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SCAC Code: MSCU

**SEA WAYBILL No.**  
**NON-NEGOTIABLE COPY**

"Port-to-Port" or "Combined Transport" (see Clause 1)

NO. & SEQUENCE OF SEA WAYBILLS

NO. OF RIDER PAGES

SHIPPER:

CARRIER'S AGENTS ENDORSEMENTS: (Include Agent(s) at POD)

CONSIGNEE: This B/L is not negotiable unless marked "To Order" or "To Order of..." here.

NOTIFY PARTIES: (No responsibility shall attach to the Carrier or to his Agent for failure to notify - see Clause 20)

VESSEL & VOYAGE NO. (see Clauses 8 & 9)

PORT OF LOADING

PLACE OF RECEIPT: (Combined Transport ONLY - see Clauses 1 & 5.2)

BOOKING REF. (or) SHIPPER'S REF.

PORT OF DISCHARGE

PLACE OF DELIVERY: (Combined Transport ONLY - see Clauses 1 & 5.2)

**PARTICULARS FURNISHED BY THE SHIPPER - NOT CHECKED BY CARRIER - CARRIER NOT RESPONSIBLE (see Clause 14)**

Container Numbers, Seal Numbers and Marks	Description of Packages and Goods (Continued on attached Sea Waybill Rider page(s), if applicable)	Gross Cargo Weight	Measurement

FREIGHT & CHARGES Cargo shall not be delivered unless Freight & Charges are paid (see Clause 16).

RECEIVED by the Carrier from the Shipper in apparent good order and condition unless otherwise stated herein the total number or quantity of containers or other packages or units indicated in the box entitled "Carrier's Receipt" for carriage subject to all the terms hereof from the Place of Receipt or the Port of Loading, to the Port of Discharge or Place of Delivery, whichever is applicable. IN ACCEPTING THIS SEA WAYBILL THE SHIPPER EXPRESSLY ACCEPTS AND AGREES TO, ON HIS OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF THE CONSIGNEE, THE OWNER OF THE GOODS AND THE MERCHANT, AND WARRANTS HE HAS AUTHORITY TO DO SO, ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHETHER PRINTED, STAMPED OR OTHERWISE INCORPORATED ON THIS AND ON THE REVERSE SIDE AND THE TERMS AND THE CONDITIONS OF THE CARRIER'S APPLICABLE TARIFF AS IF THEY WERE ALL SIGNED BY THE SHIPPER.

Unless instructed otherwise in writing by the Shipper delivery of the Goods will be made only to the Consignee or his authorised representatives. This Sea Waybill is not a document of title to the Goods and delivery will be made, after payment of any outstanding Freight and charges, only on provision of proper proof of identity and of authorisation at the Port of Discharge or Place of Delivery, as appropriate, without the need to produce or surrender a copy of this Sea Waybill.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Carrier, Master or their Agent has signed this Sea Waybill.

DECLARED VALUE (only applicable if Ad Valorem Charges paid - see Clause 7.3)

CARRIER'S RECEIPT (No. of Cntrs or Pkgs rcvd by Carrier - see Clause 14.1)

SIGNED on behalf of the Carrier MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company S.A.

PLACE AND DATE OF ISSUE

SHIPPED ON BOARD DATE



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**CONTINUATION OF PARTICULARS FURNISHED BY THE SHIPPER - NOT CHECKED BY CARRIER - CARRIER NOT RESPONSIBLE (see Clause 14)**

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### 1. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply in this Sea Waybill.  
1.1 **MSC** means MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company S.A.  
**COGSA** means the U.S. Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1936.  
**Combined Transport** arises if the Carrier has indicated a Place of Receipt and/or a Place of Delivery on the relevant papers. Combined Transport consists of a Port-to-Port carriage and inland Transport.  
**Container** includes any container, trailer, transportable tank, flat or pallet, or any similar article used to consolidate Goods and any connected or accessory equipment.  
**Freight** includes the freight and all charges, costs and expenses whatsoever payable by the Carrier in accordance with the applicable Tariff and this Sea Waybill, including storage, per diem and demurrage.  
**Goods** includes the whole or any part of the cargo carried under this Sea Waybill, including any packing or securing materials and equipment used or to be used.  
**Hague Rules** means the provisions of the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to Bills of Lading signed at Brussels on 25 August 1924 with the express exclusion of Article 9.  
**Hague-Visby Rules** means the provisions of The Hague Rules 1924 as Amended by the Protocol adopted at Brussels on 23 February 1968, and 21st December 1979 (SDR Protocol) where applicable. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein it is expressly agreed that nothing herein shall contractually apply the Hague-Visby Rules to this Sea Waybill and they shall apply only when compulsorily applicable by the law governing this Sea Waybill.  
**Inland Transport** means carriage during Combined Transport other than between the Port of Loading and the Port of Discharge.  
**Merchant** includes the Shipper, Consignee, holder of this Sea Waybill, the receiver of the Goods and any Person owning, entitled to or claiming the possession of the Goods of this Sea Waybill or anyone acting on behalf of this Person.  
**Owner** includes the charterer, corporation, company or any other legal entity.  
**Place of Delivery** means the place at which the Carrier has contracted to deliver the Goods, when such place is other than the Port of Discharge.  
**Place of Receipt** means the place at which the Carrier has contracted to receive the Goods, when such place is other than the Port of Loading.  
**Pomerene Act** means the United States Federal Sea Waybill Act, 1916 48 U.S.C. 801 or any amendments thereto.  
**Port-to-Port** means carriage between the Port of Loading and the Port of Discharge.  
**Subcontractor** includes but is not limited to the owners, charterers and operators of the Vessel(s) or those to the Carrier, as well as stevedores, terminals and groupage operators, road and rail transport operators, any subcontractors or agents, including but not limited to the agents of the Carrier, and any direct or indirect Subcontractors, servants and agents thereof, whether in direct contractual privity or not.  
**Vessel** includes the vessel named herein or any substituted vessel, feeder vessel, lighter or other watercraft utilized by the Carrier for carriage by sea.

