**Twenty-Fourth Annual Conference 2018**

**Counting down to Brexit.**

As the clock ticks toward the end of the UK’s membership of the EU we look at what the seascape might look like in the future and discuss the obstacles and opportunities it offers.

**Thursday 25 October**

Brooks’s Club - St James’s Street - St James’s - London SW1A 1LN

19.00-22.00 Reception and Dinner

Guest speaker: Lord Mountevans, Chairman of Maritime London and Maritime UK

**Friday 26 October**

Hogan Lovells International LLP
Atlantic House - 50 Holborn Viaduct - London EC1A 2FG

08.30-09.00 Registration and refreshments

09.00-17.00 Conference

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09.00-09.05 Welcome Address
The Rt Hon Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, KG
Chairman of EMLO

09.05-09.15 Introduction:
Martin André Dittmer, new Secretary General of EMLO

09.15-11.15 The impact of Brexit on ports and short-sea shipping inside and outside the EU
Chair: Fergus Randolph, QC
Panel:
Richard Ballantyne, Deputy Director of the British Ports Association
Eamonn O’Reilly, CEO Dublin Port Company and Chairman of ESPO
Eric Banel, Conseiller pour l’Economie maritime et portuaire/ secrétariat général de la mer
Ole Færge, General Counsel, Vice President Legal & Insurance, DFDS, Copenhagen

11.15-11.35 Coffee

11.35-12.15 Keynote Speaker:
Introduction: Martin André Dittmer
Henrik Mørch, Director, Transport, Post and other services, DG COMP, European Commission, Brussels

Questions:

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-14.25 Practical Aspects of an International Cartel Investigation
Chair: Matthew Levitt
Marianne Frisell Schreuder, Legal Counsel and Head of Compliance, Wallenius Wilhelmsen, Brussels

14.25-15.15 The Consortium Block Exemption
The Commission’s review and initial thoughts
Chair: Prof. Avv Francesco Munari
Panel:
Matthew Levitt, Hogan Lovells International LLP
James Hookham, Deputy CEO, Freight Transport Association
Matthijs Visser, RBB Economics

15.15-15.30 Tea

15.30-16.05 Developments in international oversight of shipping
Chair: Jeff Lawrence
Rebecca Dye, Commissioner, FMC, Washington

16.05-16.55 Digitalisation / Blockchain in Shipping
Chair: Dr Vincent Power
Panel:
Camilla Holtse, Chief Legal Counsel, Head of Competition Compliance, Maersk Line
Richard Diffenthal, Hogan Lovells International LLP
Rob Murray, Mishcon de Reya

16.55-17.00 Conclusion by Lord Phillips
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