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### LEGAL OPINION

#### Time-Bar

In a claim for ship repairs the defendant (ships interests), raised a time-bar defense. The claimant produced evidence the defendant had acknowledged the claim at a later point of time, thus interrupting the time bar, extending same.

Acknowledgment took place through confirmation by the master that repairs had been effected. Such confirmation enabled issuance of the repairer's invoices as VAT-exempt. The time-bar had not lapsed since such acknowledgment, and accordingly the defense raised was rejected.

Piraeus One-Membered Court of Appeal Judgment no 244/2017, Judge: A. Anastasiou, Attorneys at law: K. Koulouris, G. Athanasiadis, Maritime Law Review vol. 45, p. 132.

NOTE: Time-bar in a ship repair claim is one year, starting from the end of the year when claim arose. In the above case, the interruption of time bar through the (indirect yet fully producing legal effects) master's acknowledgment, led to a new time-bar starting point, allowing more time for the claim to be exercised.

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