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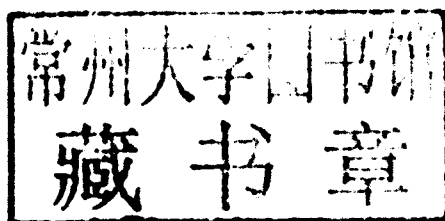


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Preface

The subject matter of this book is primarily focused on issues relating to the carriage of goods by sea. The book was written with a number of readers in mind. It is proposed that teachers and students of carriage of goods by sea, as well as other interested readers and researchers, may benefit from this text. The book covers a wide range of topics and is aimed at undergraduate as well as postgraduate levels of study.

The aim of the book is to provide a comprehensive overview of carriage of goods by sea; readers will be able to gain insight into the legal aspects of sea carriage and its surrounding issues. This book will enable students, both those who are new to the subject as well as those seeking to advance their knowledge, to better understand the often technical and complicated nature of the law in this area. As a lecturer in shipping law, I know first-hand that students often find it difficult to grapple with many of the existing resources in this area because they find them overly complicated, often aimed at practitioners and lacking in practical legal examples.

The purpose of this book is two-fold. First, it aims to deliver an in-depth overview of contextual ‘dry’ shipping law topics. In addition it aims to present these topics in a way that students can grasp their significance and develop an advanced understanding of the inner workings in this specialised area of the law.

The book seeks to achieve these aims by providing a simplified layout. This includes using a variety of learning methods. For example, in addition to the text, the book will also include relevant case excerpts, statutory materials, exam- and coursework-related questions, as well as diagrams and pictures to aid in understanding the subject. In short, my approach to this subject is hands-on and practical, rather than focusing solely on theoretical issues.

The contents of the book covers issues such as a general introduction, bills of lading, charterparties, international and domestic regulations, rights and obligations of the parties under a contract of carriage, limitations of liability and remedies.

As this book is aimed at first-time students of the subject, it will assume almost no prior knowledge. However, those students who have previously taken commercial- and trade-related subjects would find the subject matter easier to grasp.

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