

Rules of Procedure

RECOGNIZING its responsibilities as Custodian of the York Antwerp Rules, and

RECALLING that General Average is an internationally recognised maritime system for sharing certain types of loss and expense between ship and cargo interests in the event of a casualty during a voyage,

RECALLING that General Average is not governed by an international convention, but a matter of private agreement between ship and cargo interest,

BEING AWARE that such system will fulfil its objectives only if it balances the interests of such parties, the Comité Maritime International, acting through its Executive Council, as resolved these Rules of Procedure in respect of a Standing Committee on General Average.

1. Assignment

- 1.1 The Standing Committee shall monitor all developments in the law and practice of General Average and inform the Executive Council, if and when appropriate, of any such developments.
- 1.2 The Standing Committee shall at all times consider whether the CMI Guidelines relating to General Average, including any Appendices, should be amended and recommend such amendments, if any, to the Executive Council.
- 1.3 The Standing Committee shall be in charge of any further matter assigned to it by the Executive Council.

2. Composition

- 2.1 The Standing Committee shall be small in number of its members in order to allow efficient work.
- 2.2 Members of the Standing Committee shall have particular expertise in the law and practice of general average.
- 2.3 The membership of the Standing Committee shall reflect a balance of ship and cargo interests, a geographical balance and a balance of common and civil law systems. The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and the International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI) shall each have the right to propose one member of the Standing Committee.
- 2.4 The Executive Council may appoint an Executive Councillor as member of the Standing Committee as liaison between the Executive Council and the Standing Committee.
- 2.5 If the Executive Council so decides, for the performance of certain matters the Standing Committee can be transformed into an International Working Group (IWG), or an International Sub-Committee (IS-C). All members of the Standing Committee will automatically become members of such IWG or IS-C. Once the Executive Committee so decides, an IWG or IS-C so formed will be re-transformed to the Standing Committee with its previous members only.