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National Consumers Dispute Redressal Commission, Securities Appellate Tribunal etc. Legislation section

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Subordinate Legislation section under central & state legislation holds Rules & Regulations, Bills (before
the Parliament—Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha), Ordinances, Notifications and Circulars. The State

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Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh,

Uttarakhand and West Bengal. Current Awareness section covers major legal news, mainly from cases
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expression as a phrase, one should use the quotation mark"..." A phrase cannot contain a connector, a date restriction, or a field restriction. For Basic & Advanced search of Cases, one can either enter the case citation or enter the name(s) of parties in the free-text field. Searching by subjects/keywords is another feature of Advanced Search. In Basic Search, the search results are listed in reverse chronological order. However if you run a search in cases you have the option to have results displayed in order of relevance by clicking on the link towards the top of the results screen. For Natural Language Search, there is no "Terms and Connectors". Westlaw automatically identifies, from your plain English language search expression, the legal phrases, removes common words, generates variations of terms in your description, and searches for the concepts in your descriptions. Concepts may include significant terms, phrases or legal citations. The Natural language search results are listed in order of relevance with the most relevant document first.

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**Root expander:** To search for terms with multiple endings use the ! character. For example, judg! will retrieve judge, judgment, , judgmental, judgeship, etc.

**Universal Character:** To search for words with variable characters, use the \* character. For example, withdr\*w will return withdraw and withdrew.

Irregular Plurals: Westlaw India will automatically retrieve irregular plurals. For example, entering child will also retrieve children and goose will also retrieve geese.

**Turning off plurals and equivalents:** You can turn off plurals of a particular term by placing the # symbol in front of the term. To retrieve "damage", but not "damages" type # damage. Placing the # symbol in front of a term also turns off the automatic retrieval of equivalencies. To retrieve child but not children enter # child.

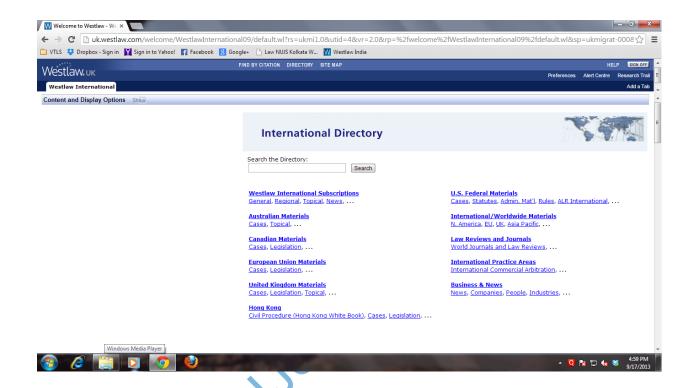
Save the Search Results: Apart from printing the retrieved list of search results and full-text documents, search results as well as documents, can be saved in either PDF or in Word (RTF) format. List of Search Results and full-text documents can also be sent as e-mail attachments in either Word or PDF format.

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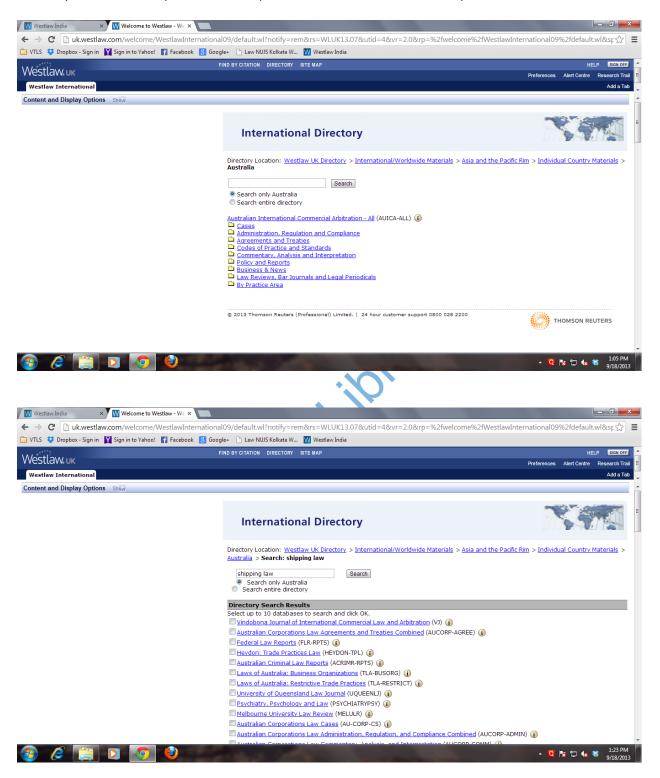
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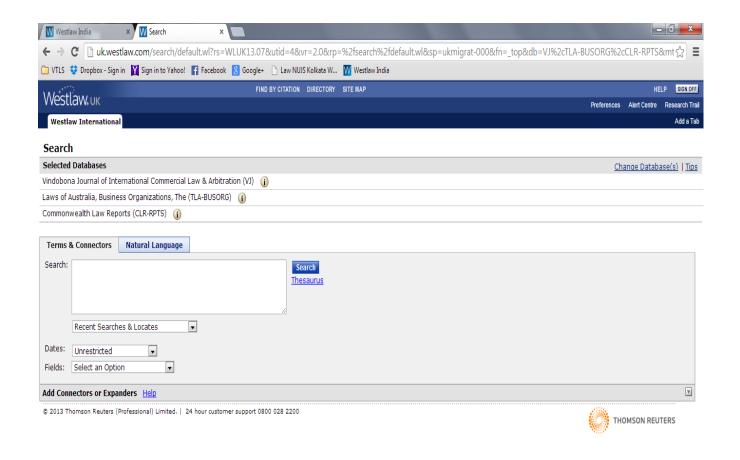
Practice Areas, Business & News.



