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Part I

Voyage Charter Party.

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1. Shipbroker.		2. Place and Date.	
3. Owners.		4. Charterers.	
5. Vessel's name/type.		6. Cargo carrying capacity (about in mtons).	
7. Cubic capacity (grain/bale).	8. Owners' P&I Club.	9. Built – Class – Flag – GT – NT.	
10. Present position.		11. ETA Loadport.	
12. Laytime not to commence before.		13. Cancelling date.	
14. Sailing telex/telegram to sent to: <small>When the vessel leaves her last port before loading.</small>			
15. Loading Port(s).		16. Discharging Port(s).	
17. Cargo description – Quantity in mtons.			
18. Freight rate. <small>per mton.</small>		19. Freight payment (prepaid/payable on right and true delivery.)	
20. Laytime for loading and discharging. <small>Fill in a) and b) or for total laytime loading and discharging c)</small>			
a) Laytime for loading. <small>non reversible.</small>			
b) Laytime for discharging. <small>non reversible.</small>			
c) Total laytime for loading and discharging. <small>reversible.</small>		21. Demurrage/despatch rate.	
22. Brokerage. <small>% of the amount of freight and deadfreight shall be paid by the Owners to:</small>			
23. Agents at loading port(s).		24. Agents at discharging port(s).	
25. Special Provisions:			
It is mutually agreed that this Contract shall be performed subject to the conditions contained in this Charter Party which shall include Part I as well as Part II. In the event of a conflict of conditions, the provisions of Part I shall prevail over those of Part II to the extent of such conflict.			
Signature (Owners).		Signature (Charterers).	

SAMPLE DOCUMENT

A. Voyage.

1 it is agreed between the party mentioned in [Box 3](#) as Owners of the
2 vessel named in [Box 5](#) and the party mentioned as Charterers in
3 [Box 4](#) that, the vessel, being tight, staunch and strong, and in
4 every way fitted for the voyage, shall with all convenient speed
5 proceed to the port(s) as specified in [Box 15](#) and there load as
6 customary at any available quay, wharf or dock as ordered by
7 Charterers or their Agents, or so near thereto as she may safely
8 get and lie, always afloat, a cargo as described in [Box 17](#), and being
9 so loaded the vessel shall therewith proceed with utmost despatch
10 to the port(s) as specified in [Box 16](#) and there deliver the said
11 cargo at any dock or alongside any quay or wharf as ordered on
12 arrival or so near thereto as she may safely get without lightening
13 and lie, always afloat. Unless otherwise specifically agreed in
14 [Box 17](#), this Charter Party is for a full and complete cargo
15 under deck.
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B. Payment of Freight.

17 1. The freight at the rate stated in [Box 18](#) shall be paid in cash
18 calculated on the intaken quantity of cargo.
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2. Prepaid.

20 If according to [Box 19](#) freight is to be paid on shipment, it shall be
21 deemed earned and non-returnable, vessel and/or cargo lost or
22 not lost. Neither Owners nor their Agents shall be required to sign
23 or endorse Bills of Lading showing freight prepaid unless the freight
24 due to Owners has actually been paid.
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3. On delivery.

26 If according to [Box 19](#) freight, or part thereof, is payable on delivery
27 it shall not be deemed earned until right and true delivery has taken
28 place. Notwithstanding the provisions under 1, if freight or part
29 thereof is payable on delivery of the cargo Charterers shall have
30 the option of paying the freight on delivered weight/quantity
31 provided such option is declared before breaking bulk and the
32 weight/quantity can be ascertained by official weighing machine,
33 joint draft survey or tally.
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C. Notice of Readiness, Commencement of Laytime.

