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## LEGAL OPINION

### Piraeus Port Authority

Piraeus Port Authority (PPA) is an SA [Société Anonyme or a public limited company] aiming to serve the public interest in the sector of ports. Its objective is the management of the port of Piraeus and other ports.

PPA acts as trustee for the commodities which it receives for storage in the warehouses and open spaces of the Piraeus port and it is answerable for damage or loss of such commodities as from their receipt. The PPA liability can be on tort, in which case the claiming party has the duty to prove the fault of employees of the PPA or see cants.

Liability can also be under the trust agreement, in which case the claiming party needs solely to prove the existence of the trust agreement, the loss or damage sustained and the measure of damages. Fault of PPA is in that case considered as existing.

Piraeus One Membered Court of Appeal Judgment no 708/2018, Judge: M. Daniil, Attorneys at law: Chr. Plepas, M. Stylianou, P. Petropoulos, N. Papachronopoulos, Maritime Law Review vol. 46, p. 334.

NOTE: PPA has a monopoly in the port of Piraeus and therefore its capacity as trustee (and the corresponding liability) is provided by law as applying automatically in every cargo which is received for storage.

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