



STUDY SHOWS “JONES ACT” STYLE LAWS EXIST IN 105 COUNTRIES

THE JONES ACT ENSURES AMERICA IS SUPPORTED BY SHIPS THAT ARE:



AMERICAN-BUILT



AMERICAN-OWNED



AMERICAN-CREWED



AMERICAN-FLAGGED

CABOTAGE LAWS, LIKE **THE JONES ACT**, ARE THE GLOBAL STANDARD, COVERING *85% OF THE WORLD'S COASTLINES* ACROSS EVERY MAJOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM.



“Countries appear no longer to be viewing cabotage as merely economic policy, but also as essential to national security and strategic autonomy in an increasingly unstable geopolitical environment.”

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Cabotage Laws of the World (2025)

cab-o-tage

noun

Reserves domestic waterborne transport for vessels that are **tied to the nation they serve**, reflecting a global principle that countries control their own internal transportation routes.

CABOTAGE IS THE *NORM* NOT THE EXCEPTION

105 countries across the world use similar laws to secure maritime supply chains and control critical infrastructure.

As global competition intensifies, nations are strengthening, *not dismantling* cabotage.

WHY OTHER NATIONS HAVE CABOTAGE:

