

International Convention on Load Lines, 1966
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THE CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS,

DESIRING to establish uniform principles and rules with respect to the limits to which ships on international voyages may be loaded having regard to the need for safeguarding life and property at sea;

CONSIDERING that this end may best be achieved by conclusion of a Convention;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

General obligation under the Convention

- (1) The Contracting Governments undertake to give effect to the provisions of the present Convention and the Annexes hereto, which shall constitute an integral part of the present Convention. Every reference to the present Convention constitutes at the same time a reference to the Annexes.
- (2) The Contracting Governments shall undertake all measures which may be necessary to give effect to the present Convention.

Article 2

Definitions

For the purpose of the present Convention, unless expressly provided otherwise:

- (1) "Regulations" means the Regulations annexed to the present Convention.
- (2) "Administration" means the Government of the State whose flag the ship is flying.
- (3) "Approved" means approved by the Administration.
- (4) "International voyage" means a sea voyage from a country to which the present Convention applies to a port outside such country, or conversely. For this purpose, every territory for the international relations of which a Contracting Government is responsible or for which the United Nations are the administering authority is regarded as a separate country.

(5) A "fishing vessel" is a ship used for catching fish, whales, seals, walrus or other living resources of the sea.

(6) "New ship" means a ship the keel of which is laid, or which is at a similar stage of construction, on or after the date of coming into force of the present Convention for each Contracting Government.

(7) "Existing ship" means a ship which is not a new ship.

(8) "Length" means 96 per cent of the total length on a waterline at 85 per cent of the least moulded depth measured from the top of the keel, or the length from the fore side of the stem to the axis of the rudder stock on that waterline, if that be greater. In ships designed with a rake of keel the waterline on which this length is measured shall be parallel to the designed waterline.

Article 3

General provisions

(1) No ship to which the present Convention applies shall proceed to sea on an international voyage after the date on which the present Convention comes into force unless it has been surveyed, marked and provided with an International Load Line Certificate (1966) or, where appropriate, an International Load Line Exemption Certificate in accordance with the provisions of the present Convention.

(2) Nothing in this Convention shall prevent an Administration from assigning a greater freeboard than the minimum freeboard determined in accordance with Annex I.

Article 4

Application

(1) The present Convention shall apply to:

(a) ships registered in countries the Governments of which are Contracting Governments;

(b) ships registered in territories to which the present Convention is extended under Article 32; and

(c) unregistered ships flying the flag of a State, the Government of which is a Contracting Government.

(2) The present Convention shall apply to ships engaged on international voyages.

(3) The Regulations contained in Annex I are specifically applicable to the new ships.

(4) Existing ships which do not fully comply with the requirements of the Regulations contained in Annex I or any part thereof shall meet at least such lesser related requirements as the Administration applied to ships on international voyages prior to the coming into force of the present Convention; in no case shall such ships be required to increase their freeboards. In order to take advantage of any reduction in freeboard from that previously assigned, existing ships shall comply with all the requirements of the present Convention.

(5) The Regulations contained in Annex II are applicable to new and existing ships to which the present Convention applies.

Article 5

Exceptions

(1) The present Convention shall not apply to:

- (a) ships of war;
- (b) new ships of less than 24 metres (79 feet) in length;
- (c) existing ships of less than 150 tons gross;
- (d) pleasure yachts not engaged in trade;
- (e) fishing vessels.

(2) Nothing herein shall apply to ships solely navigating:

- (a) the Great Lakes of North America and the River St. Lawrence as far east as a rhumb line drawn from Cap des Rosiers to West Point, Anticosti Island, and, on the north side of Anticosti Island, the meridian of longitude 63°W;
- (b) the Caspian Sea;
- (c) the Plate, Parana and Uruguay Rivers as far east as a rhumb line drawn between Punta Norte, Argentina, and Punta del Este, Uruguay.

Article 6

Exemptions

(1) Ships when engaged on international voyages between the near neighbouring ports of two or more States may be exempted by the Administration from the provisions of the present Convention, so long as they shall remain engaged on such voyages, if the Governments of the States in which such ports are situated shall be satisfied that the sheltered nature or

conditions of such voyages between such ports make it unreasonable or impracticable to apply the provisions of the present Convention to ships engaged on such voyages.

(2) The Administration may exempt any ship which embodies features of a novel kind from any of the provisions of this Convention the application of which might seriously impede research into the development of such features and their incorporation in ships engaged on international voyages. Any such ship shall, however, comply with safety requirements, which, in the opinion of that Administration, are adequate for the service for which it is intended and are such as to ensure the overall safety of the ship and which are acceptable to the Governments of the States to be visited by the ship.

(3) The Administration which allows any exemption under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article shall communicate to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (hereinafter called the Organization) particulars of the same and reasons therefor which the Organization shall circulate to the Contracting Governments for their information.

(4) A ship which is not normally engaged on international voyages but which, in exceptional circumstances, is required to undertake a single international voyage may be exempted by the Administration from any of the requirements of the present Convention, provided that it complies with safety requirements which, in the opinion of that Administration, are adequate for the voyage which is to be undertaken by the ship.

Article 7

Force majeure

(1) A ship which is not subject to the provisions of the present Convention at the time of its departure on any voyage shall not become subject to such provisions on account of any deviation from its intended voyage due to stress of weather or any other cause of *force majeure*.

(2) In applying the provisions of the present Convention, the Contracting Governments shall give due consideration to any deviation or delay caused to any ship owing to stress of weather or any other cause of *force majeure*.

Article 8

Equivalents

(1) The Administration may allow any fitting, material, appliance or apparatus to be fitted, or any other provision to be made in a ship, other than that required by the present Convention, if it is satisfied by trial thereof or otherwise that such fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, or provision, is at least as effective as that required by the Convention.

(2) The Administration which allows a fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, or provision, other than that required by the present Convention, shall communicate to the Organization for circulation to the Contracting Governments particulars thereof, together with a report on any trials made.

Article 9

Approvals for experimental purposes

(1) Nothing in the present Convention shall prevent an Administration from making specific approvals for experimental purposes in respect of a ship to which the Convention applies.

(2) An Administration which makes any such approval shall communicate to the Organization for circulation to the Contracting Governments particulars thereof.

Article 10

Repairs, alterations and modifications

(1) A ship which undergoes repairs, alterations, modifications and outfitting related thereto shall continue to comply with at least the requirements previously applicable to the ship. An existing ship in such a case shall not, as a rule, comply to a lesser extent with the requirements for a new ship than it did before.

(2) Repairs, alterations and modifications of a major character and outfitting related thereto should meet the requirements for a new ship in so far as the Administration deems reasonable and practicable.

Article 11

Zones and areas

(1) A ship to which the present Convention applies shall comply with the requirements applicable to that ship in the zones and areas described in Annex II.

(2) A port standing on the boundary line between two zones or areas shall be regarded as within the zone or area from or into which the ship arrives or departs.

Article 12

Submersion

(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Article, the appropriate load lines on the sides of the ship corresponding to the season of the year and the zone or area in which the ship may be shall not be submerged at any time when the ship puts to sea, during the voyage or on arrival.

(2) When a ship is in fresh water of unit density the appropriate load line may be submerged by the amount of the fresh water allowance shown on the International Load Line Certificate (1966). Where the density is other than unity, an allowance shall be made proportional to the difference between 1.025 and the actual density.

(3) When a ship departs from a port situated on a river or inland waters, deeper loading shall be permitted corresponding to the weight of fuel and all other materials required for consumption between the point of departure and the sea.

Article 13

Survey, inspection and marking

The survey, inspection and marking of ships, as regards the enforcement of the provisions of the present Convention and the granting of exemptions therefrom, shall be carried out by officers of the Administration. The Administration may, however, entrust the survey, inspection and marking either to surveyors nominated for the purpose or to organizations recognized by it. In every case the Administration concerned fully guarantees the completeness and efficiency of the survey, inspection and marking.

Article 14

Initial and periodical surveys and inspections

(1) A ship shall be subjected to the surveys and inspections specified below:

(a) A survey before the ship is put in service, which shall include a complete inspection of its structure and equipment in so far as the ship is covered by the present Convention. This survey shall be such as to ensure that the

arrangements, material and scantlings fully comply with the requirements of the present Convention.

(b) A periodical survey at intervals specified by the Administration, but not exceeding five years, which shall be such as to ensure that the structure, equipment, arrangements, material and scantlings fully comply with the requirements of the present Convention.

(c) A periodical inspection within three months either way of each annual anniversary date of the certificate, to ensure that alterations have not been made to the hull or superstructures which would affect the calculations determining the position of the load line and so as to ensure the maintenance in an effective condition of fittings and appliances for:

- (i) protection of openings;
- (ii) guard rails;
- (iii) freeing ports; and
- (iv) means of access to crew's quarters.

(2) The periodical inspections referred to in paragraph (1)(c) of this Article shall be endorsed on the International Load Line Certificate (1966) or on the International Load Line Exemption Certificate issued to a ship exempted under paragraph (2) of Article 6 of the present Convention.

Article 15

Maintenance of conditions after survey

After any survey of the ship under Article 14 has been completed, no change shall be made in the structure, equipment, arrangements, material or scantlings covered by the survey, without the sanction of the Administration.

Article 16

Issue of certificates

(1) An International Load Line Certificate (1966) shall be issued to every ship which has been surveyed and marked in accordance with the present Convention.

(2) An International Load Line Exemption Certificate shall be issued to any ship to which an exemption has been granted under and in accordance with paragraph (2) or (4) of Article 6.

(3) Such certificates shall be issued by the Administration or by any person or organization duly authorized by it. In every case, the Administration assumes full responsibility for the certificate.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the present Convention, any international load line certificate which is current when the present Convention comes into force in respect of the Government of the State whose flag the ship is flying shall remain valid for two years or until it expires, whichever is earlier. After that time an International Load Line Certificate (1966) shall be required.

Article 17

Issue of certificate by another Government

(1) A Contracting Government may, at the request of another Contracting Government, cause a ship to be surveyed and, if satisfied that the provisions of the present Convention are complied with, shall issue or authorize the issue of an International Load Line Certificate (1966) to the ship in accordance with the present Convention.

(2) A copy of the certificate, a copy of the survey report used for computing the freeboard, and a copy of the computations shall be transmitted as early as possible to the requesting Government.

(3) A certificate so issued must contain a statement to the effect that it has been issued at the request of the Government of the State whose flag the ship is or will be flying and it shall have the same force and receive the same recognition as a certificate issued under Article 16.

(4) No International Load Line Certificate (1966) shall be issued to a ship which is flying the flag of a State the Government of which is not a Contracting Government.

Article 18

Form of certificates

(1) The certificates shall be drawn up in the official language or languages of the issuing country. If the language used is neither English nor French, the text shall include a translation into one of these languages.

(2) The form of the certificates shall be that of the models given in Annex III. The arrangement of the printed part of each model certificate shall be exactly reproduced in any certificates issued, and in any certified copies thereof.

Article 19

Duration of certificates

(1) An International Load Line Certificate (1966) shall be issued for a period specified by the Administration, which shall not exceed five years from the date of issue.

(2) If, after the periodical survey referred to in paragraph (1)(b) of Article 14, a new certificate cannot be issued to the ship before the expiry of the certificate originally issued, the person or organization carrying out the survey may extend the validity of the original certificate for a period which shall not exceed five months. This extension shall be endorsed on the certificate, and shall be granted only where there have been no alterations in the structure, equipment, arrangements, material or scantlings which affect the ship's freeboard.

(3) An International Load Line Certificate (1966) shall be cancelled by the Administration if any of the following circumstances exist:

(a) material alterations have taken place in the hull or superstructures of the ship such as would necessitate the assignment of an increased freeboard;

(b) the fittings and appliances mentioned in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of Article 14 are not maintained in an effective condition;

(c) the certificate is not endorsed to show that the ship has been inspected as provided in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of Article 14;

(d) the structural strength of the ship is lowered to such an extent that the ship is unsafe.

(4) (a) The duration of an International Load Line Exemption Certificate issued by an Administration to a ship exempted under paragraph (2) of Article 6 shall not exceed five years from the date of issue. Such certificate shall be subject to a renewal, endorsement and cancellation procedure similar to that provided for an International Load Line Certificate (1966) under this Article.

(b) The duration of an International Load Line Exemption Certificate issued to a ship exempted under paragraph (4) of Article 6 shall be limited to a single voyage for which it is issued.

(5) A certificate issued to a ship by an Administration shall cease to be valid upon the transfer of such a ship to the flag of another State.

Article 20

Acceptance of certificates

The certificates issued under the authority of a Contracting Government in accordance with the present Convention shall be accepted by the other Contracting Governments and regarded for all purposes covered by the present Convention as having the same force as certificates issued by them.

Article 21

Control

(1) Ships holding a certificate issued under Article 16 or Article 17 are subject, when in the ports of other Contracting Governments, to control by officers duly authorized by such Governments. Contracting Governments shall ensure that such control is exercised as far as is reasonable and practicable with a view to verifying that there is on board a valid certificate under the present Convention. If there is a valid International Load Line Certificate (1966) on board the ship, such control shall be limited to the purpose of determining that:

- (a) the ship is not loaded beyond the limits allowed by the certificate;
- (b) the position of the load line of the ship corresponds with certificate; and
- (c) the ship has not been so materially altered in respect of the matters set out in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (3) of Article 19 that the ship is manifestly unfit to proceed to sea without danger to human life.

If there is a valid International Load Line Exemption Certificate on board, such control shall be limited to the purpose of determining that any conditions stipulated in that certificate are complied with.

(2) If such control is exercised under sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of this Article, it shall only be exercised in so far as may be necessary to ensure that the ship shall not sail until it can proceed to sea without danger to the passengers or the crew.

(3) In the event of the control provided for in this Article giving rise to intervention of any kind, the officer carrying out the control shall immediately inform in writing the Consul or the diplomatic representative of the State whose flag the ship is flying of this decision and of all the circumstances in which intervention was deemed to be necessary.

Article 22

Privileges

The privileges of the present Convention may not be claimed in favour of any ship unless it holds a valid certificate under the Convention.

Article 23

Casualties

(1) Each Administration undertakes to conduct an investigation of any casualty occurring to ships for which it is responsible and which are subject to the provisions of the present Convention when it judges that such an investigation may assist in determining what changes in the Convention might be desirable.

(2) Each Contracting Government undertakes to supply the Organization with the pertinent information concerning the findings of such investigations. No reports or recommendations of the Organization based upon such information shall disclose the identity or nationality of the ships concerned or in any manner fix or imply responsibility upon any ship or person.

Article 24

Prior treaties and conventions

(1) All other treaties, conventions and arrangements relating to load line matters at present in force between Governments parties to the present Convention shall continue to have full and complete effect during the terms thereof as regards:

- (a) ships to which the present Convention does not apply; and
- (b) ships to which the present Convention applies, in respect of matters for which it has not expressly provided.

(2) To the extent, however, that such treaties, conventions or arrangements conflict with the provisions of the present Convention, the provisions of the present Convention shall prevail.

Article 25

Special rules drawn up by agreement

When in accordance with the present Convention special rules are drawn up by agreement among all or some of the Contracting Governments, such rules shall be communicated to the Organization for circulation to all Contracting Governments.

Article 26

Communication of information

(1) The Contracting Governments undertake to communicate to and deposit with the Organization:

(a) a sufficient number of specimens of their certificates issued under the provisions of the present Convention for circulation to the Contracting Governments.

(b) the text of the laws, decrees, orders, regulations and other instruments which shall have been promulgated on the various matters within the scope of the present Convention; and

(c) a list of non-governmental agencies which are authorized to act in their behalf in the administration of load line matters for circulation to the Contracting Governments.

(2) Each Contracting Government agrees to make its strength standards available to any other Contracting Government, upon request.

Article 27

Signature, acceptance and accession

(1) The present Convention shall remain open for signature for three months from 5 April 1966 and shall thereafter remain open for accession.

Governments of States Members of the United Nations, or of any of the Specialized Agencies, or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, or parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice may become parties to the Convention by:

(a) signature without reservation as to acceptance;

(b) signature subject to acceptance followed by acceptance: [\[2\]](#) or

(c) accession.

(2) Acceptance or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance or accession with the Organization which shall inform all Governments that have signed the Convention or acceded to it of each new acceptance or accession and of the date of its deposit.

Article 28

Coming into force

(1) The present Convention shall come into force twelve months after the date on which not less than fifteen Governments of States, including seven each with not less than one million gross tons of shipping, have signed without reservation as to acceptance or deposited instruments of acceptance or

accession in accordance with Article 27.^[3] The Organization shall inform all Governments which have signed or acceded to the present Convention of the date on which it comes into force.

(2) For Governments which have deposited an instrument of acceptance of or accession to the present Convention during the twelve months mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Article, the acceptance or accession shall take effect on the coming into force of the present Convention or three months after the date of deposit of the instrument of acceptance or accession, whichever is the later date.

(3) For Governments which have deposited an instrument of acceptance of or accession to the present Convention after the date on which it comes into force, the Convention shall come into force three months after the date of the deposit of such instrument.^[4]

(4) After the date on which all the measures required to bring an amendment to the present Convention into force have been completed, or all necessary acceptances are deemed to have been given under sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) of Article 29 in case of amendment by unanimous acceptance, any instrument of acceptance or accession deposited shall be deemed to apply to the Convention as amended.

Article 29

Amendments

(1) The present Convention may be amended upon the proposal of a Contracting Government by any of the procedures specified in this Article.

(2) *Amendment by unanimous acceptance*

(a) Upon the request of a Contracting Government, any amendment proposed by it to the present Convention shall be communicated by the Organization to all Contracting Governments for consideration with a view to unanimous acceptance.

(b) Any such amendment shall enter into force twelve months after the date of its acceptance by all Contracting Governments unless an earlier date is agreed upon. A Contracting Government which does not communicate its acceptance or rejection of the amendment to the Organization within three

years of its first communication by the latter shall be deemed to have accepted the amendment.

(c) Any proposed amendment shall be deemed to be rejected if it is not accepted under sub-paragraph (b) of the present paragraph within three years after it has been first communicated to all Contracting Governments by the Organization.

(3) Amendment after consideration in the Organization

(a) Upon the request of a Contracting Government, any amendment proposed by it to the present Convention will be considered in the Organization. If adopted by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting in the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization, such amendment shall be communicated to all Members of the Organization and all Contracting Governments at least six months prior to its consideration by the Assembly of the Organization.

(b) If adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting in the Assembly, the amendment shall be communicated by the Organization to all Contracting Governments for their acceptance.

(c) Such amendment shall come into force twelve months after the date on which it is accepted by two-thirds of the Contracting Governments. The amendment shall come into force with respect to all Contracting Governments except those which, before it comes into force, make a declaration that they do not accept the amendment.

(d) The Assembly, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, including two-thirds of the Governments represented on the Maritime Safety Committee and present and voting in the Assembly, may propose a determination at the time of its adoption that an amendment is of such an important nature that any Contracting Government which makes a declaration under sub-paragraph (c), and which does not accept the amendment within a period of twelve months after it comes into force, shall cease to be a party to the present Convention upon the expiry of that period. This determination shall be subject to the prior acceptance of two-thirds of the Contracting Governments to the present Convention.

(e) Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the Contracting Government which first proposed action under this paragraph on an amendment to the present Convention from taking at any time such alternative action as it deems desirable in accordance with paragraph (2) or (4) of this Article.

(4) Amendment by a conference

(a) Upon the request of a Contracting Government, concurred in by at least one-third of the Contracting Governments, a conference of Governments will be convened by the Organization to consider amendments to the present Convention.

(b) Every amendment adopted by such a conference by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting of the Contracting Governments shall be communicated by the Organization to all Contracting Governments for their acceptance.

(c) Such amendment shall come into force twelve months after the date on which it is accepted by two-thirds of the Contracting Governments. The amendment shall come into force with respect to all Contracting Governments except those which, before it comes into force, make a declaration that they do not accept the amendment.

(d) By a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, a conference convened under sub-paragraph (a) may determine at the time of its adoption that an amendment is of such an important nature that any Contracting Government which makes a declaration under sub-paragraph (c), and which does not accept the amendment within a period of twelve months after it comes into force, shall cease to be a party to the present Convention upon the expiry of that period.

(5) Any amendments to the present Convention made under this Article which relate to the structure of a ship shall apply only to ships the keels of which are laid, or which are at a similar stage of construction, on or after the date on which the amendment comes into force.

(6) The Organization shall inform all Contracting Governments of any amendments which come into force under this Article, together with the date on which each such amendment will come into force.

(7) Any acceptance or declaration under this Article shall be made by a notification in writing to the Organization which shall notify all Contracting Governments of the receipt of the acceptance or declaration.

Article 30

Denunciation

(1) The present Convention may be denounced by any Contracting Government at any time after the expiry of five years from the date on which the Convention comes into force for that Government.

(2) Denunciation shall be effected by a notification in writing addressed to the Organization which shall inform all the other Contracting Governments of any such notification received and of the date of its receipt.

(3) A denunciation shall take effect one year, or such longer period as may be specified in the notification, after its receipt by the Organization.

Article 31

Suspension

(1) In case of hostilities or other extraordinary circumstances which affect the vital interests of a State the Government of which is a Contracting Government, that Government may suspend the operation of the whole or any part of the present Convention. The suspending Government shall immediately give notice of any such suspension to the Organization.

(2) Such suspension shall not deprive other Contracting Governments of any right of control under the present Convention over the ships of the suspending Government when such ships are within their ports.

(3) The suspending Government may at any time terminate such suspension and shall immediately give notice of such termination to the Organization.

(4) The Organization shall notify all Contracting Governments of any suspension or termination of suspension under this Article.

Article 32

Territories

(1) (a) The United Nations, in cases where they are the administering authority for a territory, or any Contracting Government responsible for the international relations of a territory, shall as soon as possible consult with such territory in an endeavour to extend the present Convention to that

territory and may at any time by notification in writing to the Organization declare that the present Convention shall extend to such territory.

(b) The present Convention shall, from the date of the receipt of the notification or from such other date as may be specified in the notification, extend to the territory named therein.

(2) (a) The United Nations, or any Contracting Government which has made a declaration under sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this Article, at any time after the expiry of a period of five years from the date on which the Convention has been so extended to any territory, may by notification in writing to the Organization declare that the present Convention shall cease to extend to any such territory named in the notification.

(b) The present Convention shall cease to extend to any territory mentioned in such notification one year, or such longer period as may be specified therein, after the date of receipt of the notification by the Organization.

(3) The Organization shall inform all the Contracting Governments of the extension of the present Convention to any territories under paragraph (1) of this Article, and of the termination of any such extension under the provisions of paragraph (2), stating in each case the date from which the present Convention has been or will cease to be so extended.

Article 33

Registration

(1) The present Convention shall be deposited with the Organization and the Secretary-General of the Organization shall transmit certified true copies thereof to all Signatory Governments and to all Governments which accede to the present Convention.

(2) As soon as the present Convention comes into force it shall be registered by the Organization in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article 34

Languages

The present Convention is established in a single copy in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic. Official translations in the Russian and Spanish languages shall be prepared and deposited with the signed original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments for that purpose have signed the present Convention.

DONE at London this fifth day of April 1966.

[Signatures not reproduced here.]

ANNEX I

REGULATIONS FOR DETERMINING LOAD LINES

CHAPTER I

GENERAL

The Regulations assume that the nature and stowage of the cargo, ballast, etc, are such as to secure sufficient stability of the ship and the avoidance of excessive structural stress.

The Regulations also assume that where there are international requirements relating to stability or subdivision, these requirements have been complied with.

Regulation 1

Strength of hull

The Administration shall satisfy itself that the general structural strength of the hull is sufficient for the draught corresponding to the freeboard assigned.

Ships built and maintained in conformity with the requirements of a classification society recognized by the Administration may be considered to possess adequate strength.

Regulation 2

Application

(1) Ships with mechanical means of propulsion or lighters, barges or other ships without independent means of propulsion, shall be assigned freeboards in accordance with the provisions of Regulations 1-40 inclusive of this Annex.

(2) Ships carrying timber deck cargoes may be assigned, in addition to the freeboards prescribed in paragraph (1) of this Regulation, timber freeboards in accordance with the provisions of Regulations 41-45 inclusive of this Annex.

(3) Ships designed to carry sail, whether as the sole means of propulsion or as a supplementary means, and tugs, shall be assigned freeboards in

accordance with the provisions of Regulations 1-40 inclusive of this Annex. Such additional freeboard shall be required as determined by the Administration.

(4) Ships of wood or of composite construction, or of other materials the use of which the Administration has approved, or ships whose constructional features are such as to render the application of the provisions of this Annex unreasonable or impracticable, shall be assigned freeboards as determined by the Administration.

(5) Regulations 10 to 26 inclusive of this Annex shall apply to every ship to which a minimum freeboard is assigned. Relaxations from these requirements may be granted to a ship to which a greater than minimum freeboard is assigned on condition that the Administration is satisfied with the safety conditions provided.

Regulation 3

Definitions of terms used in the Annexes

(1) *Length*. The length (L) shall be taken as 96 per cent of the total length on a waterline at 85 per cent of the least moulded depth measured from the top of the keel, or as the length from the foreside of the stem to the axis of the rudder stock on that waterline, if that be greater. In ships designed with a rake of keel the waterline on which this length is measured shall be parallel to the designed waterline.

(2) *Perpendiculars*. The forward and after perpendiculars shall be taken at the forward and after ends of the length (L). The forward perpendicular shall coincide with the foreside of the stem on the waterline on which the length is measured.

(3) *Amidships*. Amidships is at the middle of the length (L).

(4) *Breadth*. Unless expressly provided otherwise, the breadth (B) is the maximum breadth of the ship, measured amidships to the moulded line of the frame in a ship with a metal shell and to the outer surface of the hull in a ship with a shell of any other material.

(5) *Moulded depth*

(a) The moulded depth is the vertical distance measured from the top of the keel to the top of the freeboard deck beam at side. In wood and composite

ships the distance is measured from the lower edge of the keel rabbet. Where the form at the lower part of the midship section is of a hollow character, or where thick garboards are fitted, the distance is measured from the point where the line of the flat of the bottom continued inwards cuts the side of the keel.

(b) In ships having rounded gunwales, the moulded depth shall be measured to the point of intersection of the moulded lines of the deck and side shell plating, the lines extending as though the gunwale were of angular design.

(c) Where the freeboard deck is stepped and the raised part of the deck extends over the point at which the moulded depth is to be determined, the moulded depth shall be measured to a line of reference extending from the lower part of the deck along a line parallel with the raised part.

(6) *Depth for freeboard (D)*

(a) The depth for freeboard (D) is the moulded depth amidships, plus the thickness of the freeboard deck stringer plate, where fitted, plus $T(L-S)/L$ if the exposed freeboard deck is sheathed, where T is the mean thickness of the exposed sheathing clear of deck openings, and S is the total length of superstructures as defined in sub-paragraph (10)(d) of this Regulation.

(b) The depth for freeboard (D) in a ship having a rounded gunwale with a radius greater than 4 per cent of the breadth (B) or having topsides of unusual form is the depth for freeboard of a ship having a midship section with vertical topsides and with the same round of beam and area of topside section equal to that provided by the actual midship section.

(7) *Block coefficient*. The block coefficient (C_b) is given by:

$C_b = V/L.B.d_1$; where

V is the volume of the moulded displacement of the ship, excluding bossing, in a ship with a metal shell, and is the volume of displacement to the outer surface of the hull in a ship with a shell of any other material, both taken at a moulded draught of d_1 ; and where

d_1 is 85 per cent of the least moulded depth.

(8) *Freeboard*. The freeboard assigned is the distance measured vertically downwards amidships from the upper edge of the deck line to the upper edge of the related load line.

(9) *Freeboard deck*. The freeboard deck is normally the uppermost complete deck exposed to weather and sea, which has permanent means of closing all openings in the weather part thereof, and below which all the openings in the sides of the ship are fitted with permanent means of watertight closing. In a ship having a discontinuous freeboard deck, the lowest line of the exposed deck and the continuation of that line parallel to the upper part of the deck is taken as the freeboard deck. At the option of the owner and subject to the approval of the Administration, a lower deck may be designated as the freeboard deck, provided it is a complete and permanent deck continuous in a fore and aft direction at least between the machinery space and peak bulkheads and continuous athwartships. When this lower deck is stepped the lowest line of the deck and the continuation of that line parallel to the upper part of the deck is taken as the freeboard deck. When a lower deck is designated as the freeboard deck, that part of the hull which extends above the freeboard deck is treated as a superstructure so far as concerns the application of the conditions of assignment and the calculation of freeboard. It is from this deck that the freeboard is calculated.

(10) *Superstructure*

(a) A superstructure is a decked structure on the freeboard deck, extending from side to side of the ship or with the side plating not being inboard of the shell plating more than 4 per cent of the breadth (B). A raised quarter deck is regarded as a superstructure.

(b) An enclosed superstructure is a superstructure with:

(i) enclosing bulkheads of efficient construction;

(ii) access openings, if any, in these bulkheads fitted with doors complying with the requirements of Regulation 12;

(iii) all other openings in sides or ends of the superstructure fitted with efficient weathertight means of closing.

A bridge or poop shall not be regarded as enclosed unless access is provided for the crew to reach machinery and other working spaces inside these

superstructures by alternative means which are available at all times when bulkhead openings are closed.

(c) The height of a superstructure is the least vertical height measured at side from the top of the superstructure deck beams to the top of the freeboard deck beams.

(d) The length of a superstructure (S) is the mean length of the part of the superstructure which lies within the length (L).

(11) *Flush deck ship*. A flush deck ship is one which has no superstructure on the freeboard deck.

(12) *Weathertight*. Weathertight means that in any sea conditions water will not penetrate into the ship.

Regulation 4

Deck line

The deck line is a horizontal line 300 millimetres (12 inches) in length and 25 millimetres (1 inch) in breadth. It shall be marked amidships on each side of the ship, and its upper edge shall normally pass through the point where the continuation outwards of the upper surface of the freeboard deck intersects the outer surface of the shell (as illustrated in Figure 1), provided that the deck line may be placed with reference to another fixed point on the ship on condition that the freeboard is correspondingly corrected. The location of the reference point and the identification of the freeboard deck shall in all cases be indicated on the International Load Line Certificate (1966).

Regulation 5

Load Line Mark

The Load Line Mark shall consist of a ring 300 millimetres (12 inches) in outside diameter and 25 millimetres (1 inch) wide which is intersected by a horizontal line 450 millimetres (18 inches) in length and 25 millimetres (1 inch) in breadth, the upper edge of which passes through the centre of the ring. The centre of the ring shall be placed amidships and at a distance equal to the assigned summer freeboard measured vertically below the upper edge of the deck line (as illustrated in Figure 2).

Regulation 6

Lines to be used with the Load Line Mark

(1) The lines which indicate the load line assigned in accordance with these Regulations shall be horizontal lines 230 millimetres (9 inches) in length and 25 millimetres (1 inch) in breadth which extend forward of, unless expressly provided otherwise, and at right angles to, a vertical line 25 millimetres (1 inch) in breadth marked at a distance 540 millimetres (21 inches) forward of the centre of the ring (as illustrated in Figure 2).

(2) The following load lines shall be used:

- (a) The Summer Load Line indicated by the upper edge of the line which passes through the centre of the ring and also by a line marked S.
- (b) The Winter Load Line indicated by the upper edge of a line marked W.
- (c) The Winter North Atlantic Load Line indicated by the upper edge of a line marked WNA.

- (d) The Tropical Load Line indicated by the upper edge of a line marked T.
- (e) The Fresh Water Load Line in summer indicated by the upper edge of a line marked F. The Fresh Water Load Line in summer is marked abaft the vertical line. The difference between the Fresh Water Load Line in summer and the Summer Load Line is the allowance to be made for loading in fresh water at the other load lines.

(f) The Tropical Fresh Water Load Line indicated by the upper edge of a line marked TF, and marked abaft the vertical line.

(3) If timber freeboards are assigned in accordance with these Regulations, the timber load lines shall be marked in addition to ordinary load lines. These lines shall be horizontal lines 230 millimetres (9 inches) in length and 25 millimetres (1 inch) in breadth which extend abaft unless expressly provided otherwise, and are at right angles to, a vertical line 25 millimetres (1 inch) in breadth marked at a distance 540 millimetres (21 inches) abaft the centre of the ring (as illustrated in figure 3).

(4) The following timber load lines shall be used:

(a) The Summer Timber Load Line indicated by the upper edge of a line marked LS.

(b) The Winter Timber Load Line indicated by the upper edge of a line marked LW.

(c) The Winter North Atlantic Timber Load Line indicated by the upper edge of a line marked LWNA.

(d) The Tropical Timber Load Line indicated by the upper edge of a line marked LT.

(e) The Fresh Water Timber Load Line in summer indicated by the upper edge of a line marked LF and marked forward of the vertical line.

The difference between the Fresh Water Timber Load Line in summer and the Summer Timber Load Line is the allowance to be made for loading in fresh water at the other timber load lines.

(f) The Tropical Fresh Water Timber Load Line indicated by the upper edge of a line marked LTF and marked forward of the vertical line.

(5) Where the characteristics of a ship or the nature of the ship's service or navigational limits make any of the seasonal lines inapplicable, these lines may be omitted.

(6) Where a ship is assigned a greater than minimum freeboard so that the load line is marked at a position corresponding to, or lower than, the lowest seasonal load line assigned at minimum freeboard in accordance with the present Convention, only the Fresh Water Load Line need be marked.

(7) On sailing ships only the Fresh Water Load Line and the Winter North Atlantic Load Line need be marked (as illustrated in Figure 4).

(8) Where a Winter North Atlantic Load Line is identical with the Winter Load Line corresponding to the same vertical line, this load line shall be marked W.

(9) Additional load lines required by other international conventions in force may be marked at right angles to and abaft the vertical line specified in paragraph (1) of this Regulation.

Regulation 7

Mark of assigning authority

The mark of the Authority by whom the load lines are assigned may be indicated alongside the load line ring above the horizontal line which passes through the centre of the ring, or above and below it. This mark shall consist of not more than four initials to identify the Authority's name, each measuring approximately 115 millimetres (4 1/2 inches) in height and 75 millimetres (3 inches) in width.

Regulation 8

Details of marking

The ring, lines and letters shall be painted in white or yellow on a dark ground or in black on a light ground. They shall also be permanently marked on the sides of the ships to the satisfaction of the Administration. The marks shall be plainly visible and, if necessary, special arrangements shall be made for this purpose.

Regulation 9

Verification of marks

The International Load Line Certificate (1966) shall not be delivered to the ship until the officer or surveyor acting under the provisions of Article 13 of the present Convention has certified that the marks are correctly and permanently indicated on the ship's sides.

CHAPTER II

CONDITIONS OF ASSIGNMENT OF FREEBOARD

Regulation 10

Information to be supplied to the master

(1) The master of every new ship shall be supplied with sufficient information, in an approved form, to enable him to arrange for the loading and ballasting of his ship in such a way as to avoid the creation of any unacceptable stresses

in the ship's structure, provided that this requirement need not apply to any particular length, design or class of ship where the Administration considers it to be unnecessary.

