

## Marine Perils

Marine insurance covers the marine property against losses arising from perils of sea that are mentioned in the policy. Insurance company is not liable to indemnify the losses caused by the inherent qualities of cargo or by the fraud, negligence or willful misconduct of insured. Following are such marine perils.

1. **Perils of the sea:** Sea perils include only the accidents and casualties of the sea. The important sea perils are losses of marine character or accidents to ship such as collision and heavy storm.
2. **Fire:** Sometimes fire may occur on ship and therefore fire is one of the insured perils. If the loss by fire is caused by the smoke or heat of fire resulting from lightening, explosion, negligence of the master or crew etc. the insurance company is liable for the claim if the insured has paid extra premium.
3. **Jettison:** Sometimes due to heavy load on the ship the entire ship may be drowned into sea. Hence the captain of the ship may throw some part of the cargo and heavy equipments into the sea to save the entire ship from drowning. Such loss of owner of ship or owner of cargo falls under general average clause.
4. **Barratry:** Barratry is the wrongful act willfully committed by the master of the ship or crew of the ship to the benefit of owner or without the consent of owner. The loss caused by such a barratry is covered by the marine policy if such barratry is committed without the interest of owner and without the knowledge of the owner. But if master and crew of the ship are engaged in smuggling without the consent of the owner of the ship or shipping company the insurance company is not liable to compensate the loss arising there from.
5. **Enemies:** Enemy means *one who wishes and tries to harm or attack*. All the losses or damages by enemies are covered by marine policy.
6. **War risks:** Marine insurance policy covers the following type of war risks by paying extra premium.
  - a) **Pirates or Rovers or Thieves:** Losses caused to the marine property by pirates, rovers or thieves are covered under the policy.

- b) Men of war:** Any damage or losses caused to the marine property by the navel-forces of enemy country are covered under the marine policy.
- c) Arrests, Restraints or Detainments:** Arrests means to take away forcefully by the police or army of a country. Restraints mean the prevention of free use of port by the government. Detainment means forceful stoppage of ship by the authorities of some nation for violation of some laws.

Procedure of taking Marine Policy: