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LEGAL OPINION

Pollution / IOPCF

A vessel caused pollution in Greek waters; International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund was established, as per applicable International Treaties, to cater for claims arising therefrom, given the inability of owners to meet their relevant obligations.

The Greek state sued to recover alleged damages; however, this was the first time that it presented damages, having failed to announce them to the Fund during the period of announcements submission.

The Court found that the obligation of the Fund to examine the claims is limited within the ones announced; accordingly, the Greek state's claim, which was not announced, could not be considered.

Under above circumstances, its claim was rejected.

Piraeus Court of Appeal Judgment no 302/2024, President: F. Tserkezoglou, Rapporteur Judge: S. Gavalas, attorneys at law: M. Apostolidou, I. Markianos-Daniolos, NOMOS legal platform.

NOTE: The Fund was created following petition of the insurers of the vessel.

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