### 2. CONTRACTING PARTIES AND WARRANTY

2.1 This Sea Waybill is a contract between the Carrier and the Shipper. The Shipper, who is the only party entitled to file the Carrier instructions in relation to this contract of carriage, undertakes to provide the Merchant and in particular the Consignee with a legible copy of the Tariff and conditions in force at the time of the contract. The Person defining the "Merchant" is jointly and severally liable towards the Carrier for all the various undertakings, responsibilities and liabilities of the Merchant under or in connection with this Sea Waybill and to pay the Freight due under it without deduction or set-off. The Shipper warrants that in agreeing to the terms and conditions in force at the time of the contract, the Merchant is acting with the authority of the owner of the Goods, or of the Person entitled to the possession of the Goods or of this Sea Waybill, or of the Merchant.

### 3. CARRIER'S TARIFF

The terms and conditions of the Carrier's applicable Tariff are incorporated into this Sea Waybill. Particular attention is drawn to the provisions concerning additional charges including demurrage, per diem, storage expense and legal fees, etc. A copy of the applicable Tariff can be obtained from the Carrier or its agent upon request and the Merchant is deemed to know and accept such Tariff. In the case of any conflict or inconsistency between this Sea Waybill and the applicable Tariff, it is agreed that this Sea Waybill shall prevail.

### 4. SUBCONTRACTING AND INDEMNITY

4.1 The Carrier shall subcontract on any terms whatsoever the whole or any part of the carriage, including liability to further sub-contract.  
4.2 The Merchant undertakes that no claim or allegation whether arising in contract, bailment, tort or otherwise shall be made against the Carrier, its servants, agents or attempts to impose upon the Carrier any obligation or attempt to impose upon any of them or any Vessel owned or chartered by any of them any liability whatsoever in connection with the Goods or the carriage of the Goods whether or not arising out of the negligence on the part of such Person. If any such claim or allegation should nevertheless be made, the Merchant agrees to indemnify the Carrier, its servants, agents and subcontractors, for the full amount of the foregoing, every such servant, agent and subcontractor shall have the benefit of all terms and conditions of whatever nature contained herein or otherwise benefiting the Carrier under this Sea Waybill, as if the same were made directly to the benefit of the Carrier. In entering into this contract, the Merchant, to the extent of such terms and conditions, does so on its own behalf and also as agent and trustee for such servants, agents and subcontractors.  
4.3 The provisions of clause 4.2, including but not limited to the undertaking of the Merchant contained therein shall extend to all claims or allegations of whatever nature against other Persons chartering space on the Vessel.  
4.4 The Merchant further undertakes that no claim or allegation in respect of the Goods shall be made against the Carrier or its servants, agents or attempts to impose upon the Carrier any liability whatsoever in connection with the Goods or the carriage of the Goods other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Sea Waybill, whether or not arising out of negligence or misdelivery on the part of the Carrier or its servants, agents or attempts to impose upon the Carrier any obligation or attempt to impose upon the Carrier any consequences thereof.

