



# Electronic Trade Documents Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 38

### **1 Definition of “paper trade document”**

- (1) A document is a “paper trade document” for the purposes of this Act if—
- (a) it is in paper form,
  - (b) it is a document of a type commonly used in at least one part of the United Kingdom in connection with—
    - (i) trade in or transport of goods, or
    - (ii) financing such trade or transport, and
  - (c) possession of the document is required as a matter of law or commercial custom, usage or practice for a person to claim performance of an obligation.
- (2) The following are examples of documents that are commonly used as mentioned in subsection (1)(b)—
- (a) a bill of exchange;
  - (b) a promissory note;
  - (c) a bill of lading;
  - (d) a ship’s delivery order;
  - (e) a warehouse receipt;
  - (f) a mate’s receipt;
  - (g) a marine insurance policy;
  - (h) a cargo insurance certificate.