

To: [Name of Shipping Line / Carrier / Ship Owner]
Address: [Full Address of the Carrier]

Date: [Insert Date]

Subject: Master Letter of Indemnity for Delivery of Cargo Without Production of Original Bill of Lading

Vessel Name: [Insert Vessel Name]
Voyage Number: [Insert Voyage Number]
Bill of Lading Number: [Insert B/L Number]
Port of Loading: [Insert Loading Port]
Port of Discharge: [Insert Discharge Port]
Description of Goods: [Insert Cargo Details]
Container Numbers: [Insert Container Numbers]

Dear Sirs,

The above goods were shipped on the above vessel by [Insert Name of Shipper] and consigned to [Insert Name of Consignee/Receiver] for delivery at the port of [Insert Port Name], but the relevant original bills of lading have not yet arrived or are missing.

We hereby request you to deliver the said goods to [Insert Name of Party to whom delivery should be made] or such party as you believe to be or represent to be or to be acting on behalf of the said party, without production of the original bills of lading.

In consideration of your complying with our above request, we hereby agree as follows:

1. To indemnify you, your servants and agents and to hold all of you harmless in respect of any liability, loss, damage or expense of whatsoever nature which you may sustain by reason of delivering the cargo in accordance with our request.
2. In the event of any proceedings being commenced against you or any of your servants or agents in connection with the delivery of the cargo as aforesaid, to provide you or them on demand with sufficient funds to defend the same.
3. If, in connection with the delivery of the cargo as aforesaid, the ship, or any other ship or property in the same or associated ownership, management or control, should be arrested or detained or should the arrest or detention thereof be threatened, or should there be any interference in the use or disposal of the vessel, to provide on demand such bail or other security as may be required to prevent such arrest or detention or to secure the release of such ship or property or to remove such interference and to indemnify you in respect of any liability, loss, damage or expense caused by such arrest or detention or threatened arrest or detention or such interference, whether or not such arrest or detention or threatened arrest or detention or such interference may be justified.
4. As soon as all original bills of lading for the above cargo shall have come into our possession, to deliver the same to you, or your agents, whereupon our liability hereunder shall cease.

5. The liability of each and every person under this indemnity shall be joint and several and shall not be conditional upon your proceeding first against any person, whether or not such person is party to or liable under this indemnity.

This indemnity shall be governed by and construed in accordance with [Insert Jurisdiction, e.g., English Law] and each and every person liable under this indemnity shall at your request submit to the jurisdiction of the [Insert Court, e.g., High Court of Justice of England].

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of: [Insert Name of Requesting Party]

Authorized Signature: _____

Name: [Insert Name of Signatory]

Designation: [Insert Job Title]

Countersigned by (Banker): [Insert Bank Name]

Authorized Signature: _____

Stamp/Seal: