

CIRCULAR

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TO ALL MEMBERS

Draft charterparty clause promoting the use of the Inter-Club New York Produce Exchange Agreement 1996 (as amended September 2011)

The Inter-Club New York Produce Exchange Agreement 1996 (as amended September 2011) ("the 2011 Agreement") provides a mechanism whereby liability for cargo claims arising under the New York Produce Exchange Form (NYPE) or Asbatime charterparties and/or contracts of carriage authorised under such charterparties can be swiftly and fairly apportioned between owners and charterers.

The International Group recommends that the 2011 Agreement should be applied to all NYPE/Asbatime charterparties and claims arising under such charterparties whenever entered into and whether or not they incorporate the 2011 Agreement or any other version of the Inter-Club New York Produce Exchange Agreement.

In order to further promote the application and incorporation of the 2011 Agreement into all NYPE/Asbatime charter parties, the Group has drafted a charter party clause which provides as follows:

"Cargo claims

Cargo claims as between Owners and the Charterers shall be settled in accordance with the Inter-Club New York Produce Exchange Agreement 1996 (as amended 2011), or any subsequent modification or replacement thereof. This clause shall take precedence over any other clause or clauses in this charterparty purporting to incorporate any other version of the Inter-Club New York Produce Exchange Agreement into this charterparty".

The NYPE 2015 charterparty contains a similar clause which also promotes application and use of the 2011 Agreement and is equally acceptable.

All clubs in the international Group have issued a similar circular.