NOORDENJONES

MARINE DEFENCE AND SECURITY

Legal advice for shipowners, shipyards, maritime technology companies, defence companies, financiers, investors and public contracting authorities

NoordenJones has a specialist team dedicated to legal matters in maritime defence and security. The team advises clients at the intersection of the maritime industry, defence and security.

We combine extensive maritime expertise with an in-depth understanding of the regulatory, operational and commercial requirements of defence and security projects. Our advice covers both German and English law.



OUR SERVICES

We regularly advise shipowners, shipyards, maritime technology companies, defence companies, financiers, investors and public-sector clients across the following areas:

REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE

We advise on shipping and defence-related regulation, foreign investment control, export controls, sanctions, classified information and security requirements, licences and permits, NIS2 requirements, as well as public procurement and state aid law.

CONTRACTS & PROJECTS

We structure, draft and negotiate complex procurement, construction, transport, installation, supply, service, charter and cooperation agreements. Our work also includes public-private partnerships (PPPs), in particular, the availability and operating models for maritime transport, logistics and infrastructure capacity.

CORPORATE & M&A

We advise on M&A transactions and investments in the marine defence and security sector, as well as on other corporate matters.

FINANCE

We advise on the financing of maritime assets, defence and security projects, and security-critical infrastructure.

INSURANCE

We advise on insurance coverage and liability issues, as well as on the handling of claims and coverage disputes arising from complex maritime and security-related risks.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION, CASUALTIES & INVESTIGATIONS

We support clients on the strategic management and resolution of disputes and represent them in complex court and arbitration proceedings. We also advise on maritime casualties, incidents and official investigations, including matters involving merchant vessels, naval units, government vessels and maritime infrastructure.

SELECTED RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Our team has advised on, among others, the following marine defence and security matters:

- Representing a Finnish shipyard in a tender process conducted by the State of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania for a series of police vessels, including subsequent review proceedings before the Procurement Review Chamber.
- Advising a consortium comprising a shipowner and a shipyard in connection with a tender procedure for naval harbour tugs.
- Advising a Norwegian defence group on the German aspects of a group-wide reorganisation involving a demerger under the German Transformation Act in the Defence & Aerospace sector.
- Advising on contractual arrangements for the deployment of underwater crawlers to protect subsea cables.
- Advising a shipping company in connection with a serious collision with a fishing trawler and subsequent salvage operations involving the Polish Navy.
- Advising the Federal Republic of Germany / procurement authority in connection with the casualty (grounding) of a naval vessel of the 7th Fast Attack Craft Squadron.
- Advising a bank in connection with the financing of a U.S. registered vessel participating in the U.S. Maritime Security Program (MSP). The MSP is intended to ensure the availability of a U.S. controlled commercial fleet that operates commercially in peacetime and can be made available to the U.S. Government and the U.S. Armed Forces at short notice for strategic transportation purposes in times of crisis and defence.
- Advising a time charterer in connection with the chartering of a fleet of vessels for the carriage of ammunition and other dangerous goods, including Class 1 explosives, in accordance with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code).
- Advising a leading German shipping company and public-sector bodies on the application and implementation of the NIS2 Directive and the German Federal Office for Information Security Act (Gesetz über das Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik – BSIG).
- Advising a shipbuilding client on a construction contract for the conversion of frigates.
- Advising a major insurance broker on a builder's risk insurance policy in connection with a refit contract for frigates.



ABOUT NOORDENJONES

NoordenJones is an independent, internationally connected commercial law firm based in Hamburg, advising on German and English law. With approximately 30 legal professionals, we provide sector-focused, international legal advice.

We are experts in Transport, with a particular focus on Shipping, Insurance & Reinsurance, Energy & Infrastructure, and Private Wealth. Our services include Banking & Finance, Corporate & M&A, Commercial and Contract Law, Construction, Dispute Resolution, Regulatory, Restructuring & Insolvency, and Trade & Commodities.

In maritime commercial law, we are one of the largest and leading specialist practices in Germany. Our maritime practice has been recognised for many years in leading national and international legal directories. The team was ranked Tier 1 for Transport: Maritime Law in Germany by The Legal 500 from 2020 to 2025 and is regularly recommended by Chambers and JUVE.

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