



WAR RISKS IN SHIPPING: Charterparty Clauses & Insurance Challenges

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Seminar Overview

The Middle East conflict escalation has triggered one of the most significant disruptions to global shipping in recent years. Shipping is facing immediate operational, legal and contractual challenges in an increasingly volatile environment. This seminar provides participants with practical guidance on managing war-related shipping risks, contractual performance issues, insurance implications, and dispute management during geopolitical crises. Through real-world case studies, participants will gain the tools required to assess exposure, mitigate risks, and make informed operational and commercial decisions.

Seminar Content:

- 1. Overview of the commercial and operational impact of the current geopolitical disruptions on shipping**
- 2. War Risks Insurance**
 - Structure of war risks insurance
 - Additional premiums and changing market conditions
 - Coverage limitations, exclusions, and claims considerations
 - Hull & machinery and P&I implications
- 3. Charterparty Implications**
 - Charterparty risk allocation during conflict situations
 - Voyage Charterparty considerations (cancellation rights - deviation issues - Laytime/demurrage implications)
 - Time Charterparty considerations (off-hire issues - employment orders - refusal of unsafe orders)
 - Key war clauses and their operation
- 4. Safe Port / Safe Berth Issues**
 - Legal principles of port safety & Risk assessment in conflict zones
 - When does a port become unsafe?
 - Owners' and charterers' obligations and liabilities

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5. Force Majeure, Frustration & Contractual Performance

- Application of force majeure clauses
- Frustration under English law
- Delay, impossibility and commercial impracticability
- Notice requirements and procedural obligations

6. Alternative Contractual Tools & Risk Mitigation

- Contractual amendments and protective clauses
- Renegotiation strategies
- Operational contingency planning
- Risk allocation mechanisms for future fixtures

7. Dispute Resolution & Claims Management

- Common disputes arising from war disruptions
- Arbitration and jurisdiction issues
- Evidence preservation and documentation
- Claims handling best practices

8. Practical Guidance Workshop

- Live case scenarios from current disruptions
- Decision-making frameworks for operators and legal teams
- Best practices for contractual performance challenges

Addressed To: Shipowners and ship managers, Chartering managers and operators, Maritime lawyers and legal advisers, Marine insurance professionals, Claims handlers, P&I and H&M specialists, Risk and compliance professionals, Shipping finance and contract professionals

Details:

Dates: June 2026

Hours: 19:30 - 21:30 (GMT +3)

Duration: 3 online sessions

Online learning: Engage in a comprehensive seminar comprised of 3 fully tutored online sessions. Upon completing your registration, you will promptly receive an email containing all essential details and links to the webinars. No specialized equipment is necessary, aside from a camera and microphone.

Fees: 350 EUR (Including tuition fees and reading materials)

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