

The Question of Shipowner's Limitation of Liability in Maritime Collision under Various Jurisdictions

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As an archipelago and as a seafaring nation, the importance of maritime law intersects a great part of Transportation Law in the Philippines. This Article discusses the effect of collision and the question of shipowner's limitation under various jurisdictions.

Several definitions of collision synthesize two meanings of that single event: one object may be active, the other may be passive, and both objects must strike each other. Damage caused to a ship as a result of a collision creates a maritime lien. The Author compares the Philippine rule, the United States rule, and the English rule as regards the limitations of shipowner's liability.

Limitations on shipowner's liability protects the shipowner. It is not only a common and regular part of maritime transactions, it also encourages a vibrant shipping trade and industry.