(2) The master of every new ship which is not already provided with stability information under an international convention for the safety of life at sea in force shall be supplied with sufficient information in an approved form to give him guidance as to the stability of the ship under varying conditions of service, and a copy shall be furnished to the Administration.

Regulation 11

Superstructure end bulkheads

Bulkheads at exposed ends of enclosed superstructures shall be of efficient construction and shall be to the satisfaction of the Administration.

Regulation 12

Doors

(1) All access openings in bulkheads at ends of enclosed superstructures shall be fitted with doors of steel or other equivalent material, permanently and strongly attached to the bulkhead, and framed, stiffened and fitted so that the whole structure is of equivalent strength to the unpierced bulkhead and weathertight when closed. The means for securing these doors weathertight shall consist of gaskets and clamping devices or other equivalent means and shall be permanently attached to the bulkhead or to the doors themselves, and the doors shall be so arranged that they can be operated from both sides of the bulkhead.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in these Regulations, the height of the sills of access openings in bulkheads at ends of enclosed superstructures shall be at least 380 millimetres (15 inches) above the deck.

Regulation 13

Position of hatchways, doorways and ventilators

For the purpose of the Regulations, two positions of hatchways, doorways and ventilators are defined as follows:

Position 1 - Upon exposed freeboard and raised quarter decks, and upon exposed superstructure decks situated forward of a point located a quarter of the ship's length from the forward perpendicular.

Position 2 - Upon exposed superstructure decks situated abaft a quarter of the ship's length from the forward perpendicular.

Regulation 14

Cargo and other hatchways

(1) The construction and the means for securing the weathertightness of cargo and other hatchways in positions 1 and 2 shall be at least equivalent to the requirements of Regulations 15 and 16 of this Annex.

(2) Coamings and hatchway covers to exposed hatchways on decks above the superstructure deck shall comply with the requirements of the Administration.

Regulation 15

Hatchways closed by portable covers and secured weathertight by tarpaulins and battening devices

Hatchway coamings

(1) The coamings of hatchways closed by portable covers secured weathertight by tarpaulins and battening devices shall be of substantial construction, and their height above the deck shall be at least as follows:

600 millimetres (23¹/₂ inches) if in position 1.

450 millimetres (17¹/₂ inches) if in position 2.

Hatchway covers

(2) The width of each bearing surface for hatchway covers shall be at least 65 millimetres (2¹/₂ inches).

(3) Where covers are made of wood, the finished thickness shall be at least 60 millimetres (2³/₈ inches) in association with a span of not more than 1.5 metres (4.9 feet).

(4) Where covers are made of mild steel the strength shall be calculated with assumed loads not less than 1.75 metric tons per square metre (358 pounds per square foot) on hatchways in position 1, and not less than 1.30 metric tons per square metre (266 pounds per square foot) on hatchways in position 2, and the product of the maximum stress thus calculated and the factor 4.25 shall not exceed the minimum ultimate strength of the material. They shall be so designed as to limit the deflection to not more than 0.0028 times the span under these loads.

(5) The assumed loads on hatchways in position 1 may be reduced to 1 metric ton per square metre (205 pounds per square foot) for ships or 24 metres (79 feet) in length and shall be not less than 1.75 metric tons per square metre (358 pounds per square foot) for ships 100 metres (328 feet) in length. The corresponding loads on hatchways in position 2 may be reduced to 0.75 metric tons per square metre (154 pounds per square foot) and 1.30 metric tons per square metre (266 pounds per square foot) respectively. In all cases values at intermediate lengths shall be obtained by interpolation.

Portable beams

(6) Where portable beams for supporting hatchway covers are made of mild steel the strength shall be calculated with assumed loads not less than 1.75 metric tons per square metre (358 pounds per square foot) on hatchways in position 1 and not less than 1.30 metric tons per square metre (266 pounds per square foot) on hatchways in position 2 and the product of the maximum stress thus calculated and the factor 5 shall not exceed the minimum ultimate strength of the material. They shall be so designed as to limit the deflection to not more than 0.0022 times the span under these loads. For ships of not more than 100 metres (328 feet) in length the requirements of paragraph (5) of this Regulation are applicable.

Pontoon covers

(7) Where pontoon covers used in place of portable beams and covers are made of mild steel the strength shall be calculated with the assumed loads given in paragraph (4) of this Regulation, and the product of the maximum stress thus calculated and the factor 5 shall not exceed the minimum ultimate strength of the material. They shall be so designed as to limit the deflection to not more than 0.0022 times the span. Mild steel plating forming the tops of covers shall be not be less in thickness than one per cent of the spacing of stiffeners or 6 millimetres (0.24 inches) if that be greater. For ships of not more than 100 metres (328 feet) in length the requirements of paragraph (5) of this Regulation are applicable.

(8) The strength and stiffness of covers made of materials other than mild steel shall be equivalent to those of mild steel to the satisfaction of the Administration.

Carriers or sockets

(9) Carriers or sockets for portable beams shall be of substantial construction, and shall provide means for the efficient fitting and securing of the beams. Where rolling types of beams are used, the arrangements shall ensure that the beams remain properly in position when the hatchway is closed.

Cleats

(10) Cleats shall be set to fit the taper of the wedges. They shall be at least 65 millimetres (2 1/2 inches) wide and spaced not more than 600 millimetres (23 1/2 inches) centre to centre; the cleats along each side or end shall be not more than 150 millimetres (6 inches) from the hatch corners.

Battens and wedges

(11) Battens and wedges shall be efficient and in good condition. Wedges shall be of tough wood or other equivalent material. They shall have a taper of not more than 1 in 6 and shall be not less than 13 millimetres (1/2 inch) thick at the toes.

Tarpaulins

(12) At least two layers of tarpaulin in good condition shall be provided for each hatchway in position 1 or 2. The tarpaulins shall be waterproof and of ample strength. They shall be of a material of at least an approved standard weight and quality.

Security of hatchway covers

(13) For all hatchways in position 1 or 2 steel bars or other equivalent means shall be provided in order efficiently and independently to secure each section of hatchway covers after the tarpaulins are battened down. Hatchway covers of more than 1.5 metres (4.9 feet) in length shall be secured by at least two such securing appliances.

Regulation 16

Hatchways closed by weathertight covers of steel or other equivalent material fitted with gaskets and clamping devices

Hatchway coamings

(1) At positions 1 and 2 the height above the deck of hatchway coamings fitted with weathertight hatch covers of steel or other equivalent material fitted with gaskets and clamping devices shall be as specified in Regulation 15(1).

The height of these coamings may be reduced, or the coamings omitted entirely, on condition that the Administration is satisfied that the safety of the ship is not thereby impaired in any sea conditions. Where coamings are provided they shall be of substantial construction.

Weathertight covers

(2) Where weathertight covers are of mild steel the strength shall be calculated with assumed loads not less than 1.75 metric tons per square metre (358 pounds per square foot) on hatchways in position 1, and not less than 1.30 metric tons per square metre (266 pounds per square foot) on hatchways in position 2, and the product of the maximum stress thus calculated and the factor of 4.25 shall not exceed the minimum ultimate strength of the material. They shall be so designed as to limit the deflection to not more than 0.0028 times and span under these loads. Mild steel plating forming the tops of covers shall be not less in thickness than one per cent of the spacing of stiffeners or 6 millimetres (0.24 inches) if that be greater. The provisions of Regulation 15(5) are applicable for ships of not more than 100 metres (328 feet) in length.

(3) The strength and stiffness of covers made of materials other than mild steel shall be equivalent to those of mild steel to the satisfaction of the Administration.

Means for securing weathertightness

(4) The means for securing and maintaining weathertightness shall be to the satisfaction of the Administration. The arrangements shall ensure that the tightness can be maintained in any sea conditions, and for this purpose tests for tightness shall be required at the initial survey, and may be required at periodical surveys and at annual inspections or at more frequent intervals.

Regulation 17

Machinery space openings

(1) Machinery space openings in position 1 or 2 shall be properly framed and efficiently enclosed by steel casings of ample strength, and where the casings are not protected by other structures their strength shall be specially considered. Access openings in such casings shall be fitted with doors complying with the requirements of Regulation 12(1), the sills of which shall

be at least 600 millimetres (23 1/2 inches) above the deck if in position 1, and at least 380 millimetres (15 inches) above the deck if in position 2. Other openings in such casings shall be fitted with equivalent covers, permanently attached in their proper positions.

(2) Coamings of any fiddley, funnel or machinery space ventilator in an exposed position on the freeboard or superstructure deck shall be as high above the deck as is reasonable and practicable. Fiddley openings shall be fitted with strong covers of steel or other equivalent material permanently attached in their proper positions and capable of being secured weathertight.

Regulation 18

Miscellaneous openings in freeboard and superstructure decks

(1) Manholes and flush scuttles in position 1 or 2 or within superstructures other than enclosed superstructures shall be closed by substantial covers capable of being made watertight. Unless secured by closely spaced bolts, the covers shall be permanently attached.

(2) Openings in freeboard decks other than hatchways, machinery space openings, manholes and flush scuttles shall be protected by an enclosed superstructure, or by a deckhouse or companionway of equivalent strength and weathertightness. Any such opening in an exposed superstructure deck or in the top of a deckhouse on the freeboard deck which gives access to a space below the freeboard deck or a space within an enclosed superstructure shall be protected by an efficient deckhouse or companionway. Doorways in such deckhouses or companionways shall be fitted with doors complying with the requirements of Regulation 12(1).

(3) In position 1 the height above the deck of sills to the doorways in companionways shall be at least 600 millimetres (23 1/2 inches). In position 2 it shall be at least 380 millimetres (15 inches).

Regulation 19

Ventilators

(1) Ventilators in position 1 or 2 to spaces below freeboard decks or decks of enclosed superstructures shall have coamings of steel or other equivalent material, substantially constructed and efficiently connected to the deck.

Where the coaming of any ventilator exceeds 900 millimetres (35 1/2 inches) in height it shall be specially supported.

(2) Ventilators passing through superstructures other than enclosed superstructures shall have substantially constructed coamings of steel or other equivalent material at the freeboard deck.

(3) Ventilators in position 1 the coamings of which extend to more than 4.5 metres (14.8 feet) above the deck, and in position 2 the coamings of which extend to more than 2.3 metres (7.5 feet) above the deck, need not be fitted with closing arrangements unless specifically required by the Administration.

(4) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this Regulation, ventilator openings shall be provided with efficient weathertight closing appliances. In ships of not more than 100 metres (328 feet) in length the closing appliances shall be permanently attached; where not so provided in other ships, they shall be conveniently stowed near the ventilators to which they are to be fitted.

Ventilators in position 1 shall have coamings of a height of at least 900 millimetres (35 1/2 inches) above the deck; in position 2 the coamings shall be of a height at least 760 millimetres (30 inches) above the deck.

(5) In exposed positions, the height of coamings may be required to be increased to the satisfaction of the Administration.

Regulation 20

Air pipes

Where air pipes to ballast and other tanks extend above the freeboard or superstructure decks, the exposed parts of the pipes shall be of substantial construction; the height from the deck to the point where water may have access below shall be at least 760 millimetres (30 inches) on the freeboard deck and 450 millimetres (17 1/2 inches) on the superstructure deck. Where these heights may interfere with the working of the ship, a lower height may be approved, provided the Administration is satisfied that the closing arrangements and other circumstances justify a lower height. Satisfactory means permanently attached, shall be provided for closing the openings of the air pipes.

Regulation 21

Cargo ports and other similar openings

(1) Cargo ports and other similar openings in the sides of ships below the freeboard deck shall be fitted with doors so designed as to ensure watertightness and structural integrity commensurate with the surrounding

shell plating. The number of such openings shall be the minimum compatible with the design and proper working of the ship.

(2) Unless permitted by the Administration, the lower edge of such openings shall not be below a line drawn parallel to the freeboard deck at side, which has at its lowest point the upper edge of the uppermost load line.

Regulation 22

Scuppers, inlets and discharges

(1) Discharges led through the shell either from spaces below the freeboard deck or from within superstructures and deckhouses on the freeboard deck fitted with doors complying with the requirements of Regulation 12 shall be fitted with efficient and accessible means for preventing water from passing inboard. Normally each separate discharge shall have one automatic non-return valve with a positive means of closing it from a position above the freeboard deck. Where, however, the vertical distance from the summer load waterline to the inboard end of the discharge pipe exceeds 0.01 L, the discharge may have two automatic non-return valves without positive means of closing, provided that the inboard valve is always accessible for examination under service conditions; where that vertical distance exceeds 0.02 L a single automatic non-return valve without positive means of closing may be accepted subject to the approval of the Administration. The means for operating the positive action valve shall be readily accessible and provided with an indicator showing whether the valve is open or closed.

(2) In manned machinery spaces main and auxiliary sea inlets and discharges in connexion with the operation of machinery may be controlled locally. The controls shall be readily accessible and shall be provided with indicators showing whether the valves are open or closed.

(3) Scuppers and discharge pipes originating at any level and penetrating the shell either more than 450 millimetres (17 1/2 inches) below the freeboard deck or less than 600 millimetres (23 1/2 inches) above the summer load waterline shall be provided with a non-return valve at the shell. This valve, unless required by paragraph (1), may be omitted if the piping is of substantial thickness.

(4) Scuppers leading from superstructures or deckhouses not fitted with doors complying with the requirements of Regulation 12 shall be led overboard.

(5) All valves and shell fittings required by this Regulation shall be of steel, bronze or other approved ductile material. Valves of ordinary cast iron or similar material are not acceptable. All pipes to which this Regulation refers shall be of steel or other equivalent material to the satisfaction of the Administration.

Regulation 23

Side scuttles

(1) Side scuttles to spaces below the freeboard deck or to spaces within enclosed superstructures shall be fitted with efficient hinged inside deadlights arranged so that they can be effectively closed and secured watertight.

(2) No side scuttle shall be fitted in a position so that its sill is below a line drawn parallel to the freeboard deck at side and having its lowest point 2.5 per cent of the breadth (B) above the load waterline, or 500 millimetres (19 1/2 inches), whichever is the greater distance.

(3) The side scuttles, together with their glasses, if fitted, and deadlights, shall be of substantial and approved construction.

Regulation 24

Freeing ports

(1) Where bulwarks on the weather portions of freeboard or superstructure decks form wells, ample provision shall be made for rapidly freeing the decks of water and for draining them. Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Regulation, the minimum freeing port area (A) on each side of the ship for each well on the freeboard deck shall be that given by the following formulae in cases where the sheer in way of the well is standard or greater than standard. The minimum area for each well on superstructure decks shall be one-half of the area given by the formulae.

Where the length of bulwark (*l*) in the well is 20 metres or less

$$A = 0.7 + 0.035l \text{ (square metres)}$$

where *l* exceeds 20 metres

$$A = 0.07l \text{ (square metres)}$$

l need in no case be taken as greater than 0.7L.

If the bulwark is more than 1.2 metres in average height the required area shall be increased by 0.004 square metres per metre of length of well for each 0.1 metre difference in height. If the bulwark is less than 0.9 metre in average height, the required area may be decreased by 0.004 square metres per metre of length of well for each 0.1 metre difference in height.

Or,

where the length of bulwark (*l*) in the well is 66 feet or less

$$A = 7.6 + 0.115l \text{ (square feet)}$$

where *l* exceeds 66 feet

$$A = 0.23l \text{ (square feet)}$$

l need in no case be taken as greater than 0.7L.

If the bulwark is more than 3.9 feet in average height the required area shall be increased by 0.04 square feet per foot of length of well for each foot difference in height. If the bulwark is less than 3 feet in average height, the required area may be decreased by 0.04 square feet per foot of length for each foot difference in height.

(2) In ships with no sheer the calculated area shall be increased by 50 per cent. Where the sheer is less than the standard the percentage shall be obtained by interpolation.

(3) Where a ship is fitted with a trunk which does not comply with the requirements of Regulation 36(1)(e) or where continuous or substantially continuous hatchway side coamings are fitted between detached superstructures the minimum area of the freeing port openings shall be calculated from the following table:

Breadth of hatchway of trunk in relation to the breadth of ship	Area of freeing ports in relation to the total area of the bulwarks
40% or less	20%
75% or more	10%

The area of freeing ports at intermediate breadths shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

(4) In ships having superstructures which are open at either or both ends, adequate provision for freeing the space within such superstructures shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Administration.

(5) The lower edges of the freeing ports shall be as near the deck as practicable. Two-thirds of the freeing port area required shall be provided in the half of the well nearest the lowest point of the sheer curve.

(6) All such openings in the bulwarks shall be protected by rails or bars spaced approximately 230 millimetres (9 inches) apart. If shutters are fitted to freeing ports, ample clearance shall be provided to prevent jamming. Hinges shall have pins or bearings of non-corrodible material. If shutters are fitted with securing appliances, these appliances shall be of approved construction.

Regulation 25

Protection of the crew

(1) The strength of the deckhouses used for the accommodation of the crew shall be to the satisfaction of the Administration.

(2) Efficient guard rails or bulwarks shall be fitted on all exposed parts of the freeboard and superstructure decks. The height of the bulwarks or guard rails shall be at least 1 metre (39 1/2 inches) from the deck, provided that where this height would interfere with the normal operation of the ship, a lesser height may be approved if the Administration is satisfied that adequate protection is provided.

(3) The opening below the lowest course of the guard rails shall not exceed 230 millimetres (9 inches). The other courses shall be not more than 380 millimetres (15 inches) apart. In the case of ships with rounded gunwales the guard rail supports shall be placed on the flat of the deck.

(4) Satisfactory means (in the form of guard rails, life lines, gangways or underdeck passages etc) shall be provided for the protection of the crew in getting to and from their quarters, the machinery space and all other parts used in the necessary work of the ship.

(4) Deck cargo carried on any ship shall be so stowed that any opening which is in way of the cargo and which gives access to and from the crew's quarters, the machinery space and all other parts used in the necessary work of the ship, can be properly closed and secured against the admission of water.

Effective protection for the crew in the form of guard rails or life lines shall be provided above the deck cargo if there is no convenient passage on or below the deck of the ship.

Regulation 26

Special conditions of assignment for Type "A" ships

Machinery casings

(1) Machinery casings on Type "A" ships as defined in Regulation 27 shall be protected by an enclosed poop or bridge of at least standard height, or by a deckhouse of equal height and equivalent strength, provided that machinery casings may be exposed if there are no openings giving direct access from the freeboard deck to the machinery space. A door complying with the requirements of Regulation 12 may, however, be permitted in the machinery casing, provided that it leads to a space or passageway which is as strongly constructed as the casing and is separated from the stairway to the engine room by a second weathertight door of steel or other equivalent material.

Gangway and access

(2) An efficiently constructed fore and aft permanent gangway of sufficient strength shall be fitted on Type "A" ships at the level of the superstructure deck between the poop and the midship bridge or deckhouse where fitted, or equivalent means of access shall be provided to carry out the purpose of the gangway, such as passages below deck. Elsewhere, and on Type "A" ships without a midship bridge, arrangements to the satisfaction of the Administration shall be provided to safeguard the crew in reaching all parts used in the necessary work of the ship.

(3) Safe and satisfactory access from the gangway level shall be available between separate crew accommodations and also between crew accommodations and the machinery space.

Hatchways

(4) Exposed hatchways on the freeboard and forecastle decks or on the tops of expansion trunks on Type "A" ships shall be provided with efficient watertight covers of steel or other equivalent material.

Freeing arrangements

(5) Type "A" ships with bulwarks shall have open rails fitted for at least half the length of the exposed parts of the weather deck or other effective freeing arrangements. The upper edge of the sheer strake shall be kept as low as practicable.

(6) Where superstructures are connected by trunks, open rails shall be fitted for the whole length of the exposed parts of the freeboard deck.

CHAPTER III
FREEBOARDS
Regulation 27
Types of ships

(1) For the purposes of freeboard computation ships shall be divided into Type "A" and Type "B".

Type "A" ships

(2) A Type "A" ship is one which is designed to carry only liquid cargoes in bulk, and in which cargo tanks have only small access openings closed by watertight gasketed covers of steel or equivalent material. Such a ship necessarily has the following inherent features:

- (a) high integrity of the exposed deck; and
- (b) high degree of safety against flooding, resulting from the low permeability of loaded cargo spaces and the degree of subdivision usually provided.

(3) A Type "A" ship, if over 150 metres (492 feet) in length, and designed to have empty compartments when loaded to its summer load waterline, shall be able to withstand the flooding of any one of these empty compartments at an assumed permeability of 0.95, and remain afloat in a condition of equilibrium considered to be satisfactory by the Administration. In such a ship, if over 225 metres (738 feet) in length, the machinery space shall be treated as a floodable compartment but with a permeability of 0.85.

For the guidance of Administrations the following limits may be regarded as satisfactory:

- (a) the final waterline after flooding is below the lower edge of any opening through which progressive flooding may take place;
- (b) the maximum angle of heel due to unsymmetrical flooding is of the order of 15°;
- (c) the metacentric height in the flooded condition is positive.

(4) A Type "A" ship shall be assigned a freeboard not less than that based on Table A of Regulation 28.

Type "B" ships

(5) All ships which do not come within the provisions regarding Type "A" ships in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Regulation shall be considered as Type "B" ships.

(6) Type "B" ships, which in position 1 have hatchways fitted with hatch covers complying with the requirements of Regulation 15(7) or 16 shall, except as provided in paragraphs (7) to (10) inclusive of this Regulation, be assigned freeboards based on Table B of Regulation 28.

(7) Any Type "B" ships of over 100 metres (328 feet) in length may be assigned freeboards less than those required under paragraph (6) of this Regulation provided that, in relation to the amount of reduction granted, the Administration is satisfied that:

- (a) the measures provided for the protection of the crew are adequate;
- (b) the freeing arrangements are adequate;
- (c) the covers in positions 1 and 2 comply with the provisions of Regulation 16 and have adequate strength; special care being given to their sealing and securing arrangements;
- (d) the ship, when loaded to its summer load waterline, will remain afloat in a satisfactory condition of equilibrium after flooding of any single damaged compartment at an assumed permeability of 0.95 excluding the machinery space; and
- (e) in such a ship, if over 225 metres (738 feet) in length, the machinery space shall be treated as a floodable compartment but with a permeability of 0.85.

For the guidance of Administrations in applying sub-paragraphs (d) and (e) of this paragraph the limits given in sub-paragraphs (3)(a), (b) and (c) may be regarded as satisfactory.

The relevant calculations may be based upon the following main assumptions:

- the vertical extent of damage is equal to the depth of the ship;
- the penetration of damage is not more than $B/5$;
- no main transverse bulkhead is damaged;
- the height of the centre of gravity above the base line is assessed allowing for homogeneous loading of cargo holds, and for 50 per cent of the designed capacity of consumable fluids and stores, etc.

(8) In calculating the freeboards for Type "B" ships which comply with the requirements of paragraph (7) of this Regulation, the values from Table B of Regulation 28 shall not be reduced by more than 60 per cent of the difference between the "B" and "A" tabular values for the appropriate ship lengths.

