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Application of Act.

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4. This Act shall apply only in relation to ships carrying goods from any one place in the State of New South Wales to any other place in the said State, and in relation to goods so carried, or received to be so carried, in those ships.

5. Where any bill of lading or document contains any clause, covenant, or agreement, whereby—

- (a) the owner, charterer, master, or agent of any ship, or the ship itself, is relieved from liability for loss or damage to goods arising from the harmful or improper condition of the ship's hold, or any other part of the ship in which goods are carried, or arising from negligence, fault, or failure in the proper loading, stowage, custody, care, or delivery of goods received by them, or any of them, to be carried in or by the ship; or
- (b) any obligations of the owner or charterer of any ship to exercise due diligence, and to properly man, equip, and supply the ship, to make and keep the ship seaworthy, and to make and keep the ship's hold, refrigerating and cool chambers, and all other parts of the ship in which goods are carried, fit and safe for their reception, carriage, and preservation, are in any wise lessened, weakened, or avoided; or
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Construction and jurisdiction. Commonwealth No. 14 of 1904, s. 6.

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I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGIS-LATIVE ASSEMBLY, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.

> W. S. MOWLE, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 3 November, 1921.

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2. This Act shall commence on the first day of Commence-January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.

> R. J. STUART-ROBERTSON, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

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In the name and on behalf of His Majesty I assent to this Act.

### W. E. DAVIDSON,

Governor.

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SCHEDULE of Amendments referred to in Message of 20th October, 1921.

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. After "Goods" insert "(State)"; omit "1920" insert "1921" Page 1, clause 2, line 8. Omit "July" insert "January" Page 1, clause 2, line 9. Omit "one" secondly occurring, insert "two"

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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

> W. S. MOWLE, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 15 December, 1920.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with Amendments.

W. L. S. COOPER, Clerk of the Parliaments.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 20th October, 1921.





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Note.—The words to be omitted are ruled through ; those to be inserted are printed in black letter.

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