

Joint Hull Committee

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Bering Sea Transit Clause

Underwriters will recall that JH2010/14 was issued as the Loran-C radio positioning system was phased out.

Technical difficulties have meant that none of the planned new systems have become operational or are likely to in the near term. GLONASS has not been able to complete satellite positioning and therefore cannot offer global coverage. The European "Galileo" system is not due to be fully operational before 2014 and the Chinese "BeiDou/Compass" navigation system is not expected before 2015.

To reflect this reality, the Joint Hull Committee has released an updated "Bering Sea Transit Clause" which is available for use as appropriate.

Neil Roberts
Secretary

Information relating to the work of the Joint Hull Committee(JHC), including an outline of key issues under discussion, recent circulars and wordings, can be accessed from the JHC page of the LMA website via the following link: <http://www.lmalloyds.com/lma/jointhull>



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Bering Sea Transit Clause

Notwithstanding anything contained in this insurance to the contrary, it is hereby agreed that the insured vessel may navigate the Bering Sea on through voyages and provided that

- (a) the vessel does not enter, navigate or remain north of 54° 30' N. Lat.; and
- (b) the vessel enters and exits west of Buldir Island or through the Amchitka, Amukta or Unimak Passes; and the vessel is equipped and properly fitted with at least one global positioning system receiver (such as US GPS, Russian GLONASS, European Galileo, Chinese Compass)
- (c) a radio transceiver and GMDSS, a weather facsimile recorder (or alternative equipment for the receipt of weather and routing information) and a gyrocompass, in each case to be fully operational and manned by qualified personnel; and
- (d) the vessel is in possession of appropriate navigational charts corrected up to date, sailing directions and pilot books.