(9) The reduction in tabular freeboard allowed under paragraph (8) of this Regulation may be increased up to the total difference between the values in Table A and those in Table B of Regulation 28 on condition that the ship complies with the requirements of Regulation 26(1), (2), (3), (5) and (6), as if it were a Type "A" ship, and further complies with the provisions of paragraph (7)(a) to (d) inclusive of this Regulation except that the reference in subparagraph (d) to the flooding of any single damaged compartment shall be treated as a reference to the flooding of any two adjacent fore and aft compartments, neither of which is the machinery space. Also any such ship of over 225 metres (738 feet) in length, when loaded to its summer load waterline, shall remain afloat in a satisfactory condition of equilibrium after flooding of the machinery space, taken alone, at an assumed permeability of 0.85.

(10) Type "B" ships, which in position 1 have hatchways fitted with hatch covers which comply with the requirements of Regulation 15, other than paragraph (7), shall be assigned freeboards based upon the values given in Table B of Regulation 28 increased by the values given in the following table:

Freeboard increase over tabular freeboard for Type "B" ships, for ships with hatch covers not complying with Regulation 15(7) or 16

Length of ship (metres)	Freeboard increase (millimetres)	Length of ship (metres)	Freeboard increase (millimetres)	Length of ship (metres)	Freeboard increase (millimetres)
108 and below	50	139	175	170	290
109	52	140	181	171	292
110	55	141	186	172	294
111	57	142	191	173	297
112	59	143	196	174	299
113	62	144	201	175	301
114	64	145	206	176	304

115	68	146	210	177	306
116	70	147	215	178	308
117	73	148	219	179	311
118	76	149	224	180	313
119	80	150	228	181	315
120	84	151	232	182	318
121	87	152	236	183	320
122	91	153	240	184	322
123	95	154	244	185	325
124	99	155	247	186	327
125	103	156	251	187	329
126	108	157	254	188	332
127	112	158	258	189	334
128	116	159	261	190	336
129	121	160	264	191	339
130	126	161	267	192	341
131	131	162	270	193	343
132	136	163	273	194	346
133	142	164	275	195	348
134	147	165	278	196	350
135	153	166	280	197	353
136	159	167	283	198	355
137	164	168	285	199	357
138	170	169	287	200	358

Freeboards at intermediate lengths of ship shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

Ships above 200 metres in length shall be dealt with by the Administration.

Freeboard increase over tabular freeboard for Type "B" ships, for ships with hatch covers not complying with Regulation 15(7) or 16

Length of ship (feet)	Freeboard increase (inches)	Length of ship (feet)	Freeboard increase (inches)
350 and below	2.0	510	9.6
360	2.3	520	10.0
370	2.6	530	10.4
380	2.9	540	10.7
390	3.3	550	11.0

400	3.7	560	11.4
410	4.2	570	11.8
420	4.7	580	12.1
430	5.2	590	12.5
440	5.8	600	12.8
450	6.4	610	13.1
460	7.0	620	13.4
470	7.6	630	13.6
480	8.2	640	13.9
490	8.7	650	14.1
500	9.2	660	14.3

Freeboards at intermediate lengths of ship shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

Ships above 660 feet in length shall be dealt with by the Administration.

(11) A lighter, barge or other ship without independent means of propulsion shall be assigned a freeboard in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations. However, in the case of barges which are unmanned the requirements of Regulations 25, 26(2) and (3) and 39 shall not apply. Such unmanned barges which have on the freeboard deck only small access openings closed by weathertight gasketed covers of steel or equivalent material may be assigned freeboards 25 per cent less than those calculated in accordance with these Regulations.

Regulation 28

Freeboard tables

Type "A" ships

(1) The tabular freeboard for Type "A" ships shall be determined from the following table:

TABLE A

Freeboard table for Type "A" ships

Length of ship (metres)	Freeboard (millimetres)
24	200
25	208
26	217
27	225

28	233
29	242
30	250
31	258
32	267
33	275
34	283
35	292
36	300
37	308
38	316
39	325
40	334
41	344
42	354
43	364
44	374
45	385
46	396
47	408
48	420
49	432
50	443
51	455
52	467
53	478
54	490
55	503
56	516
57	530
58	544
59	559
60	573
61	587
62	600
63	613
64	626
65	639

66	653
67	666
68	680
69	693
70	706
71	720
72	733
73	746
74	760
75	773
76	786
77	800
78	814
79	828
80	841
81	855
82	869
83	883
84	897
85	911
86	926
87	940
88	955
89	969
90	984
91	999
92	1014
93	1029
94	1044
95	1059
96	1074
97	1089
98	1105
99	1120
100	1135
101	1151
102	1166
103	1181

104	1196
105	1212
106	1228
107	1244
108	1260
109	1276
110	1293
111	1309
112	1326
113	1342
114	1359
115	1376
116	1392
117	1409
118	1426
119	1442
120	1459
121	1476
122	1494
123	1511
124	1528
125	1546
126	1563
127	1580
128	1598
129	1615
130	1632
131	1650
132	1667
133	1684
134	1702
135	1719
136	1736
137	1753
138	1770
139	1787
140	1803
141	1820

142	1837
143	1853
144	1870
145	1886
146	1903
147	1919
148	1935
149	1952
150	1968
151	1984
152	2000
153	2016
154	2032
155	2048
156	2064
157	2080
158	2096
159	2111
160	2126
161	2141
162	2155
163	2169
164	2184
165	2198
166	2212
167	2226
168	2240
169	2254
170	2268
171	2281
172	2294
173	2307
174	2320
175	2332
176	2345
177	2357
178	2369
179	2381

180	2393
181	2405
182	2416
183	2428
184	2440
185	2451
186	2463
187	2474
188	2486
189	2497
190	2508
191	2519
192	2530
193	2541
194	2552
195	2562
196	2572
197	2582
198	2592
199	2602
200	2612
201	2622
202	2632
203	2641
204	2650
205	2659
206	2669
207	2678
208	2687
209	2696
210	2705
211	2714
212	2723
213	2732
214	2741
215	2749
216	2758
217	2767

218	2775
219	2784
220	2792
221	2801
222	2809
223	2817
224	2825
225	2833
226	2841
227	2849
228	2857
229	2865
230	2872
231	2880
232	2888
233	2895
234	2903
235	2910
236	2918
237	2925
238	2932
239	2939
240	2946
241	2953
242	2959
243	2966
244	2973
245	2979
246	2986
247	2993
248	3000
249	3006
250	3012
251	3018
252	3024
253	3030
254	3036
255	3042

256	3048
257	3054
258	3060
259	3066
260	3072
261	3078
262	3084
263	3089
264	3095
265	3101
266	3106
267	3112
268	3117
269	3123
270	3128
271	3133
272	3138
273	3143
274	3148
275	3153
276	3158
277	3163
278	3167
279	3172
280	3176
281	3181
282	3185
283	3189
284	3194
285	3198
286	3202
287	3207
288	3211
289	3215
290	3220
291	3224
292	3228
293	3233

294	3237
295	3241
296	3246
297	3250
298	3254
299	3258
300	3262
301	3266
302	3270
303	3274
304	3278
305	3281
306	3285
307	3288
308	3292
309	3295
310	3298
311	3302
312	3305
313	3308
314	3312
315	3315
316	3318
317	3322
318	3325
319	3328
320	3331
321	3334
322	3337
323	3339
324	3342
325	3345
326	3347
327	3350
328	3353
329	3355
330	3358
331	3361

332	3363
333	3366
334	3368
335	3371
336	3373
337	3375
338	3378
339	3380
340	3882
341	3385
342	3387
343	3389
344	3992
345	3394
346	3396
347	3399
348	3401
349	3403
350	3406
351	3408
352	3410
353	3412
354	3414
355	3416
356	3418
357	3420
358	3422
359	3423
360	3425
361	3427
362	3428
263	3430
364	3432
365	3433

Freeboards at intermediate lengths of ship shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

Ships above 365 metres in length shall be dealt with by the Administration.

TABLE A

Freeboard table for Type "A" ships

Length of ship (feet)	Freeboard (inches)
80	8.0
90	8.9
100	9.8
110	10.8
120	11.9
130	13.0
140	14.2
150	15.5
160	16.9
170	18.3
180	19.8
190	21.3
200	22.9
210	24.5
220	26.2
230	27.8
240	29.5
250	31.1
260	32.8
270	34.6
280	36.3
290	38.0
300	39.7
310	41.4
320	43.2
330	45.0
340	46.9
350	48.8
360	50.7
370	52.7
380	54.7
390	56.8
400	58.8

410	60.9
420	62.9
430	65.0
440	67.0
450	69.1
460	71.1
470	73.1
480	75.1
490	77.1
500	79.0
510	80.9
520	82.7
530	84.5
540	86.3
550	88.0
560	89.6
570	91.1
580	92.6
590	94.1
600	95.5
610	96.9
620	98.3
630	99.6
640	100.9
650	102.1
660	103.3
670	104.4
680	105.5
690	106.6
700	107.7
710	108.7
720	109.7
730	110.7
740	111.7
750	112.6
760	113.5
770	114.4
780	115.3

790	116.1
800	117.0
810	117.8
820	118.6
830	119.3
840	120.1
850	120.7
860	121.4
870	122.1
880	122.7
890	123.4
900	124.0
910	124.6
920	125.2
930	125.7
940	126.2
950	126.7
960	127.2
970	127.7
980	128.1
990	128.6
1000	129.0
1010	129.4
1020	129.9
1030	130.3
1040	130.7
1050	131.0
1060	131.4
1070	131.7
1080	132.0
1090	132.3
1100	132.6
1110	132.9
1120	133.2
1130	133.5
1140	133.8
1150	134.0
1160	134.3

1170	134.5
1180	134.7
1190	135.0
1200	135.2

Freeboards at intermediate lengths of ship shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

Ships above 1200 feet in length shall be dealt with by the Administration.

Type "B" ships

(2) The tabular freeboard for Type "B" ships shall be determined from the following table:

TABLE B
Freeboard table for Type "B" ships

Length of ship (metres)	Freeboard (millimetres)
24	200
25	208
26	217
27	225
28	233
29	242
30	250
31	258
32	267
33	275
34	283
35	292
36	300
37	308
38	316
39	325
40	334
41	344
42	354
43	364
44	374

45	385
46	396
47	408
48	420
49	432
50	443
51	455
52	467
53	478
54	490
55	503
56	516
57	530
58	544
59	559
60	573
61	587
62	601
63	615
64	629
65	644
66	659
67	674
68	689
69	705
70	721
71	738
72	754
73	769
74	784
75	800
76	816
77	833
78	850
79	868
80	887
81	905
82	923

83	942
84	960
85	978
86	996
87	1015
88	1034
89	1054
90	1075
91	1096
92	1116
93	1135
94	1154
95	1172
96	1190
97	1209
98	1229
99	1250
100	1271
101	1293
102	1315
103	1337
104	1359
105	1380
106	1401
107	1421
108	1440
109	1459
110	1479
111	1500
112	1521
113	1543
114	1565
115	1587
116	1609
117	1630
118	1651
119	1671
120	1690

121	1709
122	1729
123	1750
124	1771
125	1793
126	1815
127	1837
128	1859
129	1880
130	1901
131	1921
132	1940
133	1959
134	1979
135	2000
136	2021
137	2043
138	2065
139	2087
140	2109
141	2130
142	2151
143	2171
144	2190
145	2209
146	2229
147	2250
148	2271
149	2293
150	2315
151	2334
152	2354
153	2375
154	2396
155	2418
156	2440
157	2460
158	2480

159	2500
160	2520
161	2540
162	2560
163	2580
164	2600
165	2620
166	2640
167	2660
168	2680
169	2698
170	2716
171	2835
172	2754
173	2774
174	2795
175	2815
176	2835
177	2855
178	2875
179	2895
180	2915
181	2933
182	2952
183	2970
184	2988
185	3007
186	3025
187	3044
188	3062
189	3080
190	3098
191	3116
192	3134
193	3151
194	3167
195	3185
196	3202

