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DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS IN SUPPORT OF A CARGO CLAIM

Cargo is accepted for carriage by sea under various International Laws and Regulations. These laws place a fair spread of liability on the shipowner/shipper and consignee for damage to the cargo being carried. The carrier's liability is set out on the back of the **Bill of Lading**.

If any loss or damage to goods is apparent at the time of unpacking, notification of such loss or damage should be given to the carrier within the period stipulated in the Bill of Lading.

Failure to do so will not only prejudice any claim but hinder the carrier's enquiries into such loss/damage.

Many shipping companies require notification of any loss or damage to be made immediately in order that a qualified marine surveyor may be appointed if considered necessary, to establish the nature, extent and possible cause of loss or damage undisputably.

To facilitate the procedural process, the following documentation should be made available to the Carrier stated in the Bill of Lading as soon as practicable:

- Supplier's invoice
- Bill of Lading (copy or original)
- Delivery receipt ex Ocean Terminal
- Packing list
- Customs cargo examination report
- Container unpacking tally
- Container vanning sheet
- Letter of subrogation
- Statement of claim
- Copy of Cargo Interest's Survey Report if any
- Details of Salvage Value if obtained

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