

THE BENEFITS OF MARINE CARGO COVERAGE

Dear Valued Customer,

At PFS, we handle your goods with the highest level of care and attention, indeed treating each and every one of your consignments as if they were our own. However, on occasions no matter what we may do there could be circumstances and accidents beyond our control.

If you have your own marine insurance cover policy in place then you are fully protected, but if not then please do engage with us about the PFS Marine Cargo Insurance facility of which coverage via can give you complete peace of mind by protecting yourself against the unthinkable.

For the sake of clarity, it is important for us to point out that our Freight Liability policy only covers our liability under our standard trading conditions. Unless specifically requested we do not as standard insure your cargo. We most strongly recommend you do obtain marine/goods in transit insurance for all your shipments.

As well as our Freight Forwarders liability insurance having limitations, so does the equivalent policy of all shipping Lines, Hauliers and Warehouses. Indeed all parties involved in the supply chain will have limitations of liability, and therefore the full value of your goods is unlikely to be covered, which it would be under a specific policy coverage for your consignment/s.

It is also a recommendation under every international sale of goods contract that either the seller or the buyer should arrange adequate insurance for the goods in accordance with the agreed incoterms.

<https://www.profreightsolutions.co.uk/documents/INCOTERMS%202010.pdf>

It is also unknown to many importers and exporters what they are liable for in the event of a General Average claim being declared by a Shipping Line. This is an ancient maritime law still very much intrinsic to every shipment today and which unfortunately can and does on occasions come to the fore. Please see a couple of links for some more information should you wish to find out more;

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_average

<https://www.marineinsight.com/maritime-law/the-role-of-general-average-in-the-maritime-industry>

General Average can apply to vessel damage due to piracy, collisions, explosions/fire etc as well as cargo loss.

We of course are on hand to discuss any and all requirements or concerns you may have, or any questions you may have resulting from this document.