

STANDARD FORM A

Members should note that:

- Claims arising out of delivery without production of bills of lading are not covered by P&I (Rule 16.5)
- Claims arising out of discharge at a port other than the one named in the bill of lading are also not covered (Rule 16.5)
- The letter must be signed by a first class bank unless the member is fully satisfied with the financial standing of the charterer/shipper.

STANDARD FORM LETTER OF INDEMNITY TO BE GIVEN IN RETURN FOR DELIVERING CARGO WITHOUT PRODUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL BILL OF LADING

To : *[insert name of Owners]* *[insert date]*
The Owners of the *[insert name of ship]*
[insert address]

Dear Sirs

Ship: *[insert name of ship]*

Voyage: *[insert load and discharge ports as stated in the bill of lading]*

Cargo: *[insert description of cargo]*

Bill of lading: *[insert identification numbers, date and place of issue]*

The above cargo was shipped on the above ship by *[insert name of shipper]* and consigned to *[insert name of consignee or party to whose order the bill of lading is made out, as appropriate]* for delivery at the port of *[insert name of discharge port stated in the bill of lading]* but the bill of lading has not arrived and we, *[insert name of party requesting delivery]*, hereby request you to deliver the said cargo to "X *[name of the specific party]* or to such party as you believe to be or to represent X or to be acting on behalf of X" at *[insert place where delivery is to be made]* without production of the original bill of lading.

In consideration of your complying with our above request, we hereby agree as follows :-

1. To indemnify you, your servants and agents and to hold all of you harmless in respect of any liability, loss, damage or expense of whatsoever nature which you may sustain by reason of delivering the cargo in accordance with our request.
2. In the event of any proceedings being commenced against you or any of your servants or agents in connection with the delivery of the cargo as aforesaid, to provide you or them on demand with sufficient funds to defend the same.
3. If, in connection with the delivery of the cargo as aforesaid, the ship, or any other ship or property in the same or associated ownership, management or control, should be arrested or detained or should the arrest or detention thereof be threatened, or should there be any interference in the use

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or trading of the vessel (whether by virtue of a caveat being entered on the ship's registry or otherwise howsoever), to provide on demand such bail or other security as may be required to prevent such arrest or detention or to secure the release of such ship or property or to remove such interference and to indemnify you in respect of any liability, loss, damage or expense caused by such arrest or detention or threatened arrest or detention or such interference, whether or not such arrest or detention or threatened arrest or detention or such interference may be justified.

4. If the place at which we have asked you to make delivery is a bulk liquid or gas terminal or facility, or another ship, lighter or barge, then delivery to such terminal, facility, ship, lighter or barge shall be deemed to be delivery to the party to whom we have requested you to make such delivery.
5. As soon as all original bills of lading for the above cargo shall have come into our possession, to deliver the same to you, or otherwise to cause all original bills of lading to be delivered to you, whereupon our liability hereunder shall cease.
6. The liability of each and every person under this indemnity shall be joint and several and shall not be conditional upon your proceeding first against any person, whether or not such person is party to or liable under this indemnity.
7. This indemnity shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and each and every person liable under this indemnity shall at your request submit to the jurisdiction of the High Court of Justice of England.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of
[insert name of Requestor]
The Requestor

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Signature