

## Delivery of Cargo against a Bill of Lading carried on board

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Assureds will be fully aware that the practice of the master carrying on board one of the set of three original bills of lading, so that the cargo may be delivered against the same bill of lading, remains common place. Whilst this practice avoids delivery of cargo without production of an original bill of lading, it will not necessarily protect the shipowner from a claim for misdelivery of the cargo. Therefore P&I Underwriters recommend assureds to resist requests to carry one of the set of original bills on board. If assureds feel forced, for commercial reasons, to agree to the practice we recommend that the following wording is endorsed on all the original bills of lading:

"one original bill of lading retained on board against which delivery of the cargo may properly be given on instructions received from shippers/charterers."