35 Notice of Readiness at loading port(s) to be given to the Shippers,
36 or if not named, to Charterers or their Agents. Notice of Readiness
37 at discharging port(s) to be given to the Receivers or, if not known,
38 to Charterers or their Agents.
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40 The laytime for loading and discharging shall commence at 13.00
41 hours if written Notice of Readiness is given up to and including
42 10.00 hours and at 07.00 hours next working day if notice is given
43 during office hours after 10.00 hours. If at loading/discharging
44 port(s) the work be commenced earlier, half such time actually used
45 shall count from such commencement.

D. Laytime.

46 1. The cargo shall be loaded and discharged within the number of
47 running days/hours as indicated in [Box 20](#), weather permitting.
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49 2. Unless otherwise agreed time from Friday 17.00 hours till
50 Monday 07.00 hours and time from 17.00 hours on a day
51 preceding a legal or local holiday till 07.00 hours next working day
52 not to count, unless used, in which event only half time actually
53 used to count, unless vessel is already on demurrage.
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55 3. Time lost in waiting for berth to count as laytime. Time that would
56 have been lost under the terms of this Charter Party if berth had
57 been available, shall not count.
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59 4. Time used from anchorage/waiting berth to loading/discharging
60 berth not to count, even if vessel is already on demurrage.
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E. Loading/Discharging.

The cargo shall be loaded and stowed/trimmed and discharged
by Charterers at their risk and expense, under Master's supervision.

F. Cancelling.

62 Should the vessel not be ready to load (whether in berth or not)
63 latest by noon on the cancelling date specified in [Box 13](#) Charterers
64 to have the option of cancelling this Contract. Such option to be
65 declared latest once Notice of Readiness has been given. If it
66 appears that the vessel will be delayed beyond such cancelling date
67 Owners shall as soon as they are in a position to state with
68 reasonable certainty the day within which the vessel will be ready
69 as above, give notice thereof to Charterers asking whether they will
70 exercise their option of cancelling. Such option must be declared
71 within 36 running hours (Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excepted)
72 after the receipt of Owners notice. If Charterers do not then
73 exercise their option of cancelling, unless otherwise agreed, the
74 third day after the date stated in Owners' notice shall be regarded
75 as a new cancelling date under this clause. Charterers exercise or
76 non-exercise of their option to cancel shall not prejudice any claims
77 which they may otherwise have against Owners.
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G. Lien.

79 Owners shall have a lien on the cargo for freight, deadfreight and
80 demurrage.
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H. Owners' Responsibility.

82 The provisions of the international convention on Bills of Lading
83 1924 as amended by protocols 1968 and 1979 (the "Hague-Visby
84 Rules") shall apply to this Contract, and Owners and Charterers are
85 entitled to the benefit of all privileges and immunities contained
86 therein.
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88 In trades where the responsibility provisions of the Norwegian
89 Maritime Code are compulsorily applicable, they shall apply to the
90 contract. In trades where the responsibility provisions of the law of
91 any other country are compulsorily applicable to this Contract, such
92 provision shall apply.

93 In all trades cargo carried on deck and cargo in Owners' custody
94 prior to loading and after unloading shall be subject to the same
95 terms as above provided for cargo under deck and for the
96 carriage itself.

I. Deviation.

97 Any deviation in saving or attempting to save life or property at sea,
98 or any reasonable deviation, shall not be deemed to be an
99 infringement of this Charter Party, and Owners shall not be liable
100 for any loss or damage resulting therefrom.
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J. Misrepresentation.

102 If any misrepresentation has been made regarding the description
103 of the vessel in this Charter Party and/or her position, Charterers
104 have the right to claim compensation for any loss or damage
105 resulting therefrom. Should there be any change in the vessel's
106 ETA as stated in [Box 11](#), Owners to notify Charterers and Shippers
107 (if known) thereof by telex/telegram as soon as such change
108 becomes known to them. If such notification is not given,
109 Charterers have the right to claim compensation for any loss
110 or damage resulting therefrom.
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K. Strikes.

