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Cross-Border Insolvency: Implications of the Hanjin Shipping Bankruptcy

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# **Background on Hanjin Situation**



- Negotiations with existing and potential lenders and Korea Development Bank
- Commencement of receivership/rehabilitation proceeding in Korea

#### Korean Rehabilitation Scheme as Updated by the Revised DRBA

- Overview of Korean rehabilitation scheme
- Updated by revised DRBA
- Similarities and differences to U.S. Chapter 11
  - Scope of stay and lien enforcement rights of secured creditors
  - Ability to obtain financing for operations in course of rehabilitation proceeding v. Chapter 11
  - Financial reporting and "transparency"

# Hanjin Rehabilitation Proceeding

- Initial proceedings before Korean court
- Efforts to obtain funding from various sources
- Filing of U.S. Chapter 15 case and other ancillary proceedings in as many as 40 countries

# **Overview of UNCITRAL Model Law**

- Codified as Chapter 15 of U.S. Bankruptcy Code
- Objectives and basic procedures
  - Recognition and relief
  - Foreign main v. foreign non-main proceeding
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 Availability of Chapter 7 or 11 in event greater relief than available in Chapter 15 is needed

#### Objectives and Perspectives in Korea and U.S. Proceedings

- Different case objectives
- Different parties in interest
  - Financial interests of creditors in Korea
  - Strategic interests of contract parties and maritime creditors in U.S.
  - Different objectives
- Issues faced in each proceeding
  - "Seasonal urgency" in U.S.
  - Transparency and availability of financial and other information

# Perspective of U.S. Maritime Lawyer

- Right of maritime lienholders to relief notwithstanding commencement of Chapter 15 case
- Scope and effect of stay
- Exercise of remedies
  - Arrest of ships
  - Detention of ships in port to preserve maritime lien rights

# Outcomes in Korea and U.S. Proceedings

#### ✤ Korea

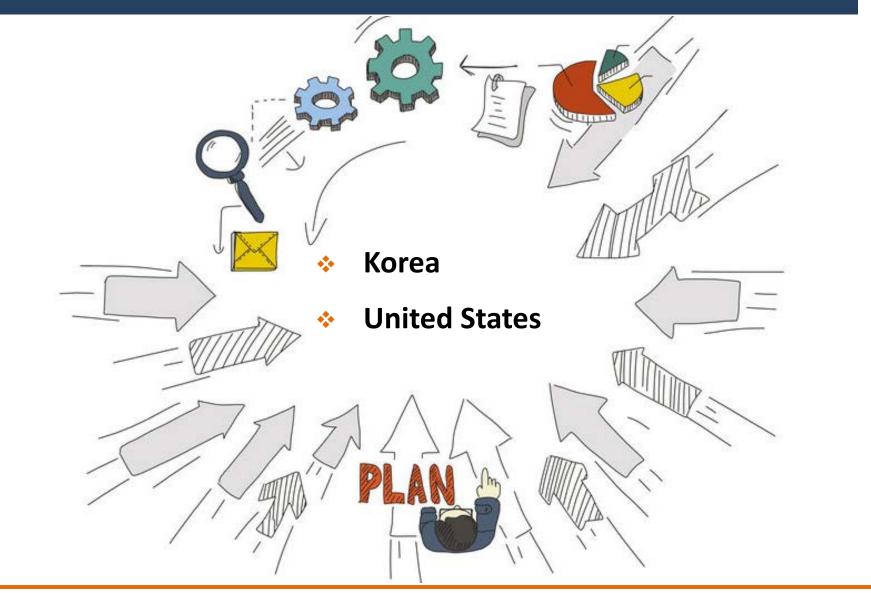
- Rehabilitation to liquidation
- Administration and payment of all claims;
- United States
  - Provisional relief to facilitate delivery of goods and release of ships to sea
  - Recognition of Korean proceeding
- Overall benefit of Korean and ancillary proceedings to facilitate delivery of goods in transit worldwide

#### Communication and Use of Court-to-Court Protocols

- Use and availability
- Potential benefits in case like Hanjin
- Judicial Insolvency Guidelines



#### Lessons Learned from Hanjin Experience



#### **Questions From Audience**

