



Knowledge Sharing: Special Edition

Dear Members and Friends

The recent Suez Canal closure was a unique event, which is expected to have quite a few legal and commercial consequences. We have thus compiled a special Knowledge Sharing edition with articles related to the incident, which are penned by SCMA's corporate and individual members.

SCMA is privileged to be the medium through which our members can share their views with the maritime, trade and legal communities.

We hope that this edition will serve as useful reference material for all of you.

SCMA would like to thank all authors for their contributions.

Articles

Suez Canal blocked - traffic jam growing by the hour

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A complete blockage of the Suez canal is the kind of realistic disaster that companies and governments plan for but fervently hope never happens. Unfortunately, this has recently occurred - a large cargo ship has been blocking the waterway for 2 days and counting.

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“EVER GIVEN”/closure of Suez Canal Briefing Note

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The Suez Canal is a key route between Europe and the Middle East and Asia and a prolonged blockage of the canal could have far-reaching effects on international shipping and trade, that are felt beyond the Europe –Middle East –Asia route.

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MV EVER GIVEN - Suez Canal Grounding - Member Alert

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This Standard Club member alert is intended to give members some topical guidance on some of the many issues that the shipping world faces as a result of the grounding of the MV Ever Given in the Suez Canal on 23 March 2021.

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Ever Given – Insurance and Legal Implications

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The grounding of the Ever Given in the Suez Canal on 23 March 2021 has further exposed the fragility of trade routes which has been tested by disruptions due to COVID-19. This article examines some of the insurance and legal implications that may arise due to this incident.

Read the article [here](#).

Legal and commercial consequences from the Indian perspective arising out of the MV Ever Given grounding in the Suez Canal

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On or about 23 March 2021 at 8 AM (local time) whilst the 20,000 TEU-class container ship - MV Ever Given ("Vessel") had been traversing in a northbound direction in the Suez Canal she experienced bad weather caused by a sandstorm and began drifting off course. On account of the heavy winds hitting the high-stacked containers on the deck of the Vessel, she began rotating clockwise. In light of the fact that the Vessel is almost 100 metres longer than the full width of the Suez Canal, her rotation firmly lodged her bow and stern on both sides of the Suez Canal, which resulted in the complete blocking of traffic. The 6-day blockage of the Suez Canal clogged the most vital artery of the international trade exacerbating the existing disruptions of worldwide supply chains caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst Indian law may have a very little connection with disputes among core stakeholders (barring the fact that all seafarers on board the Vessel were Indian nationals), the legal issues arising of the 2021 Suez Canal are likely to resonate among various players in the Indian shipping industry.

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The Contractual Consequences of the Suez Canal Blockage on Charterers and Shipowners

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The recent incident of the 'Ever Given' and the Suez Canal is a timely reminder that shipping delays and their resulting consequences are perhaps not as remote as one may think. Although it is not possible to predict when and how similar situations may occur in the future, the critical lesson for shipowners and charterers is to ensure that they are aware of and include the specific clauses and necessary provisions that will be instrumental in protecting their rights and obligations.

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The Ever Given and the Blockage of the Suez Canal: What Next?

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The pictures of the Ever Given blocking the Suez Canal have caught the world's attention. This article examines some of the issues arising as a result of this high-profile incident.

Click [here](#) to read the article.

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Underwriters prepare as Ever Given claims start to roll in [article published in *Tradewinds*]

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Delay insurance providers say clients have already started to issue claims related to the grounding of an Evergreen Marine-operated ultra large containership in the Suez Canal.

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Suez Canal blocked – and it is not the MV Ever Given

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This article revisits two old cases where the blockage to the Suez Canal in 1956 led to legal claims being brought by shipping and trade parties.

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