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Preface

The German General Rules for Marine Insurance were drafted by the German Marine Underwriters on consultation with German Chambers of Commerce and other competent Organizations under the leadership of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce, and published in 1919.

In 1973 Chapter II of Part Two concerning "Cargo Insurance" was replaced after consultation with representatives of the competent Organizations in Trade and Industry as well as with the German Insurance Brokers' Association, by newly drafted "Special Conditions for Cargo (ADS Cargo 1973)", "Special Conditions for Open Policies", and DTV Clauses connected with these Special Conditions.

In 1983 when the Cargo Clauses were in use almost ten years they were revised taking into account the experience made during this space of time. This resulted in a modernization of several passages and the clarification of some facts.

The fundamentally new Institute Cargo Clauses of the London market which were introduced 1982 also had to be considered because the internationality of marine insurance asked for a certain adaption of basic provisions.

The new German Cargo Clauses were recommended to be applied as from January 1st, 1984, and were titled "Special Conditions for Cargo (ADS Cargo 1973 – Edition 1984)".

Following the revision of the Cargo Clauses the "Special Conditions for Open Policies" and the DTV Clauses connected with these Special Conditions such as DTV War Clauses, the DTV Strikes, Riots and Civil Commotions Clauses and the DTV Nuclear Energy Clauses were amended too.

In 1978 the German Hull Clauses which supplement the German General Rules of Marine Insurance were reviewed in cooperation with shipowners and brokers. This resulted in the issue of the DTV Hull Clauses 1978 (with further amendments in 1984) and the DTV Disbursement etc. Clauses which modernize and – where necessary – clarify the conditions for ocean hull insurance.

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