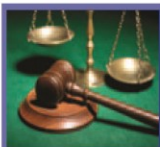


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Carrier's Liability

Fire onboard a vessel, due to defective cable of a vehicle being carried, led to the loss or damage of other vehicles being transported. The vehicle's owner was remunerated by the insurers for the damage. The latter, under the doctrine of subrogation, stepped into the shoes of the assured vehicles owner and sued the carrier for the damage.

From the evidence produced, it was found that the vessel was properly equipped for fire incidents; it was further found that the actions of the crew towards the fire incident were proper.

Accordingly, the Court dismissed the lawsuit of the insurers.

Piraeus One-membered Court of Appeal Judgment no 423/2024, Judge: G. Panagiotopoulou, Attorneys at law: A. Ziakas, A. Protopapa, NOMOS legal platform.

NOTE: For the establishment of liability for fire, there is a prima facie evidence in favour of the carrier, which can be rebutted if tort on the carrier's side is proven. This did not take place in the case under consideration, and the carrier was absolved from liability.

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