197	3219
198	3235
199	3249
200	3264
201	3280
202	3296
203	3313
204	3330
205	3347
206	3363
207	3380
208	3397
209	3413
210	3430
211	3445
212	3460
213	3475
214	3490
215	3505
216	3520
217	3537
218	3554
219	3570
220	3586
221	3601
222	3615
223	3630
224	3645
225	3660
226	3675
227	3690
228	3705
229	3720
230	3735
231	3750
232	3765
233	3780
234	3795

235	3808
236	3821
237	3835
238	3849
239	3864
240	3880
241	3893
242	3906
243	3920
244	3934
245	3949
246	3965
247	3978
248	3992
249	4005
250	4018
251	4032
252	4045
253	4058
254	4072
255	4085
256	4098
257	4112
258	4125
259	4139
260	4152
261	4165
262	4177
263	4189
264	4201
265	4214
266	4227
267	4240
268	4252
269	4264
270	4276
271	4289
272	4302

273	4315
274	4327
275	4339
276	4350
277	4362
278	4373
279	4385
280	4397
281	4408
282	4420
283	4432
284	4443
285	4455
286	4467
287	4478
288	4490
289	4502
290	4513
291	4525
292	4537
293	4548
294	4560
295	4572
296	4583
297	4595
298	4607
299	4618
300	4630
301	4642
302	4654
303	4665
304	4676
305	4686
306	4695
307	4704
308	4714
309	4725
310	4736

311	4748
312	4757
313	4768
314	4779
315	4790
316	4801
317	4812
318	4823
319	4834
320	4844
321	4855
322	4866
323	4878
324	4890
325	4899
326	4909
327	4920
328	4931
329	4943
330	4955
331	4965
332	4975
333	4985
334	4995
335	5005
336	5015
337	5025
338	5035
339	5045
340	5055
341	5065
342	5075
343	5086
344	5097
345	5108
346	5119
347	5130
348	5140

349	5150
350	5160
351	5170
352	5180
353	5190
354	5200
355	5210
356	5220
357	5230
358	5240
359	5250
360	5260
361	5268
362	5276
363	5285
364	5294
365	5303

Freeboards at intermediate lengths of ship shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

Ships above 365 metres in length shall be dealt with by the Administration.

TABLE B

Freeboard table for Type "B" ships

Length of ship (feet)	Freeboard (inches)
80	8.0
90	8.9
100	9.8
110	10.8
120	11.9
130	13.0
140	14.2
150	15.5
160	16.9
170	18.3
180	19.8

190	21.3
200	22.9
210	24.7
220	26.6
230	28.5
240	30.4
250	32.4
260	34.4
270	36.5
280	38.7
290	41.0
300	43.3
310	45.7
320	48.2
330	50.7
340	53.2
350	55.7
360	58.2
370	60.7
380	63.2
390	65.7
400	68.2
410	70.7
420	73.2
430	75.7
440	78.2
450	80.7
460	83.1
470	85.6
480	88.1
490	90.6
500	93.1
510	95.6
520	98.1
530	100.6
540	103.0
550	105.4
560	107.7

570	110.0
580	112.3
590	114.6
600	116.8
610	119.0
620	121.1
630	123.2
640	125.3
650	127.3
660	129.3
670	131.3
680	133.3
690	135.3
700	137.1
710	139.0
720	140.9
730	142.7
740	144.5
750	146.3
760	148.1
770	149.8
780	151.5
790	153.2
800	154.8
810	156.4
820	158.0
830	159.6
840	161.2
850	162.8
860	164.3
870	165.9
880	167.4
890	168.9
900	170.4
910	171.8
920	173.3
930	174.7
940	176.1

950	177.5
960	178.9
970	180.3
980	181.7
990	183.1
1000	184.4
1010	185.8
1020	187.2
1030	188.5
1040	189.8
1050	191.0
1060	192.3
1070	193.5
1080	194.8
1090	196.1
1100	197.3
1110	198.6
1120	199.9
1130	201.2
1140	202.3
1150	203.5
1160	204.6
1170	205.8
1180	206.9
1190	208.1
1200	209.3

Freeboards at intermediate lengths of ship shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

Ships above 1200 feet in length shall be dealt with by the Administration.

Regulation 29

Correction to the freeboard for ships under 100 metres (328 feet) in length
The tabular freeboard for a Type "B" ship of between 24 metres (79 feet) and 100 metres (328 feet) in length having enclosed superstructures with an effective length of up to 35 per cent of the length of the ship shall be increased by:

$7.5 (100 - L) (0.35 - E/L)$ millimetres

where L = length of ship in metres,

E = effective length of superstructure in metres as defined in Regulation 35;

or

$0.09 (328 - L) (0.35 - E/L)$ inches

where L = length of ship in feet,

E = effective length of superstructure in feet as defined in Regulation 35.

Regulation 30

Correction for block coefficient

Where the block coefficient (C_b) exceeds 0.68, the tabular freeboard specified in Regulation 28 as modified, if applicable, by Regulations 27(8), 27(10) and 29 shall be multiplied by the factor $(C_b + 0.68)/1.36$.

Regulation 31

Correction for depth

(1) Where D exceeds $L/15$ the freeboard shall be increased by

$(D - L/15) R$ millimetres where R is $L/0.48$ at lengths less than 120 metres and 250

at 120 metres length and above, or

$(D - L/15) R$ inches, where R is $L/131.2$ at lengths less than 393.6 feet and 3 at 393.6 feet length and above.

(2) Where D is less than $L/15$ no reduction shall be made except in a ship with an

enclosed superstructure covering at least $0.6L$ amidships, with a complete trunk, or combination of detached enclosed superstructures and trunks which extend all fore and aft, where the freeboard shall be reduced at the rate prescribed in paragraph (1) of this Regulation.

(3) Where the height of superstructure of trunk is less than the standard height, the reduction shall be in the ratio of the actual to the standard height as defined in Regulation 33.

Regulation 32

Correction for position of deck line

Where the actual depth to the upper edge of the deck line is greater or less than D, the difference between the depths shall be added to or deducted from the freeboard.

Regulation 33

Standard height of superstructure

The standard height of a superstructure shall be as given in the following table:

Standard height (in metres)

L (metres)	Raised quarter deck	All other superstructures
30 or less	0.90	1.80
75	1.20	1.80
125 or more	1.80	2.30

Standard height (in feet)

L (feet)	Raised quarter deck	All other superstructures
98.5 or less	3.0	5.9
246	3.9	5.9
410 or more	5.9	7.5

The standard heights at intermediate lengths of the ship shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

Regulation 34

Length of superstructure

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this Regulation, the length of a superstructure (S) shall be the mean length of the parts of the superstructure which lie within the length (L).

(2) Where the end bulkhead of an enclosed superstructure extends in a fair convex curve beyond its intersection with the superstructure sides, the length of the superstructure may be increased on the basis of an equivalent plane bulkhead. This increase shall be two-thirds of the fore and aft extent of the curvature. The maximum curvature which may be taken into account in determining this increase is one-half the breadth of the superstructure at the point of intersection of the curved end of the superstructure with its side.

Regulation 35

Effective length of superstructure

(1) Except as provided for in paragraph (2) of this Regulation, the effective length (E) of an enclosed superstructure of standard height shall be its length.

(2) In all cases where an enclosed superstructure of standard height is set in from the sides of the ship as permitted in Regulation 3(10), the effective length shall be the length modified by the ratio of b/B_s , where b is the breadth of the superstructure at the middle of its length; and B_s is the breadth of the ship at the middle of the length of the superstructure. Where a superstructure is set in for a part of its length, this modification shall be applied only to the set in part.

(3) Where the height of an enclosed superstructure is less than the standard height, the effective length shall be its length reduced in the ratio of the actual height to the standard height. Where the height exceeds the standard, no increase shall be made to the effective length of the superstructure.

(4) The effective length of a raised quarter deck, if fitted with an intact front bulkhead, shall be its length up to a maximum of $0.6L$. Where the bulkhead is not intact, the raised quarter deck shall be treated as a poop of less than standard height.

(5) Superstructures which are not enclosed shall have no effective length.

Regulation 36

Trunks

(1) A trunk or similar structure which does not extend to the sides of the ship shall be regarded as efficient on the following conditions:

(a) the trunk is at least as strong as a superstructure;

(b) the hatchways are in the trunk deck, and the hatchway coamings and covers comply with the requirements of Regulations 13 to 16 inclusive and the width of the trunk deck stringer provides a satisfactory gangway and sufficient lateral stiffness. However, small access openings with watertight covers may be permitted in the freeboard deck;

(c) a permanent working platform fore and aft fitted with guard rails is provided by the trunk deck, or by detached trunks connected to superstructures by efficient permanent gangways;

(d) ventilators are protected by the trunk, by watertight covers or by other equivalent means;

(e) open rails are fitted on the weather parts of the freeboard deck in way of the trunk for at least half their length;

(f) the machinery casings are protected by the trunk, by a superstructure of at least standard height, or by a deckhouse of the same height and of equivalent strength;

(g) the breadth of the trunk is at least 60 per cent of the breadth of the ship;

and

(h) where there is no superstructure, the length of the trunk is at least 0.6L.

(2) The full length of an efficient trunk reduced in the ratio of its mean breadth to B shall be its effective length.

(3) The standard height of a trunk is the standard height of a superstructure other than a raised quarter deck.

(4) Where the height of a trunk is less than the standard height, its effective length shall be reduced in the ratio of the actual to the standard height. Where the height of hatchway coamings on the trunk deck is less than that required under Regulation 15(1), a reduction from the actual height of trunk shall be made which corresponds to the difference between the actual and the required height of coaming.

Regulation 37

Deduction for superstructures and trunks

(1) Where the effective length of superstructures and trunks is 1.0L, the deduction from the freeboard shall be 350 millimetres at 24 metres length of ship, 860 millimetres at 85 metres length, and 1070 millimetres at 122 metres length and above (14 inches at 79 feet length of ship, 34 inches at 279 feet length, and 42 inches at 400 feet length and above); deductions at intermediate lengths shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

(2) Where the total effective length of superstructures and trunks is less than 1.0L the deduction shall be a percentage obtained from one of the following tables:

Percentage of deduction for Type "A" ships

	Total effective length of superstructures and trunks											
	0	0.1L	0.2L	0.3L	0.4L	0.5L	0.6L	0.7L	0.8L	0.9L	1.0L	

Percentage of deduction for all types of superstructures	0	7	14	21	31	41	52	63	75.3	87.7	100

Percentages at intermediate lengths of superstructures shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

Percentage of deduction for Type "B" ships

		Total effective length of superstructures and trunks										
	Line	0	0.1L	0.2L	0.3L	0.4L	0.5L	0.6L	0.7L	0.8L	0.9L	1.0L
Ships with forecastle and without detached bridge	I	0	5	10	15	23.5	32	46	63	75.3	87.7	100
Ships with forecastle and detached bridge	II	0	6.3	12.7	19	27.5	36	46	63	75.3	87.7	100

Percentages at intermediate lengths of superstructures shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

(3) For ships of Type "B":

(a) Where the effective length of a bridge is less than 0.2L, the percentages shall be obtained by linear interpolation between lines I and II.

(b) Where the effective length of a forecastle is more than 0.4L, the percentages shall be obtained from line II.

(c) Where the effective length of a forecastle is less than 0.07L, the above percentages shall be reduced by:

$$5 \times (0.07L - f) / 0.07L$$

where f is the effective length of the forecastle.

