

Meeting with [article 4.1 b] Blank Rome LLP 4 December 2013

The meeting was organised at the initiative of the Dutch Embassy and gathered representatives from the Belgian Embassy and the EU Delegation ([article 4.1 b] ) for an informal discussion on Jones Act and other maritime restrictions.

[article 4.1 b] used to work for the cost guards and has been specialised in maritime affairs working with domestic and foreign clients, advising them 1) how to operate in compliance with the Jones Act 2) negotiating/litigating on their behalf in cases of violation (Jones Act penalties are extremely costly - cost of transportation or cargo whichever is higher) or 3) seeking waivers.

Interpretation of Jones Act and other maritime laws (Dredging Act, Passenger Act, etc. ) is based on years of rulings and court cases as there is no detailed implementing regulation (by CBP as well as Coast Guard Services).

[Not releasable]