

## COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON GENERAL AVERAGE

#### Report for the meeting of the CMI Executive Council of 8 November 2018

Current members of the Standing Committee (SC):


Richard CORNAH [UK]  
Daniella DE LINT [Netherlands - IUMI]  
Michael HARVEY [UK]  
Kiran KHOSLA [UK - ICS]  
Jiro KUBO [Japan]  
Sveinung MÅKESTAD [Norway]  
Jonathan SPENCER [USA]  
Taco VAN DER VALK [Netherlands] Chair

The SC was established at the CMI Conference in New York in May 2016. The SC membership of Taco VAN DER VALK, Richard CORNAH, Michael HARVEY, Jiro KUBO, Sveinung MÅKESTAD, and Jonathan SPENCER was approved by the CMI Assembly in New York. The CMI Assembly also approved the nomination of representatives by ICS and IUMI. Ben BROWNE was nominated by IUMI on 22 July 2016, and Kiran KHOSLA was nominated by ICS on 28 July 2016. Daniella DE LINT was nominated by IUMI on 16 August 2017 to succeed Ben BROWNE who has retired.

It is the task of the SC to monitor the working and effectiveness of the CMI Guidelines relating to General Average and to propose any future changes to these Guidelines, which will then need the approval of the CMI Assembly.

At the CMI Conference in New York it was considered to include in the Guidelines standard documentation or standard wording for security documents (GA Bond/Guarantee). However, due to time constraints it was decided to drop the issue, and consider it at a later stage. The intention is now to have an informal meeting with the members of the SC present at the CMI meeting in London 2018 and aim for a more formal meeting in London close to the Average Adjusters dinner (9 May 2019) in the hope of adding finalized wording to the Guidelines. In the meantime the existing CMI Guidelines may be reviewed for an update.

During the course of the summer some time was spent on the improving access to the work of the SC (and that of the Standing Committee on General Average Interest Rates) on the (new) CMI website. The homepage now includes a button to all GA & YAR topics:



**General Average & YAR**

# General Average and York-Antwerp Rules

[York-Antwerp Rules \(YAR\)](#)

[Review on the Rules on General Average \(YAR 2016\)](#)

[Guidelines on General Average](#)

[YAR 2004 Interest Rates](#)

More work will be done on the website. The texts of all versions of the YAR or predecessors could be posted on the website to aid legal research. The French MLA (AFDM) has prepared a French translation of the YAR 2016 which will also be published on the CMI website when the text has been approved by Canadian and Belgian colleagues. A (Brazilian) Portuguese translation has also been received for publication.

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