

Cargo and goods in transit insurances

Purpose

At the end of this unit, candidates should be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of cargo and goods in transit risks and their insurance.

Assumed knowledge

It is assumed that the candidate already has knowledge of the fundamental principles of insurance as covered in IF1 Insurance, legal and regulatory or equivalent examinations.

Summary of learning outcomes	Number of questions in the examination*
1. Understand the business environment of shipping and world trade.	9
2. Understand the legal and regulatory environment of cargo and goods in transit risks.	7
3. Understand the scope of cover for cargo.	12
4. Understand the scope of cover for haulage contractor's liability.	5
5. Understand the underwriting of cargo and goods in transit insurance.	10
6. Understand claims considerations and procedures for cargo and goods in transit.	7

* The test specification has an in-built element of flexibility. It is designed to be used as a guide for study and is not a statement of actual number of questions that will appear in every exam. However, the number of questions testing each learning outcome will generally be within the range plus or minus 2 of the number indicated.

Important notes

- Method of assessment:
Mixed assessment consisting of two components, both of which must be passed. One component is a coursework assignment and one is a multiple choice question (MCQ) examination. The details are:
 - an online coursework assignment using RevisionMate consisting of 10 questions which sequentially follow the learning outcomes. This must be successfully completed within 6 months of enrolment; and
 - an MCQ exam consisting of 50 MCQs. 1 hour is allowed for this exam. This exam must be successfully passed within 18 months of enrolment.
- This syllabus will be examined from 1 May 2025 until 30 April 2026.
- Candidates will be examined on the basis of English law and practice unless otherwise stated.
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1. Understand the business environment of shipping and world trade.

- 1.1 Describe the world import and export business including the parties involved and identify emerging risks.
- 1.2 Describe the principal trading countries and trade routes, including risks.
- 1.3 Describe different types of goods, including their main origins, destinations and methods of transportation.
- 1.4 Describe the main terms of trade used in buying and selling goods internationally.
- 1.5 Describe documents used in the international carriage of goods.

2. Understand the legal and regulatory environment of cargo and goods in transit risks.

- 2.1 Describe the legal and regulatory environment of carriage of goods by sea, road, rail and air.
- 2.2 Apply the relevant laws and regulations to carriage of goods scenarios within the UK and global context.

3. Understand the scope of cover for cargo.

- 3.1 Explain the cover provided by Institute Cargo Clauses and other clauses, and their appropriateness in different circumstances.
- 3.2 Apply the cover provided by Institute Cargo Clauses and other clauses to various scenarios in a global context.
- 3.3 Explain the cover provided by Project Cargo and Delay in Start Up Insurance.
- 3.4 Explain the cover provided by Stockthroughput Insurance.
- 3.5 Explain the types of Charterparties.

4. Understand the scope of cover for haulage contractor's liability.

- 4.1 Explain the tripartite nature of haulage contractor's liability cover.
- 4.2 Explain the importance of custody and control.
- 4.3 Explain the legal liabilities, duties under conditions and the relationship between haulage contractors and other parties.

5. Understand the underwriting of cargo and goods in transit insurance.

- 5.1 Explain the risk profile of different cargoes.
- 5.2 Evaluate geographic and physical aspects of risk in different countries and by different trade routes.
- 5.3 Explain typical approaches to premium rating and valuation including premium adjustments for marine cargo.
- 5.4 Describe the methods used in loss prevention.
- 5.5 Explain how risk accumulates and the importance of its control.
- 5.6 Explain rating practices of haulage contractor's liability.
- 5.7 Explain rating practices of freight forwarder's and warehouse keeper's liability.

- 5.8 Describe a typical approach to rating premiums and the physical aspects of risk in Stockthroughput insurance.

6. Understand claims considerations and procedures for cargo and goods in transit.

- 6.1 Describe the claims handling process and the documentation used.
- 6.2 Describe the role of specialists in the settlement of claims.
- 6.3 Adjust cargo claims for partial or total loss in given scenarios.
- 6.4 Calculate cargo claims in a variety of particular scenarios.
- 6.5 Calculate recovery prospects under typical terms and conditions of carriage.

Reading list

The following list provides details of further reading which may assist you with your studies.

Note: The examination will test the syllabus alone.

The reading list is provided for guidance only and is not in itself the subject of the examination.

The resources listed here will help you keep up-to-date with developments and provide a wider coverage of syllabus topics.

CII study texts

Cargo and goods in transit insurances.
London: CII. Study text M90

Insurance, legal and regulatory. London: CII.
Study text IF1

Books (and ebooks)

Arnould's law of marine insurance and average. J Gilman, Robert M Merkin et al.
20th ed. London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2021.