### 5. CARRIER'S RESPONSIBILITY

**5.1 Port-to-Port carriage** – If carriage under this Sea Waybill is Port-to-Port:  
(a) The period of responsibility of the Carrier for any loss of or damage to the Goods shall commence only at the moment that the Goods are loaded on board the Vessel and shall end when the Goods have been removed from the Vessel.  
(b) This Sea Waybill shall be subject to the Hague Rules unless the governing law makes the Hague or the Hague-Visby Rules compulsorily applicable in which case the said Hague or Hague-Visby Rules will apply to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Sea Waybill.  
(c) Notwithstanding the above, in case and to the extent that the governing law, or a contractual arrangement, or custom and practice, or any court or tribunal decision extends the Carrier's period of responsibility whether in contract, tort, bailment or otherwise to all or any part of a period before loading, or after unloading or discharge, then the Carrier shall have the benefit of the right of defence, immunity, limitation and liability provided for in the Hague Rules during such additional period of responsibility, notwithstanding that the loss, damage or misdelivery did not occur during the period by sea.  
**5.2 Combined Transport** – The Carrier's liability for Combined Transport shall be as follows:  
5.2.1 Where the loss or damage occurred during the Port-to-Port section of the carriage, the liability of the Carrier is in accordance with clause 5.1 above.  
5.2.2 Where the loss or damage occurred during Inland Transport, the liability of the Carrier shall be determined:  
(a) by the provisions contained in any international convention, national law or regulation applicable to the mode of transport utilized, if such convention, national law or regulation would have been compulsorily applicable in the case where a separate contract had been made in respect to the particular stage of transport concerned, or  
(b) in the absence of such convention, national law or regulation would have been compulsorily applicable, by the contract of carriage issued by the Subcontractor carrier for that stage of transport, including any limitations and exceptions contained therein, which contract the Merchant and the Carrier shall incorporate by reference, it being agreed that the Carrier's rights and liabilities shall be the same as those of the Subcontractor carrier, but in no event whatsoever shall the Carrier's liability exceed GBP 100 sterling legal tender per package, or  
(c) if no such contract is available, national convention, national law or regulation would have been compulsorily applicable and that the Carrier may not determine its liability, if any, by reference to the applicable Subcontractor's contract of carriage or where said Subcontractor carrier does not have a contract of carriage, then it is contractually agreed as between the Merchant and the Carrier that the Carrier's liability shall be determined as if the loss or damage occurred during the Port-to-Port section of carriage as provided at 5.1 above, but in no event whatsoever shall the Carrier's liability exceed GBP 100 sterling legal tender per package.  
5.2.3 Where the loss or damage is caused by the Merchant, then the loss or damage shall be presumed to have occurred during the Port-to-Port section of carriage and the Carrier's liability shall be determined as provided at 5.1 above.  
5.2.4 Any transport that the Carrier arranges for the Merchant which is not part of the carriage under this Sea Waybill is done under the Carrier's own responsibility, risk, cost and expense and the Carrier acts as agent only for the Merchant.  
**5.3 Delivery to Customs or Port Authorities** – Where any law or regulation applicable at the Port of Discharge or Place of Delivery requires the Goods to be delivered to the Customs or Port Authorities to be effected by the customs or port authorities at the Port of Discharge or Place of Delivery, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, delivery of the Goods by the Carrier to such customs or port authorities shall be deemed to be delivery of the Goods. Nothing contained herein is to be deemed to make the Carrier liable for any loss of or damage to the Goods which occurs for any reason whatsoever after delivery of the Goods by the Carrier to the customs or port authorities.  
5.4 Notwithstanding the application to this Sea Waybill of the Hague Rules, or the Hague-Visby Rules, or any similar convention or legislation, THIS SEA WAYBILL IS NOT A DOCUMENT OF TITLE TO THE GOODS.

### 6. U.S. TRADE CLAUSE

6.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 5, for carriage to or from any port of the United States, its territories or possessions, or if it is brought in the United States, this Sea Waybill shall have effect subject to the provisions of the COGSA and the Pomerene Act, regardless of whether the Carrier or the Merchant is a U.S. citizen. The provisions of the COGSA are incorporated herein and save as otherwise provided herein shall apply throughout the entire time the Goods are in the Carrier's custody, including before loading and after discharge as long as the Goods remain in the custody of the Carrier or its subcontractors, including cargo on deck. Nothing contained herein is to be deemed to constitute a surrender by the Carrier of its rights, immunities, exemptions or limitations or an increase of any of its responsibilities or liabilities under the COGSA. Except for clause 5, every other term, condition, limitation, restriction and liability whatsoever contained in this Sea Waybill shall apply to carriage under the COGSA.  
6.2 For limitation purposes under the COGSA, it is agreed that the meaning of the word "package" shall be any palletised and/or unitised assortment of cartons which has been palletised and/or unitised for the convenience of the Merchant, regardless of whether said pallet or unit is disclosed on the front thereof.

### 7. COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY PROVISIONS

7.1 Subject always to the Carrier's right to limit liabilities as provided for herein, if the Carrier is liable for compensation in respect of loss of or damage to the Goods, such compensation shall be calculated by reference to the invoice value of the Goods, plus Freight and insurance if paid. If there is no invoice value of the Goods or if any such invoice is not bona fide, such compensation shall be calculated by reference to the market value of such Goods at the time of the loss or damage. The market value shall be determined by the Merchant. The market value of the Goods shall be fixed according to the current market price, by reference to the normal value of goods of the same kind and/or quality.  
7.2 (a) If and to the extent the Hague Rules (or the Hague-Visby Rules) are compulsorily applicable to this Sea Waybill by virtue of clauses 5.1, 5.2.1 or 5.2.2 (c) or (d) or otherwise, the Carrier's liability for breaches or wrongs occurring during such period of compulsory application shall in no event whatsoever exceed the amounts provided for in the Hague Rules or Hague-Visby Rules, whichever are compulsorily applicable.  
(b) If and to the extent the Hague Rules apply only contractually pursuant to clause 5, the Carrier's maximum liability shall in no event whatsoever exceed GBP 100 sterling legal tender per package or unit.  
7.2.2 Where COGSA applies by virtue of clause 5, neither the Carrier nor the Vessel shall in any event be liable for an amount in excess of the amount provided for in clause 5.2.2.  
7.3 The Merchant agrees and acknowledges that the Carrier has no knowledge of the value of the Goods. Higher compensation than that provided for in this Sea Waybill may be claimed only when, with the written confirmation of the Carrier, the value of the Goods declared by the Shipper upon delivery to the

