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China:

Court applies Italian law to limit cargo damage compensation

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Under Chinese law, where cargo damage occurs during land transportation, the carrier must normally pay compensation in the amount of the actual loss, unless the parties have contracted otherwise. However, the Xiamen Maritime Court has chosen to apply a limitation under Italian law in a case where the consignee was a foreign company, the goods were transported by sea and land and the place of tort was Italy.

Cyprus:

The Cyprus Tonnage Tax Law – Guidance on vessels registered in Germany

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The Cyprus Department of Merchant Shipping has announced that further to its Circular 42/2010 dealing with the definition of a 'Community ship' for the purposes of the Merchant Shipping (Fees and Taxing Provisions) Law, it considers that the requirements and provisions with respect to the fiscal obligations of vessels registered in Germany are similar to those of the corresponding Cyprus legislation.