

1. Shipbroker	THE BALTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COUNCIL (BIMCO) STANDARD SLOT CHARTER PARTY CODE NAME: "SLOTHIRE" <div style="text-align: right;">PART I</div>
	2. Place and date
3. Owners/Address	4. Charterers/Address
5. Vessel	6. Call Sign
7. Slot Allocation (state no. of TEUs) (Cl. 1)	8. Weight Allocation (state maximum total weight of Containers) (Cl. 1)
9. State no. of Containers to be connected to Vessel's refrigerating machinery/ power supply (Cl. 1)	10. Vessel's Itinerary (Cl. 6)
11. Commencement Date and Place (Cl. 2)	
12. Termination (state period of notice of termination) (Cl. 2)	
13. Notice (state earliest date on which notice of termination may be given) (Cl. 2)	
14. State port and date, or scheduled period (Cl. 2)	
15. Slot Charter Hire (FIOS) per voyage (Cl. 5)	
	16. Additional amount (per day) payable for each Container receiving a supply of power from the Vessel (Cl. 5)
	17. Place of payment; also state beneficiary and bank account (Cl. 5)
8. Latest payment date (Cl. 5)	19. Interest rate per annum (Cl. 5)
0. Charterers' maximum claim settlement authority (Cl. 15(d))	
1. General Average to be adjusted at (Cl. 19)	22. Brokerage commission and to whom payable
3. Law and Arbitration (state (a), (b) or (c) of Cl. 23; if (c) agreed also state Place of Arbitration) (Cl. 23)	24. Number of additional clauses covering special provisions

is mutually agreed that this Contract shall be performed in accordance with the conditions in PART I including additional clauses, if any agreed and stated in Box 23, and PART II. In the event of a conflict of conditions, the provisions of PART I shall prevail over those of PART II to the extent of such conflict but no further.

Signature (Owners)	Signature (Charterers)
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PART II

"SLOTHIRE" Standard Slot Charter Party

It is agreed on the date as indicated in Box 2 between the party named in Box 3 (hereinafter referred to as "the Owners") of the Vessel named in Box 5 and with the call sign as stated in Box 6, and the party named in Box 4 (hereinafter referred to as "the Charterers") as follows:

Definitions

In this Slot Charter Party, the following words shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

"TEU" means a Twenty Foot Equivalent Unit.

"Slot" means the space on board the Vessel necessary to accommodate one TEU.

"Container" means any Standard ISO Container.

"Goods" means the whole or any part of the cargo received from the Charterers and includes any Container not owned or hired by the Charterers.

"Sub-contractor" shall include direct and/or indirect sub-contractors and/or their respective servants and agents.

1. Slot and Weight Allocation

(a) The Owners shall let and the Charterers shall hire the number of Slots as agreed in Box 7 for the carriage of Goods and Containers, of which the number of Containers as indicated in Box 9 may be connected to the Vessel's refrigerating machinery and/or power supply, provided that the total weight of said Goods and Containers does not exceed the weight shown in Box 8.

(b) Slots shall be available to the Charterers on a voyage basis as specified in Box 15 and may be used by the Charterers for the carriage of Goods and Containers between all the specified ports.

(c) The Owners shall have free use of any Slot or weight allocation unused by the Charterers on any voyage leg, provided that such Slot or weight allocation is available to the Charterers at the next port at which the Charterers are entitled to load.

2. Period

This Slot Charter Party shall commence on the date and at the place shown in Box 11 and shall terminate upon either party giving notice in writing as agreed in Box 12, which notice shall not be given before the date agreed in Box 13. Alternatively, the parties may agree that the termination of this Slot Charter Party shall be effected upon discharge at a port and on a scheduled date or within a scheduled period as agreed in Box 14.

3. Trading Limits

The Vessel shall be employed in lawful trades within the Institute Warranty Limits for the carriage of lawful merchandise.

4. Permitted Cargoes

Except as provided below, the Slots shall be used exclusively for the carriage of Goods properly packed and stowed in Containers complying with the International Convention for Safe Containers. The following items may only be shipped with the prior approval of the Owners (see also Clause 12):

- (a) Uncontainerised Goods
- (b) Containers of Non-Standard Sizes and Specifications
- (c) Live Animals
- (d) Hazardous Goods, provided also that such Goods are loaded, stowed, discharged and documented in accordance with IMO Regulations
- (e) Radioactive Materials provided that
 - (i) previous written full particulars of such Goods have been given to the Owners by or on behalf of the Charterers and;
 - (ii) all the relevant requirements and recommendations and the law in force in the port of loading and discharge and any intermediate scheduled port of call as well as the law of the country in which the Vessel is registered, have been complied with
 - (iii) the carriage of such Goods is not excluded under the Owners' P&I cover.

5. Slot Charter Hire

Slot Charter Hire at the rate shown in Box 15 and an additional amount (per day) indicated in Box 16 for each Container receiving a supply of power from the Vessel, if any, shall be payable at the place indicated in Box 17 within the number of days shown in Box 18 after commencement of the voyage. Such Slot Charter Hire and additional amount, if any, shall be deemed earned upon the commencement of the voyage, irrespective of the number of Slots used, and shall be non-returnable in any event.

Late payment shall entitle the Owners to an interest rate per annum as agreed in Box 19. If Box 19 has not been filled in, the official discount rate on bills of exchange as valid at the place of payment indicated in Box 17, increased by 3 per cent., shall apply.

6. Itinerary

(a) The schedule of the itinerary as specified in Box 10 shall be advised to the Charterers as early as possible together with prompt advice of any amendments thereto.

(b) The Owners shall be entitled to exercise the liberty to deviate as provided in the Hague-Visby Rules at any time without notice to the Charterers. However, if during the course of a voyage the Vessel should deviate in circumstances which are not permitted by a bill of lading or other contract of carriage covering Goods for which the Charterers have used access to the Slot, the Owners shall indemnify the Charterers for any liability thereby incurred, unless the Owners have given at least 48 hours prior notice to the Charterers of such intended deviation, in which case this indemnity shall not operate.

7. Opening Containers

The Owners shall be entitled at any time to open any Container or package and to inspect the contents. Any Container opened must be re-sealed and the Charterers advised accordingly.

8. Stowaways

Any costs incurred in respect of stowaways shall be for the Owners' account, unless it can be established that the means by which the stowaways gained access to the Vessel was by secreting away in the Charterers' Goods and/or Containers prior to loading, in which case all such costs shall be for the Charterers' account.

9. Drugs

In the event that contraband and/or unmanifested drugs or goods are found to have been shipped as part of the Charterers' Goods and/or in the Charterers' Containers on board the Vessel, any fines or imposts levied and legal and all other costs incurred, including but not limited to, loss of time for the Vessel shall be for the Charterers' account and the Charterers shall, on demand, provide the security required to enable the Vessel to sail. However, if it can be established that the presence of contraband and/or unmanifested drugs or goods was due solely to the act, neglect or default by the Owners, their servants, agents or Sub-contractors, such fines or imposts levied and legal and other costs incurred shall be for the Owners' account.

10. Repairs

The Owners shall have liberty to take the Vessel out of service for maintenance and repairs, with reasonable notice to the Charterers.

11. Owners' Obligations

(a) The Owners shall arrange for the loading onto, securing and discharging from the Vessel of the Charterers' Goods and Containers as agent for, and for the account of, the Charterers.

(b) If required by the Charterers, the Owners shall sign a receipt for the tally of Goods and Containers loaded on board the Vessel at each port of loading. In the absence of such receipt, both parties agree to accept terminal tallies as conclusive evidence of the tally of Goods and Containers loaded and discharged.

(c) During the voyage, the Master and Engineer shall keep full and correct logs and adequate records concerning the care and condition of the Goods and Containers and all such logs and records shall be accessible to the Charterers or their agents.

12. Charterers' Obligations

(a) The Charterers shall provide such information and/or documentation and comply with the Owners' procedures in relation to any Goods and Containers under this Slot Charter Party as the Owners may reasonably require and the Charterers warrant that such information and/or documentation shall be complete, accurate and in time for loading/discharging operations to be planned.

(b) The Charterers shall undertake that all Goods and Containers within the Charterers' allocation shall be delivered at the loading terminal at least 24 hours before the arrival of the Vessel.