Carrier has been stated by the Carrier in the box marked "Declared Value" on the front of this Sea Waybill and ad valorem charges paid. In that case, the amount of the Declared Value shall be substituted for the limits provided in this Sea Waybill. Any partial loss or damage shall be adjusted pro rata on the basis of such Declared Value.  
7.4 Nothing in this Sea Waybill shall operate to limit or deprive the Carrier of any statutory protection, defence, exemption or limitation of liability authorised by any applicable laws, statutes or regulations of any country in which it would have been available to the Carrier had it been the owner of the Vessel.  
7.5 In the event any claim is paid by the Carrier to the Merchant, the Carrier shall be automatically subrogated to all the rights of the Merchant against any third party. The Merchant shall sign a subrogation receipt, release and indemnity immediately when requested by the Carrier.

### 8. SCOPE OF VOYAGE, DELAY, CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES

The scope of voyage herein contracted for may or may not include usual or customary or advertised ports of call whether named in this Sea Waybill contract or not and may include Transport of the Goods to or from any facilities used by the Carrier for loading or unloading but not limited to off-dock storage. The Carrier does not promise or undertake to load, carry or discharge the Goods on or by any particular Vessel, date or time. Advertised sailings and arrivals are only estimated times, and such schedules may be advanced, delayed or cancelled without notice. In no event shall the Carrier be liable for consequential damages or for any delay in scheduled departures or arrivals of any Vessel or other conveyances used to transport the Goods by sea or otherwise. If the Carrier should nevertheless be held legally liable for any such direct or indirect or consequential loss or damage caused by such alleged delay, such liability shall in no event exceed the Freight paid for the carriage.

### 9. METHODS AND ROUTES OF CARRIAGE

9.1 The Carrier shall have an absolute right to re-route the Goods to the Merchant:  
(a) use any means of transport or storage whatsoever;  
(b) transfer the Goods from one conveyance to another including transhipping or carrying the Goods on a Vessel other than the Vessel named on the front hereof or by any other means of transport whatsoever, whether or not involving the forwarding of the Goods by such means may not have been contemplated or provided for herein;  
(c) sail without pilots, proceed via any route (whether or not the nearest or most direct or customary or shortest route) at any time and at any place and at any port of call, and at any place of discharge (including the Port of Loading herein provided) once or more often, and in any order in or out of the route or in a contrary direction to or beyond the Port of Discharge once or more often.  
(d) Any Vessel or other conveyance used for the carriage of the Goods is named on the front hereof and not limited to the use of off-dock storage at any port.  
(e) In complying with any orders or recommendations given by any government or authority or any Person or body of persons or any authority or any government or authority or having under the terms of the insurance on any conveyance employed by the Carrier the right to give orders or directions.  
9.2 The liberties set out in clause 9.1 may be invoked by the Carrier for any purpose whatsoever whether or not the Goods are to be carried by sea. The Goods may be carried by air, by land, by sea, by road, by goods, bunkering or embarking or disembarking any Person(s), undergoing repairs and/or dunnocking, towing or being towed, assisting other vessels, making trial trips and adjusting instruments. Anything done in the exercise of the liberties set out in clause 9.1 may be done at any time and at any place and to the extent of the contract and shall not be a deviation.

### 10. NOTICE OF CLAIMS, TIME BAR AND JURISDICTION

10.1 Notice – loss of or damage to Goods shall be given in writing to the Carrier or its agent at the Port of Discharge before or at the time of delivery. If the loss or damage is not apparent before or at the time of delivery, notice must be given within three (3) days of delivery to the Merchant or its agent. Claims shall be limited in writing and shall be filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York or in any other court in or out of the route or in a contrary direction to or beyond the Port of Discharge once or more often, and in any order in or out of the route or in a contrary direction to or beyond the Port of Discharge once or more often.  
10.2 Time bar – In any event, the Carrier shall be discharged from all liability if suit is not commenced within one (1) year after delivery of the Goods or the date that the Goods should have been delivered or lost or damaged during the carriage under this Sea Waybill contract, and for claims related to loss or damage during inland Transport the shortage of nine (9) months in any time limit provided for by any applicable international convention, national law, regulation or contract by virtue of clauses 5.2.2 (a) or (b).  
10.3 Jurisdiction – It is hereby specifically agreed that any suit by the Merchant, and save as additionally provided below any suit by the Carrier, shall be filed exclusively in the High Court of London and English Law shall exclusively apply, unless the carriage contracted for hereunder was to or from the United States coastwise trade, in which case the law applicable in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and U.S. law shall exclusively apply. The Merchant agrees that it shall not institute suit in any other court and agrees to be responsible for the reasonable legal expenses and costs of the Carrier in respect of any such suit. The Merchant waives any objection to the personal jurisdiction over the Merchant of the above agreed for.  
In the case of any dispute relating to Freight or other sums due from the Merchant to the Carrier, the Carrier may, at its sole option, bring suit against the Merchant in the fora agreed above, or in the High Court of London and English Law, Port of Discharge, Place of Delivery or in any jurisdiction where the Merchant has a place of business.

