

CHAPTER VII. DUTIES RELATING TO NAVIGATION

Art. 1308. (Clauses for exemption from liability.) Clauses exempting from, or limiting liability, which were void under the provisions of the former laws but valid under the new Code, shall be subject to the rules of the latter, if the act which gave rise to such liability took place after the effective date of the Code.

Art. 1309. (Reconsignment of transported goods.) The provisions of the second paragraph of Article 435 shall apply to contracts of carriage by sea or air which were made prior to the effective date of this Code.

Art. 1310. (Contribution to general averages.) The provisions of Articles 469 and 480 shall not apply when the contracts of carriage or transportation relating to the voyage in question have been concluded prior to the effective date of this Code.

Art. 1311. (Aid and salvage.) The provisions of Articles 494, 499, 986 and 991 shall apply to acts of aid and salvage which occurred prior to the effective date of this Code, when, in accordance with Articles 499 and 991, the determination of the reward has been made after such date.

The provisions of Articles 497 and 989 shall apply to acts of aid or salvage preceding the effective date of this Code when the allocation of costs has been made subsequently.

Art. 1312. (Insurance contract.) The provisions of the second paragraph of Article 534 shall apply to contracts of insurance in effect on the effective date of this Code, in respect to accidents verified later.

Art. 1313. (Liens.) The provisions of this Code regulating the rights of privileged creditors, the order of liens and their effect with regard to pledge, mortgage and other rights *in rem* shall apply to liens established prior to the effective date of this Code.

Art. 1314. (Statute of limitations.) When this Code establishes a time limit shorter than that established by the former law, the statute of limitations shall run for the shorter time starting with the effective date of the Code except for the completion of a shorter term which remains in accordance with the previous law.

CHAPTER VIII. PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1315. (Formal investigation.) With regard to formal investigations in progress at [agencies] and commissions constituted prior to the effective date of this Code the Royal Decree No. 1819, of September 17, 1925, shall apply. However, in cases in which prior to the effective date of this Code, an investigation has been ordered but not as yet begun, Articles 581 and 583 shall apply.

Art. 1318. (Liquidation of general average.) With regard to experts' appraisals in progress on the effective date of this Code Article 568 of the Code of Commerce shall apply. Stipulations agreed upon prior to the effective date of this Code shall retain full effect in accordance with the provisions of the previous law.

Art. 1319. (Expropriation not yet initiated of a ship or aircraft.) If, prior to the effective date of this Code, an injunction has been served and is still in effect, the creditor, under penalty of invalidity of the injunction, must start an action for expropriation in accordance