

To: [Insert Name of Shipping Line/Carrier]

Date: [Insert Date]

Vessel: [Insert Vessel Name]

Voyage: [Insert Voyage Number]

Bill of Lading Number: [Insert B/L Number]

Description of Goods: [Insert Description]

Marks and Numbers: [Insert Marks]

Dear Sirs,

The above goods were shipped on the above vessel by [Insert Shipper Name] and consigned to [Insert Consignee Name]. However, the relevant original bills of lading have not yet arrived.

In consideration of your delivering the goods to [Insert Name of Party to whom delivery is to be made] or to such person as they may direct, without production of the original bills of lading, we, [Insert Name of Requesting Party], and we, [Insert Name of Bank], hereby jointly and severally 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 goods 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 goods 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 goods as aforesaid, the ship or any other ship or property belonging to you should be arrested or detained, or if the arrest or detention thereof should be threatened, 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 and to indemnify you in respect of any liability, loss, damage or expenses caused by such arrest or detention or threatened arrest or detention whether or not the same may be justified.
4. As soon as all original bills of lading for the above goods shall have come into our possession, to deliver the same to you, or your agents, whereupon our liability hereunder shall cease.
5. This indemnity shall be governed by and construed in accordance with [Insert Jurisdiction/Law] law and each and every person liable hereunder shall at your request submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts of [Insert Venue].

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of:
[Insert Name of Requesting Company]
Authorised Signature: _____

For and on behalf of:
[Insert Name of Bank]
Authorised Signature: _____