### 11. MERCHANT-PACKED CONTAINERS

If a Container has not been packed by or on behalf of the Carrier:  
11.1 The Merchant shall inspect the Container for suitability for carriage of the Goods before packing it. The Merchant's use of the Container shall be prima facie evidence of its being sound and suitable for use.  
11.2 The Carrier shall not be liable for loss of or damage to the Goods caused by:  
(a) the manner in which the Goods have been packed, stowed, stuffed or secured in the Container, or  
(b) the manner in which the Goods have been loaded in the Container, supplied or for carriage by Container between the Ports or Places specified herein, or  
(c) the unsuitability or defective condition of the Container or the incorrect setting of any refrigeration controls, or  
(d) the manner in which the Goods have been packed, stowed, stuffed or secured in the Container, or  
(e) the unsuitability or defective condition of the Container or the incorrect setting of any refrigeration controls, or  
(f) the manner in which the Goods have been packed, stowed, stuffed or secured in the Container, or  
11.3 The Merchant is responsible for the packing and sealing of all Merchant-packed Containers and, if a Merchant-packed Container is delivered by the Carrier with an original seal as affixed by the Merchant or customarily affixed by the Carrier, the Carrier shall not be liable for any shortage of Goods ascertained upon delivery.  
11.4 The Merchant shall indemnify the Carrier against any loss, damage, liability or expense whatsoever and whatsoever arising caused by one or more of the matters referred to in clause 11.2, including but not limited to damage to Container, other cargo and the Vessel.

### 12. REFRIGERATION, HEATING, INSULATION

12.1 Special Containers with refrigeration, heating or insulation shall not be furnished unless contracted for on the front of this Sea Waybill and extra Freight paid. If a carrying temperature is noted on the front of the container, the Carrier shall deliver the Goods to the Merchant at or above the carrying temperature from the noted temperature, and the Carrier shall exercise due diligence to maintain such supply air temperature, plus or minus 2 degrees Celsius while the Goods are in its possession. IT IS THE MERCHANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THE TEMPERATURE OF THE GOODS AT ALL TIMES. ON THE CONTAINER ARE AT THE REQUIRED CARRYING TEMPERATURE AND TO PROPERLY SET THE VENTS. The Carrier does not undertake to deliver empty refrigerated Containers to the Merchant at any temperature. The Carrier has the right not to be obliged to release any Container loaded by the Merchant for the Goods are not in the carrying temperature specified on the container, plus or minus 2 degrees Celsius of the contracted carrying temperature.  
12.2 The Merchant must take note that refrigerated Containers are not designed:  
(a) to be used for the carriage of live animals, or  
(b) to be used for the carriage of goods requiring a temperature higher than their designated carrying temperature. The Carrier shall not be responsible for the consequences of the Goods being loaded at a higher temperature than that required for the carriage, nor  
(c) to be used for the carriage of goods which are subject to self-heating, and because humidity is influenced by many external factors the Carrier does not guarantee and is not responsible for the maintenance of any intended level of humidity inside any Container.  
12.3 The Merchant shall be responsible for the condition of the Goods arising from latent defects, breakdown, defrosting, stoppage of the refrigerating or any other specialised machinery, plant, insulation and/or apparatus of the Container and any other facilities, provided that the Carrier exercised due diligence before releasing the empty Container to the Shipper.  
12.4 The Merchant shall be responsible for the condition of the specialised machinery, plant and insulation and maintenance while in the actual possession of the Carrier. The Carrier will not accept responsibility for the recording of temperatures in any form other than any refer log book maintained on board the Vessel, or any other record, including any governmental program or protocol unless noted on the front hereof and additional Freight is paid.

### 13. INSPECTION OF GOODS AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

**Inspection** – The Carrier shall be entitled, but shall be under no obligation, to open and/or scan any package or Container at any time and to inspect, verify and weigh the contents without notice to the Carrier.  
**Special Circumstances** – If it appears at any time that the Goods cannot safely or properly be carried or carried further, either at all or without incurring any additional expense or taking any measures in relation to the Container or the Goods, the Carrier may without notice to the Merchant (but as its agent only) take any such measures as it may deem necessary for the safety of the Goods and to prevent the loss of the Goods, and/or to sell or dispose of them and/or to abandon the carriage and/or to store them ashore or afloat, under cover or in the open, at any place, whichever the Carrier in its absolute discretion considers most appropriate, and any sale, disposal, abandonment or storage shall be deemed to constitute due delivery under this Sea Waybill. The Merchant shall indemnify the Carrier against any additional expense so incurred. The Carrier in exercising the liberties contained in this clause shall not be under any obligation to take any particular measures and shall not be liable for any loss, delay or damage whatsoever arising from any action or lack of action under this clause.

### 14. DESCRIPTION OF GOODS AND MERCHANT'S RESPONSIBILITY

14.1 The Carrier shall not be liable for loss of or damage to the Goods in apparent good order and condition, except as otherwise noted, of the total number of Containers or other packages or units indicated in the box entitled "Carriers Receipt" on the front hereof.  
14.2 No representation is made by the Carrier as to the weight, contents, quantity, quality, description, condition, temperature, marking, number of units, or other characteristics of the Goods, unless responsibility whatsoever in respect of such description or particulars.  
14.3 The Merchant warrants to the Carrier that the particulars relating to the Goods as set out on the front hereof are true and correct and that the Carrier is not a party to any fraud or other illegal act. The Merchant and any other particulars furnished by or on behalf of the Merchant, are adequate and correct. The Merchant warrants that the Goods are safely and securely packed in the Container.  
14.4 The Merchant warrants to the Carrier that the Goods are lawfully Goods, and that any hazardous or potentially dangerous characteristics of the Goods have been fully disclosed by or on behalf of the Merchant and that they will not cause loss, damage or expense to the Carrier, or to any other cargo, Containers, Vessel or Person during the carriage.  
14.5 If any particulars of any letter of credit and/or import license and/or sales contract and/or invoice or other number and/or details of any contract to which the Carrier is not a party are shown on the front hereof, the Merchant shall be deemed to warrant to the Carrier that the Carrier is not a party to any fraud or other illegal act and that the Merchant agrees that such particulars shall not be regarded as a declaration of value and shall in no circumstances whatsoever increase the Carrier's liability under this Sea Waybill, and the Merchant agrees to indemnify the Carrier for any increased liability so caused, including reasonable legal expenses and costs.  
14.6 The Merchant shall comply with all regulations or requirements of customs, port and other authorities, and shall bear and pay all duties, taxes, fines, imposts, expenses or losses (including, without limitation, the cost of the foregoing Freight) incurred by or on behalf of the Merchant, whether or not suffered by reason thereof, or by reason of any illegal, incorrect or insufficient declaration, marking, numbering or addressing of the Goods, and shall indemnify the Carrier in respect thereof, including reasonable legal expenses and costs.  
14.7 If by order of the authorities at any place, Goods are detained and/or seized and/or a Container has to be opened for the Goods to be inspected for any reason whatsoever, including but not limited to for any reason relating to the Goods, or to the Vessel, or to the Vessel's equipment, or to the Vessel's crew, or to the Vessel's liability for any loss or damage whatsoever incurred as a result of any opening, unpacking, inspection, re-packing, detention, destruction or delay. The Carrier shall be entitled to recover from the Merchant all charges, fines, costs, losses and expenses, including reasonable legal expenses and costs resulting from

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such action, including but not limited to any detention, demurrage and storage charges for the Goods and/or the Container.  
14.8 The Carrier allows a free time for the use of the Containers and other equipment in addition to the free time for the use of the Vessel, and the Merchant shall be liable for any charges for the use of the Containers and other equipment in addition to the free time for the use of the Vessel. Free time commences from the day the Container and other equipment is collected by the Merchant or is discharged from the Vessel or is delivered to the Place of Delivery as the case may be. The Merchant is responsible for the return of the Containers to a place nominated by the Carrier, and for the return of the Containers and other equipment before or at the end of the free time allowed at the Port of Discharge or the Place of Delivery. Demurrage, per diem and detention charges will be levied and payable by the Merchant thereafter in accordance with the applicable Tariff.  
14.9 The Merchant shall deliver to a place nominated by the Carrier, the Containers and other equipment in like good order and condition, undamaged, empty, odor free, cleaned and with all fittings installed by the Merchant removed and without any rubbish, damage or other debris inside. The Merchant shall be liable to indemnify the Carrier for all costs incurred reinstating or replacing Containers and other equipment not returned in the condition as specified above, including the reasonable legal expenses and costs of recovering the costs incurred and interest thereon.  
**15. DANGEROUS OR HAZARDOUS GOODS**  
15.1 The Carrier will not accept any Goods of a dangerous or hazardous nature without prior written notice of their full and true particulars and the Carrier's written approval to carry them. When the Merchant delivers Goods of a dangerous or hazardous nature to the Carrier, the Merchant shall fully inform the Carrier in writing of the precise and accurate details of the Goods, and special precautions or handling required for the Goods. Such Goods shall be distinctly marked on the outside of the Container as well as on the outside packaging inside the Container so as to indicate the nature thereof and the marking must comply with the requirements of any applicable regulations, including regulations contained in any relevant international treaty or convention.  
15.2 The Merchant shall be fully liable for any and all claims and expenses and defend the Carrier, its servants, agents and subcontractors and any third party for all loss, damage, delay, personal injury, death or expenses including fines and penalties, and all reasonable legal expenses and costs caused to the Carrier, the Vessel, any cargo, and other property, whether on board or ashore, arising from such Goods and/or from the breach of clause 15.1, whether or not the Merchant was aware of the nature of such Goods.  
15.3 Nothing contained in this clause shall deprive the Carrier of any of its rights provided for elsewhere.

