



## 50 Years after Wembley: Still Problems with the “German” Interpretation How to score under the DTV-Hull Clauses

With  
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**Event Date:** Tuesday 01 November 2016

**Time:** 12noon to 1pm followed by buffet luncheon

**Venue:** America Square Conference Centre, Crosswall, London EC3

**Subject:** This market briefing will highlight some characteristics of the widely used German DTV-Hull Clauses, by comparing them to the Institute Time Clauses (Hulls) 1.10.83.

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A peculiarity of marine insurance, and insurance generally, is the use of clauses. Anyone involved in the marine industry would be fully aware of their importance.

This market briefing will highlight some characteristics of the widely used German DTV-Hull Clauses, by comparing them to the Institute Time Clauses (Hulls) 1.10.83. Some clauses appear to allow different interpretations, and even after decades of use there are still discussions about the correct “German” interpretation.

Our speakers will examine, also from a legal perspective, in how far current adjusting practice is supported by the wording of the conditions.

### **Speakers:**

**Burkhard Fischer** is a Fellow of the Association of Average Adjusters and present vice-chairman. He has trained with an international insurance broker in Limassol, Cyprus, before joining SHH, also in Limassol, as average adjuster in 1990. In 2000 he became a senior adjuster and director of the firm, which in 2010 changed name to Albatross Adjusters. Burkhard has been handling and adjusting a variety of marine insurance claims, including several high profile general average cases.

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