Carriage of goods by sea. 2nd ed. Stephen Girvin. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Carriage of goods by sea. 7th ed. John F Wilson. Harlow: Pearson, 2010.

Carriage of goods by sea, land and air: uni-modal and multi-modal transport in the 21st Century. Baris Soyer, Andrew W Tettenborn. London: Informa Law from Routledge, 2013.

Carriage of goods by sea under the Rotterdam Rules. Edited by D R Thomas. London: Lloyd's List Law, 2010.

Cases & materials on marine insurance law. Susan Hodges. Routledge-Cavendish, 1999.*

Contracts of carriage by air. 2nd ed. Malcolm Clarke. London: Lloyd's List, 2010.

Insuring cargoes: a practical guide to the law and practice. K S Vishwanath. 2nd ed. London: Witherby, 2023.

International carriage of goods by road: CMR. 6th ed. Malcolm Clarke. London: LLP, 2024.

International maritime conventions: Volume 1. The carriage of goods and passengers by sea. Francesco Berlingieri. Oxon: Informa Law, 2014.*

International trade: an essential guide to the principles and practice of export. Jonathan

Reuvid and Jim Sherlock. 3rd ed. London: Kogan Page, 2011.

Offshore contracts and liabilities. Baris Soyer, Andrew Tettenborn. Oxon: Informa Law, 2015.*

Marine cargo insurance. 2nd ed. John Dunt. London: Informa Law, 2016.*

Marine insurance clauses. Geoffrey Hudson and Tim Madge. 5th ed. London: LLP, 2012.*

Marine insurance fraud. Baris Soyer. Hoboken: Informa Law, 2014.*

Marine insurance: law and practice. 2nd ed. Francis Rose. Cornwall: Informa Law, 2012.*

Marine insurance legislation. Robert Merkin, et al. 5th ed. London: Informa Law, 2014.*

Principles and practice of marine insurance. Ehsanul Haque. Dubai: United Publications, 2012.

The modern law of marine insurance. Volume 4. D R Thomas. London: Informa Law, 2016.

Ebooks

The following eBooks are available via www.cii.co.uk/elibrary (CII/PFS members only):

Cases and materials on the carriage of goods by sea. 5th ed. Anthony Rogers, et al. London: Routledge, 2019.

International trade and carriage of goods. Baris Soyer, A M Tettenborn. Oxon: Informa Law from Routledge, 2017.

Marine insurance law. 2nd ed. Özlem Gürses. Routledge, 2017.

Principles of the carriage of goods by sea. Paul Todd. London: Routledge, 2016.

The Blackwell companion to maritime economics. Wayne K Talley. Massachusetts: Wiley, 2012.

Online resources

The Insurance Institute of London (IIL) provides access to lectures from leading industry figures and subject experts speaking on current issues and trends impacting insurance and financial services. Available online at www.cii.co.uk/learning/insurance-institute-of-london (CII/PFS members only).

Project cargo and delayed start-up insurances. John Potter.

* Also available as an eBook through eLibrary via www.cii.co.uk/elibrary (CII/PFS members only).

Subject gateway on marine insurance.

Updated regularly. Available online via

www.cii.co.uk/subjectgateways.

Further articles and technical bulletins are available at www.cii.co.uk/learning/elibrary/ (CII/PFS members only).

Journals and magazines

InsurancePOST. London: Incisive Financial Publishing. Monthly. Contents searchable online at www.postonline.co.uk.

The Journal. London: CII. Six issues a year.

Access to further periodical publications is available from the Knowledge website at

thejournal.cii.co.uk

(CII/PFS members only).

Reference materials

Concise encyclopedia of insurance terms.

Laurence S. Silver, et al. New York:

Routledge, 2010.*

Dictionary of insurance. C Bennett. 2nd ed.

London: Pearson Education, 2004.

Insurance: Conduct of Business

sourcebook (ICOBS). Available via

www.handbook.fca.org.uk/handbook/ICOBS.

Exemplars

Exemplar papers are available for all mixed assessment units. Exemplars are available for both the coursework component and the MCQ exam component.

These are available on the CII website under the unit number before purchasing the unit. They are available under the following link www.cii.co.uk/qualifications/diploma-in-insurance-qualification.

These exemplar papers are also available on the RevisionMate website (ciigroup.org/login) after you have purchased the unit.

Exam technique/study skills

There are many modestly priced guides available in bookshops. You should choose one which suits your requirements.