Case Study: Crew Illness



Primary Delay Insurance for P&I Perils Case Study

Illness, injury or death of any persons

A bulk carrier, laden with a cargo of rice en-route from Kakinada in India to Dakar In Senegal West Africa.

During a voyage several members of the crew fell ill with salmonella. The incident occurred prior to arrival in Dakar and the vessel therefore avoided deviating to a port of refuge.

On arrival at Dakar, the vessel was boarded by the local health authority as required under local law. The same was arranged through the agent. The Master was instructed to isolate the crew that were ill on-board and place them in quarantine. Following a visit to the local hospital it was evident that the crew that were ill would not be able to return for work certified fit on completion of the cargo operations.

Arrangements were made for a substitute crew to arrive. The same was arranged without delay with the replacement crew arriving in time before cargo operations were completed.

The local authority required the vessel to be disinfected and subsequently inspected the vessel. Port clearance was however not provided until the authorities were satisfied that all formalities had been completed by the Master. This resulted in a weeks' delay upon completion of cargo operations.

This delay was covered under the primary delay cover provide by Nordic. Members incurred the loss of a single day deductible and recovered the loss of earnings for the remaining six days.

The P&I correspondents appointed surveyor's report was the only documentation provided to Nordic in this case. No independent surveyor was appointed by Nordic. Reimbursement was made within a week following reception of supporting documents of the incident.

