the decision in the “Prestrioka”. The insured cargo embarked upon the contemplated journey, albeit not technically upon the insured adventure. It was lost by the peril of theft. Had it been stolen in any other way, even by being driven away in a “phantom lorry” at the port of destination the insurers would be liable. Instead, they escaped liability in what must have been considered a technicality. The only solution appears to be a clause drafted specifically to disapply section 44 and make it clear that insurers accept liability for thefts involving phantom vessels”



1. Insurable Interest
 2. “Subject-Matter Insured” substituted for “Goods”
 3. The “Contract of Insurance”
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Feedback from Consultation

- Helpful and constructive response
- Comments posted by
- London Market Brokers' Committee
- Market bodies in
- Belgium, Italy, Norway, Japan, New Zealand & Australia

Closing Remarks

Reference Book of Marine Insurance Clauses 76th Edition

- Amendments will be carried through to
Including IUA policies and schedules
- Institute Cargo Clauses 'B'
- Institute Cargo Clauses 'C'
- Institute War Clauses (Cargo)

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- Institute Strikes Clauses (Cargo)



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