112 1. Neither Charterers nor Owners are responsible for the
113 consequences of any strike or lock-out preventing or delaying the
114 fulfilment of any obligations under this Contract.
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116 2. If there is a strike or lock-out affecting or preventing the actual
117 loading of the cargo, or any part of it, when the vessel is ready to
118 proceed from her last port to the port of loading or at any time
119 during the voyage to the port of loading or after her arrival there,
120 Charterers shall have the option of cancelling this Charter Party.
121 If there is such strike or lock-out when the vessel is ready to
122 proceed from her last port, or if such strike or lock-out occurs at

any time thereafter, Owners may ask Charterers whether they will exercise their option of cancelling or declare that they agree to count the laytime as if there were no strike or lock-out. Unless Charterers have thereafter given notice of cancelling or such declaration in writing (by telex/telegram, if necessary) within 24 hours after the Master or Owners have given notice to Charterers of the strike or lock-out, Owners shall have the option of cancelling this Charter Party. If part of the cargo has already been loaded when the strike or lock-out starts, Owners must proceed with same if requested by Charterers, Owners being at liberty to complete with other cargo on the way for their own account. The completing cargo must be stowed safely and in such a way that it does not endanger the packing or contents of any part of the cargo shipped under this Charter Party.	123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136	Charter Party.	188
		Port of discharge.	189
		1. Should ice prevent the vessel from reaching port of discharge, Charterers shall have the option of keeping the vessel waiting until the reopening of navigation and paying demurrage, or of ordering the vessel to a safe and immediately accessible port where she can safely discharge without risk of detention by ice. Such orders to be given within 48 hours after Charterers' receipt of Master's or Owners' notice of the impossibility of reaching port of destination.	190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197
		2. If during discharging the Master, for fear of the vessel being frozen in, deems it advisable to leave, he has liberty to leave the area being ice-bound after having notified Charterers thereof. Charterers shall have the option of keeping the vessel waiting against paying demurrage (vessel to be anchored in open water) until the port of discharge is again accessible, or of ordering the vessel to an accessible adjacent port where she can safely discharge without risk of detention by ice. Such orders to be given 48 hours after Charterers' receipt of Master's notice of leaving the area being ice-bound.	198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207
3. If there is a strike or lock-out affecting or preventing the actual discharging of the cargo at the time the vessel arrives at port of discharge, or breaking out after the vessel's arrival, Charterers shall have the option of keeping the vessel waiting until such strike or lock-out is at an end against paying half demurrage after expiration of the time provided for discharging until the strike or lock-out terminates, and thereafter full demurrage shall be payable until the completion of discharging, or of ordering the vessel to a safe port where she can safely discharge her cargo without risk of being detained by strike or lock-out. Such orders to be given within 48 hours after Charterers' receipt of Master's or Owners' notice of the strike or lock-out. On delivery of the cargo at such port, all conditions of the Bill of Lading shall apply and the vessel shall receive the same freight as if she had discharged at the original port of destination, except that if the distance to the substituted port exceeds 100 nautical miles, the freight on the cargo delivered at the substituted port to be increased in proportion.	137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153	3. On delivery of the cargo at such port, all conditions of the Bill of Lading shall apply and the vessel shall receive the same freight as if she had discharged at the original port of destination, except that if the distance to the substituted port exceeds 100 nautical miles, the freight on the cargo delivered at the substituted port to be increased in proportion.	208 209 210 211 212 213
L. Ice.	154	M. War Risks ("Voywar 1993").	214
