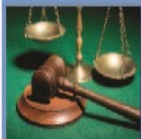


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Claim against PPA for loss or damage of commodities

Claims against Piraeus Port Authority for the loss or damage of commodities have to be brought before the courts within a three-month period. If not, the claim will be rejected.

In a case that arose concerning the loading of the wrong container on board, the court had to examine whether the above provision applies to contractual damages, apart from tort ones.

The Court found the three-month period applies to both contractual and tort damages; accordingly the claim was rejected, as the lawsuit versus the PPA was filed after the above time limit.

Supreme Court Judgment No 27/2017, Presiding: D. Papantonopoulou, Rapporteur Judge: A. Zevgolis, Attorneys at Law: St. Stylianos, Chr. Plegas, Maritime Law Review vol. 45, p. 10.

NOTE: The law provides that lawsuits for the loss or damage of commodities are not acceptable unless notified to the PPA within three months from acceptance of goods or knowledge of any loss or damage. Such a stipulation does not distinguish between contractual or tort claims, accordingly any loss or damage, no matter how it accrued, falls within the ambit of the provision.

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