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<p><b>BILLS OF LADING: The Law and Practice</b> Lazar Sarna Release No. 2, August 2025</p>
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Bills of Lading —The Law and Practice is the first and only Canadian text to offer a detailed guide to the nature and uses of bills of lading. It can be used in conjunction with the companion title Letters of Credit for a fuller understanding of international trade issues. The areas covered include: The nature and uses of a bill of lading; Types of bills and waybills; *Bills of Exchange Act*; Bills of lading as a contract, a security, a receipt and as documents of title; The Rotterdam Rules; ICC forms; Development of case law and legislation; and Letter of credit and financing uses. It also includes extensive appendices including sample bills and international treaties.

This release features valuable updates to the commentary in Chapters 1 (Nature of the Bill of Lading), 3 (Interpretation of Bills of Lading), 4 (Negotiability and Document of Title), 5 (Carrier), 6 (Limitation of Liability), 7 (Shipper), 9 (Recourses), and 12 (Fraud).

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## HIGHLIGHTS

Bills of Lading: The Law and Practice offers a detailed guide to the characteristics and uses of bills of lading. The general characteristics of bills of lading are internationally recognized and are used for matters relating to the carriage of goods. The bills of lading act as a receipt and title for goods, which provides specific details about the goods to the purchaser, carrier and bank; it, in essence, represents the contract between the buyer and seller.

However, complications may arise, such as fraud, questions around the types of remedies available, buying and selling products with just the documents, and various other issues. For these reasons, this is an excellent source for anyone looking to address concerns surrounding the bills of lading or anyone looking to enhance their knowledge.

A typical update could include:

- The various uses of bills of lading
- Types of bills and waybills
- Legislative updates and industry guidelines, such as the *Bills of Exchange Act* and the *Rotterdam Rules*
- Various examples of the types of forms that may be utilized by the parties, for example, the International Chamber of Commerce (“ICC”) forms
- Domestic and international case law from courts and tribunals
- Letter of credit and financing uses

In addition, the author is well versed in the area of Commercial Law and provides commentary specific to a bills of lading.