Port of loading.	155	1. For the purpose of this Clause, the words:	215
1. In the event of the loading port being inaccessible by reason of ice when the vessel is ready to proceed from her last port or at any time during the voyage or on the vessel's arrival, Charterers shall have the option of cancelling this Charter Party, or of ordering the vessel to an adjacent accessible port where she can safely load the cargo under this Charter Party. In the event of the loading port being inaccessible by reason of ice when the vessel is ready to proceed from her last port, or if such inaccessibility should occur at any time during the voyage or on the vessel's arrival, Owners may ask Charterers whether they will exercise their option of cancelling or of ordering the vessel to a safe, adjacent accessible port, Unless Charterers have thereafter given notice of cancellation or ordered such alternative port in writing (by telex/telegram, if necessary) within 24 hours, Owners shall have the option of cancelling this Charter Party. Should this Charter Party not be cancelled by either party, Charterers shall keep the vessel waiting against paying demurrage until the port is again accessible.	156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172	(a) "Owners" shall include the shipowners, bareboat charterers, disponent owners, managers or other operators who are charged with the management of the vessel, and the Master; and	216 217 218
2. If during loading the Master, for fear of the vessel being frozen in, deems it advisable to leave, he has liberty to leave the area being ice-bound after having notified Charterers thereof. Charterers shall have the option of keeping the vessel waiting against paying demurrage (vessel to be anchored in open water) until the port of loading is again accessible, or of ordering the vessel to proceed with what cargo she has on board, Owners being at liberty to complete with other cargo on the way for their own account. Such orders to be given within 48 hours after Charterers' receipt of Master's notice of leaving the area being ice-bound. If the vessel is ordered to proceed, any cargo thus loaded under this Charter Party to be forwarded to destination at the vessel's expense, but against payment of freight, provided that no extra expenses be thereby caused to Charterers, freight being paid on quantity delivered (in proportion if lumpsum), all other conditions as per this	173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187	(b) "War Risks" shall include any war (whether actual or threatened), act of war, civil war, hostilities, revolution, rebellion, civil commotion, warlike operations, the laying of mines (whether actual or reported), acts of piracy, acts of terrorists, acts of hostility or malicious damage, blockades (whether imposed against all vessels or imposed selectively against vessels of certain flags or ownership, or against certain cargoes or crews or otherwise howsoever), by any person, body, terrorist or political group, or the Government of any state whatsoever, which, in the reasonable judgement of the Master and/or Owners, may be dangerous or are likely to be or to become dangerous to the vessel, her cargo, crew or other persons on board the vessel.	219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230
		2. If at any time before the vessel commences loading, it appears that, in the reasonable judgement of the Master and/or Owners, performance of the Contract of Carriage, or any part of it, may expose, or is likely to expose, the vessel, her cargo, crew or other persons on board the vessel to War Risks, Owners may give notice to Charterers cancelling this Contract of Carriage, or may refuse to perform such part of it as may expose, or may be likely to expose, the vessel, her cargo, crew or other persons on board the vessel to War Risks; provided always that if this Contract of Carriage provides that loading or discharging is to take place within a range of ports and at the port or ports nominated by Charterers the vessel, her cargo, crew, or other persons on board the vessel may be exposed, or may be likely to be exposed, to War Risks, Owners shall first require Charterers to nominate any other safe port which lies within the range for loading or discharging, and may only cancel this Contract of Carriage if Charterers shall not have nominated such safe port or ports within 48 hours of receipt of notice of such requirement.	231 232 233 234 235 236 237 238 239 240 241 242 243 244 245 246 247 248

3. Owners shall not be required to continue to load cargo for any voyage, or to sign Bills of Lading for any port or place, or to proceed or continue on any voyage, or on any part thereof, or to proceed through any canal or waterway, or to proceed to or remain at any port or place whatsoever, where it appears, either after the loading of the cargo commences, or at any stage of the voyage thereafter before the discharge of the cargo is completed, that, in the reasonable judgement of the Master and/or Owners, the vessel, her cargo (or any part thereof), crew or other persons on board the vessel (or any one or more of them) may be, or are likely to be, exposed to War Risks. If it should so appear, Owners may by notice request Charterers to nominate a safe port for the discharge of the cargo or any part thereof, and if within 48 hours of the receipt of such notice, Charterers shall not have nominated such a port, Owners may discharge the cargo at any safe port of their choice (including the port of loading) in complete fulfilment of the Contract of Carriage. Owners shall be entitled to recover from Charterers the extra expenses of such discharge and, if the discharge takes place at any port other than the loading port, to receive the full freight as though the cargo had been carried to the discharging port and if the extra distance exceeds 100 miles, to additional freight which shall be the same percentage of the freight contracted for as the percentage which the extra distance represents to the distance of the normal and customary route, Owners having a lien on the cargo for such expenses and freight.	249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265 266 267 268 269 270 271 272 273	(c) to comply with the terms of any resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations, any directives of the European Community, the effective orders of any other Supranational body which has the right to issue and give the same, and with national laws aimed at enforcing the same to which Owners are subject, and to obey the orders and directions of those who are charged with their enforcement;	299 300 301 302 303 304 305
		(d) to discharge at any other port any cargo or part thereof which may render the vessel liable to confiscation as a contraband carrier;	306 307 308
		(e) to call at any other port to change the crew or any part thereof or other persons on board the vessel when there is reason to believe that they may be subject to internment, imprisonment or other sanctions;	309 310 311 312
		(f) where cargo has not been loaded or has been discharged by Owners under any provisions of this Clause, to load other cargo for Owners' own benefit and carry it to any other port or ports whatsoever, whether backwards or forwards or in a contrary direction to the ordinary or customary route.	313 314 315 316 317
		6. If in compliance with any of the provisions of sub-clauses 2 to 5 of this Clause anything is done or not done, such shall not be deemed to be a deviation, but shall be considered as due fulfilment of the Contract of Carriage.	318 319 320 321
		N. Agency.	322
		Unless otherwise agreed Owners shall appoint Agents suggested by Charterers, provided they render services at a competitive rate.	323 324
		O. General Average, New Jason Clause, Both-to-Blame Collision Clause.	325 326
		In case of General Average same to be settled in Oslo according to the York-Antwerp Rules 1994.	327 328
		If the adjustment of General Average or the liability for any collision in which the vessel is involved while performing the carriage under the terms of this Charter Party, falls to be determined in accordance with the law and practice of the United States of America, the New Jason Clause and the Both-to-Blame Collision Clause as printed in the Hydro Bill of Lading form shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Charter Party.	329 330 331 332 333 334 335
		P. Law and Jurisdiction.	336
		If not otherwise provided for in this Charter Party, any disputes to be brought before the City Court of Oslo and Norwegian Law to be applied.	337 338 339
		Q. Bills of Lading.	340
		Bills of Lading shall be signed by the Master as per the Hydro Bill of Lading form edition 1997, without prejudice to this Charter Party.	341 342 343
4. If at any stage of the voyage after the loading of the cargo commences, it appears that, in the reasonable judgement of the Master and/or Owners, the vessel, her cargo, crew or other persons on board the vessel may be, or are likely to be, exposed to War Risks on any part of the route (including any canal or waterway) which is normally and customarily used in a voyage of the nature contracted for, and there is another longer route to the discharging port, Owners shall give notice to Charterers that this route will be taken. In this event Owners shall be entitled, if the total extra distance exceeds 100 miles, to additional freight which shall be the same percentage of the freight contracted for as the percentage which the extra distance represents to the distance of the normal and customary route.	274 275 276 277 278 279 280 281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 289 290 291 292 293 294 295		
5. The vessel shall have liberty: -			
(a) to comply with all orders, directions, recommendations or advice as to departure, arrival, routes, sailing in convoy, ports of call, stoppages, destinations, discharge of cargo, delivery or in any way whatsoever which are given by the Government of the Nation under whose flag the vessel sails, or other Government to whose laws Owners are subject, or any other Government which so requires, or any body or group acting with the power to compel compliance with their orders or directions;			
(b) to comply with the orders, directions or recommendations of any war risks underwriters who have the authority to give the same under the terms of the war risks insurance;	296 297 298		