Browsing the collections from this directory will lead to individual content specific screen. For example, clicking on the link to Australian Materials will result in a screen where all collections are categorized into several folders, like Australian International Commercial Arbitration –All, Cases, Administration, Regulation and Compliance, Agreements and Treaties, Codes of Practice and Standards, Commentary, Analysis and Interpretation, Policy and Reports, Business and News, Law Reviews Bar Journals and Legal Periodicals, By Practice Area etc. Now if you put your natural language search expression in the search text box that will result in a screen of Directory Search Results. In the following example, you can see the result page of the search expression "shipping law". For searching the term within these

Directory Search Results you can select up to 10 databases and click OK. My selection of three databases

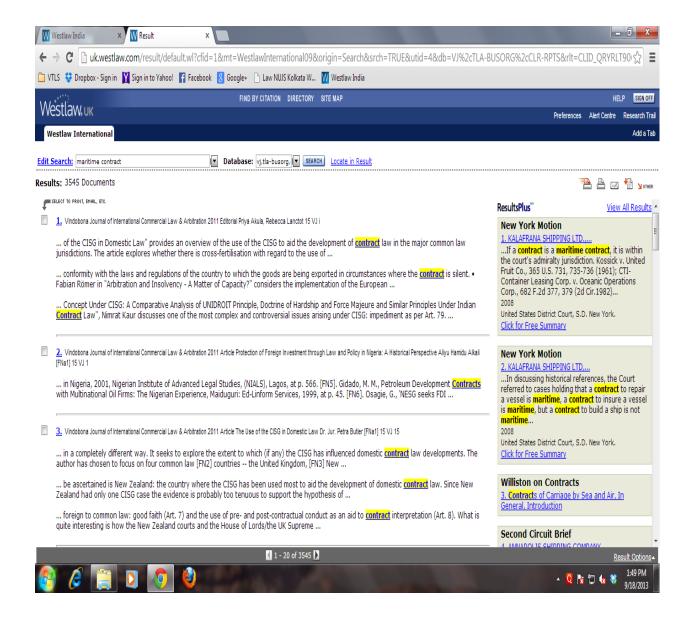






Connectors as well as Natural Language search option are provided. Here my search expression "maritime contract" as a natural language search expression would results in to the following Results screen. If retrieved documents are too many, you can always edit your search by narrowing down the selected databases and rephrasing your search expression. Now search results can be printed, downloaded and send as email attachments. Many a times, you could find the download option is not happening. In these situations, you can select your documents from the search results and send either the Result List (All) / Result List (Selected)/ Selected Documents / All Documents to your email with the format selected as Word attachment / PDF Attachment etc. Here, give the Page Option as full-text

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# **Appendix**

#### **UK Status Icons**

There are a number of icons used on Westlaw UK materials for different purposes.

### Cases

- GA green 'C' next to a case name in a result list or at the top of the actual case indicates that the decision has been judicially considered.
- I A yellow exclamation mark entry next to a case name in a result list or at the top of the actual case indicates that the decision has received mixed or mildly negative judicial consideration.
- A red 'no entry' next to a case name in a result list or at the top of the actual case indicates that at least one point of law has been overruled or reversed. This is an immediate notification that further research is required.

# Legislation

- A green tick next to a provision number in a result list or at the top of the full text provision or analysis document indicates that the provision represents the law in force.
- NAn orange N in a result list or at the top of the full text provision or analysis document indicates the provision is not yet in force.
- I A yellow exclamation mark next to a provision number in a result list or at the top of the full text provision or analysis document indicates that it has pending amendments. To view the pending amendments, access the associated Analysis document for that provision.

- A red 'no entry' next to a provision number in a result list or at the top of the full text provision or analysis document indicates that the provision has been superseded.
- BA red 'R' next to a provision number in a result list or at the top of the full text provision or analysis document indicates that the provision has been repealed.
- A blue arrow next to a provision indicates that the provision has prospective amendments applied to it.

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