

5. CURRENT TOPICS

A. COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

The Association has recently received correspondence from the Comité Maritime International ("C.M.I.") in respect of the following subjects:

- the draft salvage convention;
- maritime liens and mortgages;
- general average;
- towage;
- insurance rules and the Peruvian Project;
- compensation for damages in collision cases;
- XVth Assembly of the C.M.I. on 2 June 1983.

Members who are interested in examining any of the abovementioned correspondence should contact the Secretary of the Association, Stuart Hetherington at (02) 221 2366 or G.P.O. Box 713 Sydney N.S.W. 2001.

B. HAMBURG RULES

Members may be interested to learn that the Association was advised recently that members of a committee of the Maritime Law Association of the United States have been negotiating with representatives of the United States' Government.

It would appear that agreement will soon be reached and that that Government will accept the Visby Amendments in the near future and the Hamburg Rules at a later time, if and when more of the trading partners of the United States (measured by the dollar value of their export and import trade) have accepted the Hamburg Rules than have accepted the Visby Amendments.

Once negotiations have been concluded along the lines indicated above, the arrangement will be recommended for approval by the Maritime Law Association of the United States which would then support the matter before Congress.