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Combined transport

Multimodal transport applies to transport of goods carried under a single contract through more means of carriage; goods are transshipped from one means of transport to the other.

The person who undertakes such a carriage is the Multimodal Transport Operator (MTO) and can either perform part of transport, sub-contracting the other parts of the carriage to other carriers, or merely coordinate the carriers of the various parts of carriage. The MTO acts in its own name, but on behalf of the client / cargo interests.

Piraeus One-membered Court of Appeal Judgment no 415/2019, Judge: El. Nikolakopoulou, Attorneys at law: M. Alexandraki, V. Plaka, Maritime Law Review vol. 47, p. 6.

NOTE: The MTO, acting in its own name, is directly liable for the payment of the sub-contractors, while the principal, who does not appear a party to the carriage agreements, is not.

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