13. Indemnity and Agency

(a) The Charterers undertake that no claim or allegation shall be made against the Owners or any servant, agent or Sub-contractor of the Owners by any person whomsoever, other than the Charterers, which imposes or attempts to impose upon the Owners or any such servant, agent or Sub-contractor or any Vessel owned by any of them, any liability whatsoever in connection with Goods and Containers, or their carriage, (even if such liability arises wholly or in part by reason of the act, neglect or default of the Owners or of such servant, agent or Sub-contractor), and in the event of any such claim or allegation nevertheless being made, the Charterers shall indemnify the Owners and such servant, agent or Sub-contractor against all consequences whatsoever thereof. The Charterers further undertake that bills of lading issued for the

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levied on the Goods and/or Containers, howsoever the amount thereof	302
may be assessed.	303
19. General Average	304
General Average shall be adjusted at the place as indicated in Box 21	305
according to the York-Antwerp Rules 1974, as amended 1990, or any	306
subsequent modification thereof. Slot Charter Hire shall not contribute to	307
General Average. The Owners authorise and empower the Charterers to act	308
as the agents of the Owners in the collection of General Average security. The	309
Charterers shall guarantee the contributions properly due to the Owners in	310
respect of:	311
(a) Goods for which the Charterers are the contracting carrier unless	312
such Goods are delivered to the Charterers prior to notice being	313
given by the Owners to the Charterers that General Average security	314
is required; and	315
(b) Containers shipped by the Charterers under this Slot Charter Party.	316
20. Salvage	317
In the event of the Vessel needing to engage salvage services and in order to	318
secure the release of Goods and/or Containers for on-carriage, the Owners	319
shall be required to give any undertaking to salvors to assist in the collection	320
of security and not to release Goods and/or Containers until acceptable	321
salvage security has been provided. The Charterers shall guarantee to the	322
Owners that the requirements of such undertaking will be met in respect of	323
Goods, for which the Charterers are the contracting carrier and Containers	324
shipped by the Charterers under this Slot Charter Party, provided that these	325
requirements are notified to the Charterers prior to the delivery of the Goods	326
and/or Containers to the Charterers.	327
21. Deck Carriage	328
Goods and Containers may be carried on deck and shall contribute in	329
General Average whether carried on or under deck.	330
22. Sub-letting	331
The Charterers shall not assign this Slot Charter Party and shall not sub-let	332
the Slots without the prior approval of the Owners.	333
23. Law and Arbitration	334
*) (a) This Slot Charter Party shall be governed by and construed in	335
accordance with English law and any dispute arising out of this Slot	336
Charter Party shall be referred to arbitration in London in accordance	337
with the Arbitration Acts 1950 and 1979 or any statutory modification or	338
re-enactment thereof for the time being in force, one arbitrator being	339
appointed by each party. On the receipt by one party of the nomination in	340
writing of the other party's arbitrator, that party shall appoint their	341
arbitrator within fourteen days, failing which the decision of the single	342
Arbitrator appointed shall apply. If two Arbitrators properly appointed	343
shall not agree they shall appoint an umpire whose decision shall be	344
final. The Arbitrators shall be commercial men engaged in shipping.	345
*) (b) This Slot Charter Party shall be governed by and construed in	346
accordance with Title 9 of the United States Code and the Maritime Law of	347
the United States and should any dispute arise out of this Slot Charter	348
Party, the matter in dispute shall be referred to three persons at New	349
York, one to be appointed by each of the parties hereto, and the third by	350
the two so chosen; their decision or that of any two of them shall be final,	351
and for purpose of enforcing any award, this agreement may be made a	352
rule of the Court. The Arbitrators shall be commercial men engaged in	353
shipping.	354
*) (c) Any dispute arising out of this Slot Charter Party shall be referred to	355
arbitration at the place indicated in Box 23, subject to the procedures	356
applicable there. The laws of the place indicated in Box 23 shall govern	357
this Slot Charter Party.	358
(d) If Box 23 in PART I is not filled in, sub-clause (a) of this Clause shall	359
apply.	360
*) (a), (b) and (c) are alternatives; indicate alternative agreed in Box 23.	361