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LAY UP LOCATION AND SURVEY REQUIREMENT

As a condition precedent to the liability of the underwriters hereon, the vessel shall not be laid up, unless:

1. the port or place to be used for the purpose of lay up shall have been agreed in writing by the Underwriters;
2. such port or place and the arrangements for the lay up shall have been or be surveyed by a surveyor agreed in writing by the Underwriters, such survey to be carried out within 14 days of the date specified by underwriters;
3. all recommendations made by the surveyor shall be complied with within the timescales set down by the surveyor or continuously complied with throughout the period of this insurance in the case of recommendations said by the surveyor to require continuing compliance.

Cost of Survey

All survey costs to be borne by the assured.

Returns of Premium

Where the insurance provides for lay up returns of premium, such returns will not be made until the surveyor's recommendations are complied with.

Information

For the purposes of these requirements, it is understood that:

Hot lay-up is relatively short term and means that the vessel may have a reduced number of crew on board and will have some of the machinery working;

Cold lay-up is for a longer term, requiring the vessel to be moored in a secured location and all systems, engines and machinery are shut down.

Survey Considerations

The survey should examine all pertinent aspects of the lay up arrangements, including but not limited to:

Type

- Hot lay up; number of crew on board, details of machinery kept working
- Cold lay up; specialist lay up crew, procedures for reactivation

Location

- climatological information, specifically likely maximum windforce & reliability of local forecasting
- suitability for type of vessel in respect of windage
- currents, tides & tidal range
- bathymetry & anchorage holding ground
- proximity of cables, pipelines, obstructions and wrecks
- proximity to shipping lanes and other moored vessels
- space available or number of designated lay up positions
- level of shore monitoring of position including remote GPS monitoring
- proximity to fish farms, oyster beds or other commercial aquaculture
- details of local authorities and tugs, fire fighting & safety services
- services such as fresh water, shore power and repairers
- method of mooring vessels
- security
- assessment of fouling (marine growth) and existing water pollution
- minimising bacterial infestation such as sulphate reducing bacteria (SRB).

Mooring and lay up arrangements to be approved, including:

- proposed period for lay up
- mooring arrangements to allow for severest wind strength and direction
- fendering and gangways
- ballast requirements
- efforts to maintain ship during lay up
- power to tend anchor/moorings
- communications with shore services
- fire prevention, fire fighting, flooding and security arrangements
- suitability of dehumidification equipment
- preservation of machinery and damp sensitive equipment
- preservation of cargo gear
- back-up, preservation or removal/storage of electronic equipment
- preservation of hull, tanks, cathodic protection
- Gas free certificates to be issued, where required by the attending surveyor,(or an appropriately qualified person), and their validity maintained.