

**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION**  
**Office of Administrative Law Judges**

RAHAL INTERNATIONAL INC., *Complainant*

v.

HAPAG-LLOYD AG, HAPAG-LLOYD (AMERICA), LLC, AND  
HAPAG-LLOYD USA, LLC, *Respondents.*

**DOCKET NO. 23-05**

Served: July 25, 2023

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**ORDER OF:** Linda S. Harris CROVELLA, *Administrative Law Judge.*

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**ORDER ON RESPONDENTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER**

On July 21, 2023, Respondents Hapag-Lloyd AG, Hapag-Lloyd (America), LLC, and Hapag-Lloyd USA, LLC (collectively, "Hapag-Lloyd"), filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer ("Motion"), seeking an additional week in which to file their answer. The Commission issued a Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment ("Notice") on June 30, 2023,<sup>1</sup> informing the parties that the answer was due within 25-days of the Notice, which is today. Respondents assert that there is good cause for the extension of time because the Complaint was not served on one of the three named Respondents, and allowing the extension will simplify and possibly narrow the scope of the proceeding.

While all three named Respondents received notice of the filing of the complaint by July 14, 2023, based on the proofs of service, it is early in the proceeding, and granting the short extension of time will not significantly impact the progress of the case. Good cause having been stated, it is hereby ordered that Respondents' Motion seeking an extension of time of one week to file their answer is **GRANTED**.

The parties are reminded that motions should be filed as soon as practicable. The Answer is due on August 1, 2023, and a joint status report with proposed discovery schedule is due 15-days after the service of the Answer.



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Linda S. Harris Crovella  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>1</sup> The Initial Order incorrectly identified the service of Notice as June 2, 2023.