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Ship Registration / Nature of Shipbuilding Contract

The registrar is not allowed to opine on the validity of the legal actions submitted for registration; he can only check that the formal requirements and documents illustrated by virtue of law provisions as necessary for the registration are filed.

In case of a shipbuilding contract, one of the documents required to be submitted is the Protocol of Delivery and Acceptance between the owner and the builder.

The shipbuilding contract's nature is that of a construction agreement; this applies even where the owner provides the material for the building; this is because the material is aimed for the construction of a non-fungible object, and also because the value of such construction is by far higher in comparison with the materials used.

Piraeus One-membered Court of Appeal Judgment no 581/2020, Judge: M. Daniil, Attorneys at law: G. Timagenis, G. Darra, V. Papayiannopoulou, Maritime Law Review vol. 48, p. 241.

NOTE: In case document(s) required for registration are not submitted, Registrar can refuse registration.

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