### 16. FREIGHT AND CHARGES

16.1 Freight has been calculated on the basis of the Shipper's particulars and if any particulars are incorrect, the Merchant shall be liable for the additional Freight payable, the Merchant shall be liable therefor and also for any expense thereby incurred.  
16.2 All Freight is earned and due upon receipt of the Goods by the Carrier, whether the Freight is prepaid or collect and the Carrier shall be entitled to all Freight due under all circumstances, ship and/or cargo, and to the outside packaging inside the Container so as to indicate the nature thereof and the marking must comply with the requirements of any applicable regulations, including regulations contained in any relevant international treaty or convention.  
16.3 Every Person defined as "Merchant" in Clause 1 shall be jointly and severally liable to the Carrier for all claims and expenses and defend the Carrier, its servants, agents and subcontractors and any third party for all loss, damage, delay, personal injury, death or expenses including fines and penalties, and all reasonable legal expenses and costs caused to the Carrier, the Vessel, any cargo, and other property, whether on board or ashore, arising from such Goods and/or from the breach of clause 15.1, whether or not the Merchant was aware of the nature of such Goods.  
16.4 The Merchant shall be liable to indemnify the Carrier for all claims and expenses and defend the Carrier, its servants, agents and subcontractors and any third party for all loss, damage, delay, personal injury, death or expenses including fines and penalties, and all reasonable legal expenses and costs caused to the Carrier, the Vessel, any cargo, and other property, whether on board or ashore, arising from such Goods and/or from the breach of clause 15.1, whether or not the Merchant was aware of the nature of such Goods.  
16.5 Nothing contained in this clause shall deprive the Carrier of any of its rights provided for elsewhere.

### 17. CARRIER'S LIEN

THE CARRIER, ITS SERVANTS OR AGENTS SHALL HAVE A LIEN ON THE GOODS AND ANY DOCUMENT RELATING THERETO FOR FREIGHT AND FOR GENERAL AVERAGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH THE GOODS ARE SUBJECT. THE CARRIER SHALL ALSO HAVE A LIEN ON THE GOODS AGAINST THE MERCHANT ON THE GOODS AND ANY DOCUMENT RELATING THERETO FOR ALL SUMS DUE FROM THE MERCHANT TO THE CARRIER UNDER ANY OTHER CONTRACT. The Carrier may exercise its lien at any time and at any place in its discretion, through the action of any servant or Subcontractor, whether or not the contractual carriage is completed or not. The Carrier's lien shall also extend to cover the cost and legal expense of recovering any sums due. The Carrier shall have the right to sell any Goods listed by public auction or private treaty, without notice to the Merchant. Nothing herein shall prevent the Carrier from recovering from the Merchant the difference between the amount due to the Carrier and the net amount realised by such sale.

### 18. OPTIONAL STOWAGE, DECK CARGO AND LIVESTOCK

18.1 Goods, whether packed in Containers or not, may be carried on deck or under deck without notice to the Merchant unless it is specifically stipulated on the front hereof that the Containers or Goods will be carried on deck or under deck. The Carrier shall be liable for any loss or damage to the Goods on deck or under deck, whether or not stated to be carried on deck shall participate in general average and shall be deemed to be within the definition of Goods for the purpose of the Hague Rules and to be subject to any applicable legislation and shall be carried subject to such Rules or Act, whichever is applicable.  
18.2 Goods which are out of gauge and/or are stowed on or in open top containers, flatracks or platformtanks shall be carried on deck or under deck, whether or not stated to be carried on deck or under deck, and are carried under any responsibility whatsoever on the part of the Carrier for loss or damage of whatever nature or delay arising during the carriage whether caused by unseaworthiness or negligence or any other cause whatsoever and the Hague Rules or the COGSA shall not apply.

### 19. MATTERS ADVERSELY AFFECTING CARRIER'S PERFORMANCE

19.1 If at any time the performance of the Carrier is likely to be affected by such hindrance, risk, danger, delay, difficulty or disadvantage of whatever kind and however arising which cannot be avoided by the Carrier by the exercise of reasonable endeavours, (even though the circumstances giving rise to such hindrance, risk, danger, delay, difficulty or disadvantage are not caused by the Carrier or its servants or agents or subcontractors or any other person) the Carrier may, at its sole discretion and without notice to the Merchant and whether or not the carriage is commenced either:  
(a) carry the Goods to the Port of Discharge or the Place of Delivery, whichever is applicable, by an alternate route to that indicated in this Sea Waybill or to such place which is usual for Goods consigned to that Port of Discharge or Place of Delivery; or  
(b) suspend the carriage of the Goods and store them ashore or afloat upon the terms and conditions of the Goods, if the Carrier elects to use an alternative route or to suspend the carriage, the Carrier shall nevertheless be entitled to full Freight on the Goods received for the carriage, and the Merchant shall pay any additional costs incurred by reason of the abandonment of the carriage under clause 19.1 (b) this shall not prejudice its right subsequently to abandon the carriage.  
19.2 If the Carrier elects to invoke the terms of this clause 19.2, then notwithstanding the provisions of clause 9, the Carrier shall be entitled to such additional Freight and costs as the Carrier may determine.

### 20. NOTIFICATION AND DELIVERY

20.1 The Carrier shall be notified of parties to be notified of the arrival of the Goods is solely for information of the Carrier. Failure to give such notification shall not subject the Carrier to any liability nor relieve the Merchant of any obligation hereunder.  
20.2 **DELIVERY OF THE GOODS TO THE CARRIER TO DELIVER THE GOODS TO A PERSON OTHER THAN THE CONSIGNEE NAMED ON THE FRONT HEREOF.** AGREEMENT TO SUCH CHANGE SHALL BE AT THE CARRIER'S SOLE DISCRETION AND THE CARRIER SHALL IN ANY EVENT NOT ACCEPT SUCH CHANGE UNLESS THE SHIPPER'S REQUEST IS IN WRITING AND IT IS RECEIVED BY THE CARRIER'S AGENT AT DESTINATION. THE SHIPPER HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY THE CARRIER AGAINST ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS, EXPENSES, DAMAGES AND LOSSES INCURRED BY THE CARRIER AS A RESULT OF SUCH CHANGE.  
20.3 The Merchant shall take delivery of the Goods within the time provided for in the Carrier's applicable Tariff or as otherwise agreed. If the Merchant fails to do so, the Carrier may without notice unpack the Goods and store them ashore or afloat upon the terms and conditions of the Goods, and the Merchant shall be deemed to have accepted the Goods and to have assumed the risk of the Goods. Such storage shall constitute due delivery hereunder, and thereupon all liability whatsoever of the Carrier in respect of the Goods, including for misdelivery or non-delivery, shall cease and the costs of such storage shall forthwith upon demand be paid by the Merchant to the Carrier.  
20.4 The Merchant shall be deemed to have accepted the Goods and to have assumed the risk of the Goods are likely to deteriorate, decay or become worthless, or incur charges whether for storage or otherwise in excess of their value, the Carrier may at its discretion and without prejudice to any other rights which it may have, sell or dispose of the Goods and the Merchant shall be deemed to have accepted, abandoned or otherwise disposed of the Goods at the sole risk and expense of the Merchant and apply any proceeds of sale in reduction of the sums due to the Carrier from the Merchant under or in connection with this Sea Waybill.  
20.5 The Merchant shall be liable to indemnify the Carrier for any loss or damage to the Goods and/or to mitigate any loss or damage thereto shall constitute an absolute waiver and abandonment by the Merchant to the Carrier of any claim whatsoever relating to the Goods or the carriage thereof. The Merchant shall be deemed to have accepted the Goods and to have assumed the risk of the Goods, including legal costs, for the cleaning and disposal of Goods refused and/or abandoned by the Merchant.

### 21. BOTH TO BLAME COLLISION CLAUSE

If the Vessel comes into collision with another ship as a result of the negligence of the other ship and any act, neglect or default of the master, pilot, or the servants of the Carrier in the navigation or in the management of the Vessel, the owners of the Goods carried hereunder will indemnify the Carrier against all loss or damage to the Goods or to the Vessel or to the cargo on board, and the Merchant shall be deemed to have accepted the Goods and to have assumed the risk of the Goods, including legal costs, for the cleaning and disposal of Goods refused and/or abandoned by the Merchant.

### 22. GENERAL AVERAGE AND SALVAGE

General Average shall be adjusted, stated and settled at any port or place at the Carrier's option and shall be subject to the provisions of the General Average Act, 1924 (Act No. XXV of 1924) and to the provisions provided for according to the laws and usages at any port or place at the Carrier's option, save that General Average on a Vessel not bareboat chartered by the Carrier shall be adjusted according to the requirements of the General Average Act, 1924 (Act No. XXV of 1924) and to the provisions provided for according to the laws and usages at any port or place at the Carrier's option in United States currency) as the Carrier may require as additional security for the contribution of the Goods and salvage and special charges thereon, shall be furnished before delivery or forwarding. The Merchant shall be deemed to have accepted the Goods and to have assumed the risk of the Goods resulting from any cause whatsoever, whether due to negligence or not, for which, or for the consequence of which, the Carrier is not responsible by statute, contract, or otherwise, the Goods and the Merchant shall, jointly and severally, contribute with the Carrier in General Average to the payment of any such losses, or expenses of General Average nature that may be made or incurred, and shall pay salvage and special charges incurred in respect of the Goods, as determined by an independent General Average adjuster duly appointed by the Carrier, and his determination as to liability for General Average shall be final and binding on all parties to the contract, and shall be paid for as fully and in the same manner as if such salvaging ship or ships belonged to strangers. Such deposit as the Carrier or its agents may from time to time estimate and demand for the same shall be final and binding on all parties to the contract, and shall, if required, be made by the Goods, Shippers, Consignees or owners of the Goods to the Carrier before delivery.

### 23. SEPARABILITY AND VARIATION OF TERMS, FINAL CONTRACT

The terms of this Sea Waybill shall be separate and, in any term or provision hereof or any part of the term or provision shall be invalid to any extent, it shall be invalid to that extent, but no further and such clause shall remain valid and enforceable to the extent of the clause or provision hereof. This Sea Waybill is the final contract between the parties which supersedes any prior agreement or understanding, whether in writing or verbal, save where this Sea Waybill has been issued pursuant to another contract between the parties, in which case the terms of this Sea Waybill shall be final and binding on all parties to the contract, together. This Sea Waybill and its terms and conditions may not be changed orally.

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