Regulation 38

Sheer

General

- (1) The sheer shall be measured from the deck at side to a line of reference drawn parallel to the keel through the sheer line amidships.
- (2) In ships designed with a rake of keel, the sheer shall be measured in relation to a reference line drawn parallel to the design load waterline.
- (3) In flush deck ships and in ships with detached superstructures the sheer shall be measured at the freeboard deck.
- (4) In ships with topsides of unusual form in which there is a step or break in the topsides, the sheer shall be considered in relation to the equivalent depth amidships.
- (5) In ships with a superstructure of standard height which extends over the whole length of the freeboard deck, the sheer shall be measured at the superstructure deck. Where the height exceeds the standard the least difference (Z) between the actual and standard heights shall be added to each end ordinate. Similarly, the intermediate ordinates at distances of $1/6L$ and $1/3L$ from each perpendicular shall be increased by $0.444Z$ and $0.111Z$ respectively.
- (6) Where the deck of an enclosed superstructure has at least the same sheer as the exposed freeboard deck, the sheer of the enclosed portion of the freeboard deck shall not be taken into account.
- (7) Where an enclosed poop or forecastle is of standard height with greater sheer than that of the freeboard deck, or is of more than standard height, an addition to the sheer of the freeboard deck shall be made as provided in paragraph (12) of this Regulation.

Standard sheer profile

- (8) The ordinates of the standard sheer profile are given in the following table:

Standard sheer profile

(Where L is in metres)

	Station	Ordinate (in millimetres)	Factor

	After Perpendicular	25 (L/3 + 10)	1
After half	$\frac{1}{6}L$ from A.P.	11.1 (L/3 + 10)	3
	$\frac{1}{3}L$ from A.P.	2.8 (L/3 + 10)	3
	Amidships	0	1
	Amidships	0	1
Forward half	$\frac{1}{3}L$ from F.P.	5.6 (L/3 + 10)	3
	$\frac{1}{6}L$ from F.P.	22.2 (L/3 + 10)	3
	Forward Perpendicular	50 (L/3 + 10)	1

Standard sheer profile
(Where L is in feet)

	Station	Ordinate (in inches)	Factor
	After Perpendicular	0.1 L + 10	1
After half	$\frac{1}{6}L$ from A.P.	0.0444 L + 4.44	3
	$\frac{1}{3}L$ from A.P.	0.0111 L + 1.11	3
	Amidships	0	1
	Amidships	0	1
Forward half	$\frac{1}{3}L$ from F.P.	0.0222 L + 2.22	3
	$\frac{1}{6}L$ from F.P.	0.0888 L + 8.88	3
	Forward Perpendicular	0.2 L + 20	1

Measurement of variation from standard sheer profile

(9) Where the sheer profile differs from the standard, the four ordinates of each profile in the forward or after half shall be multiplied by the appropriate factors given in the table of ordinates. The difference between the sums of the respective products and those of the standard divided by 8 measures the deficiency or excess of sheer in the forward or after half. The arithmetical

mean of the excess or deficiency in the forward and after halves measures the excess or deficiency of sheer.

(10) Where the after half of the sheer profile is greater than the standard and the forward half is less than the standard, no credit shall be allowed for the part in excess and deficiency only shall be measured.

(11) Where the forward half of the sheer profile exceeds the standard, and the after portion of the sheer profile is not less than 75 per cent of the standard, credit shall be allowed for the part in excess; where the after part is less than 50 per cent of the standard no credit shall be given for the excess sheer forward. Where the after sheer is between 50 per cent and 75 per cent of the standard, intermediate allowances may be granted for excess sheer forward.

(12) Where sheer credit is given for a poop or forecastle the following formula shall be used:

$$s = y/3 L'/L$$

where s = sheer credit, to be deducted from the deficiency or added to the excess of sheer,

y = difference between actual and standard height of superstructure at the end of sheer,

L' = mean enclosed length of poop or forecastle up to a maximum length of $0.5L$,

L = length of ship as defined in Regulation 3(1) of this Annex.

The above formula provides a curve in the form of a parabola tangent to the actual sheer curve at the freeboard deck and intersecting the end ordinate at a point below the superstructure deck a distance equal to the standard height of a superstructure. The superstructure deck shall not be less than standard height above this curve at any point. This curve shall be used in determining the sheer profile for forward and after halves of the ship.

Corrections for variations from standard sheer profile

(13) The correction for sheer shall be the deficiency or excess of sheer (see paragraphs (9) to (11) inclusive of this Regulation), multiplied by

$$0.75 - S/2L$$

where S is the total length of enclosed superstructures.

Addition for deficiency in sheer

(14) Where the sheer is less than the standard, the correction for deficiency in sheer (see paragraph (13) of this Regulation) shall be added to the freeboard.

Deduction for excess sheer

(15) In ships where an enclosed superstructure covers 0.1L before and 0.1L abaft amidships, the correction for excess of sheer as calculated under the provisions of paragraph (13) of this Regulation shall be deducted from the freeboard; in ships where no enclosed superstructure covers amidships, no deduction shall be made from the freeboard; where an enclosed superstructure covers less than 0.1L before and 0.1L abaft amidships, the deduction shall be obtained by linear interpolation. The maximum deduction for excess sheer shall be at the rate of 125 millimetres per 100 metres of length (11/2 inches per 100 feet of length).

Regulation 39

Minimum bow height

(1) The bow height defined as the vertical distance at the forward perpendicular between the waterline corresponding to the assigned summer freeboard and the designed trim and the top of the exposed deck at side shall not be less than:

for ships below 250 metres in length,

$56L (1 - L/500) 1.36/(C_b+0.68)$ millimetres;

for ships of 250 metres and above in length,

$7000 1.36/(C_b+0.68)$ millimetres;

where L is the length of the ship in metres,

C_b is the block coefficient which is to be taken as not less than 0.68

Or,

for ships below 820 feet in length,

$0.672L (1 - L/1640) 1.36/(C_b+0.68)$ inches;

for ships of 820 feet and above in length,

$275.6 1.36/(C_b+0.68)$ inches;

where L is the length of the ship in feet,

C_b is the block coefficient which is to be taken as not less than 0.68.

(2) Where the bow height required in paragraph (1) of this Regulation is obtained by sheer, the sheer shall extend for at least 15 per cent of the length

of the ship measured from the forward perpendicular. Where it is obtained by fitting a superstructure, such superstructure shall extend from the stem to a point at least 0.07L abaft the forward perpendicular, and it shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) for ships not over 100 metres (328 feet) in length it shall be enclosed as defined in Regulation 3(10), and

(b) for ships over 100 metres (328 feet) in length it need not comply with Regulation 3(10) but shall be fitted with closing appliances to the satisfaction to the Administration.

(3) Ships which, to suit exceptional operational requirements, cannot meet the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Regulation may be given special consideration by the Administration.

Regulation 40

Minimum freeboards

Summer freeboard

(1) The minimum freeboard in summer shall be the freeboard derived from the tables in Regulation 28 as modified by the corrections in Regulations 27, as applicable, 29, 30, 31, 32, 37, 38 and, if applicable, 39.

(2) The freeboard in salt water, as calculated in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Regulation, but without the correction for deck line, as provided by Regulation 32, shall not be less than 50 millimetres (2 inches). For ships having in position 1 hatchways with covers which do not comply with the requirements of Regulations 15(7), 16 or 26, the freeboard shall be not less than 150 millimetres (6 inches).

Tropical freeboard

(3) The minimum freeboard in the Tropical Zone shall be the freeboard obtained by a deduction from the summer freeboard of one forty-eighth of the summer draught measured from the top of the keel to the centre of the ring of the load line mark.

(4) The freeboard in salt water, as calculated in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Regulation, but without the correction for deck line, as provided by Regulation 32, shall not be less than 50 millimetres (2 inches). For ships having in position 1 hatchways with covers which do not comply with the

requirements of Regulations 15(7), 16 or 26, the freeboard shall be not less than 150 millimetres (6 inches).

Winter freeboard

(5) The minimum freeboard in winter shall be the freeboard obtained by an addition to the summer freeboard of one forty-eighth of summer draught, measured from the top of the keel to the centre of the ring of the load line mark.

Winter North Atlantic freeboard

(6) The minimum freeboard for ships of not more than 100 metres (328 feet) in length, which enter any part of the North Atlantic defined in Regulation 52 (Annex II) during the winter seasonal period, shall be the winter freeboard plus 50 millimetres (2 inches). For other ships, the Winter North Atlantic Freeboard shall be the winter freeboard.

Fresh water freeboard

(7) The minimum freeboard in fresh water of unit density shall be obtained by deducting from the minimum freeboard in salt water:

divided by $40T$ centimetres (inches)

where = displacement in salt water in tons at the summer load waterline,

T = tons per centimetre (inch) immersion in salt water at the summer load waterline.

(8) Where the displacement at the summer load waterline cannot be certified, the deduction shall be one forty-eighth of summer draught, measured from the top of the keel to the centre of the ring of the load line mark.

CHAPTER IV

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPS ASSIGNED TIMBER

FREEBOARDS

Regulation 41

Application of this Chapter

Regulations 42 to 45 inclusive apply only to ships to which timber load lines are assigned.

Regulation 42

Definitions

(1) *Timber deck cargo.* The term "timber deck cargo" means a cargo of timber carried on an uncovered part of a freeboard or superstructure deck. The term does not include wood pulp or similar cargo.

(2) *Timber load line.* A timber deck cargo may be regarded as giving a ship a certain additional buoyancy and a greater degree of protection against the sea. For that reason, ships carrying a timber deck cargo may be granted a reduction of freeboard calculated according to the provisions of Regulation 45 and marked on the ship's side in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 6(3) and (4). However, in order that such special freeboard may be granted and used, the timber deck cargo shall comply with certain conditions which are laid down in Regulation 44, and the ship itself shall also comply with certain conditions relating to its construction which are set out in Regulation 43.

Regulation 43

Construction of ship

Superstructure

(1) Ships shall have a forecastle of at least standard height and a length of at least 0.07L. In addition, if the ship is less than 100 metres (328 feet) in length, a poop of at least standard height, or a raised quarter deck with either a deckhouse or a strong steel hood of at least the same total height shall be fitted aft.

Double bottom tanks

(2) Double bottom tanks where fitted within the midship half length of the ship shall have adequate watertight longitudinal subdivision.

Bulwarks

(3) The ship shall be fitted either with permanent bulwarks at least 1 metre (39 1/2 inches) in height, specially stiffened on the upper edge and supported by strong bulwark stays attached to the deck and provided with necessary freeing ports, or with efficient rails of the same height and of specially strong construction.

Regulation 44

Stowage

General

(1) Openings in the weather deck over which cargo is stowed shall be securely closed and battened down. The ventilators shall be efficiently protected.

(2) Timber deck cargo shall extend over at least the entire available length which is the total length of the well or wells between superstructures. Where there is no limiting superstructure at the after end, the timber shall extend at least to the after end of the aftermost hatchway. The timber shall be stowed as solidly as possible to at least the standard height of the superstructure.

(3) On a ship within a seasonal winter zone in winter, the height of the deck cargo above the weather deck shall not exceed one-third of the extreme breadth of the ship.

(4) The timber deck cargo shall be compactly stowed, lashed and secured. It shall not interfere in any way with the navigation and necessary work of the ship.

Uprights

(5) Uprights, when required by the nature of the timber, shall be of adequate strength considering the breadth of the ship; the spacing shall be suitable for the length and character of timber carried, but shall not exceed 3 metres (9.8 feet). Strong angles or metal sockets or equally efficient means shall be provided for securing the uprights.

Lashings

(6) Timber deck cargo shall be efficiently secured throughout its length by independent over-all lashings spaced not more than 3 metres (9.8 feet) apart. Eye plates for these lashings shall be efficiently attached to the sheer strake or to the deck stringer plate at intervals of not more than 3 metres (9.8 feet). The distance from an end bulkhead of a superstructure to the first eye plate shall be not more than 2 metres (6.6 feet). Eye plates and lashings shall be provided 0.6 metres (23 1/2 inches) and 1.5 metres (4.9 feet) from the ends of timber deck cargoes where there is no bulkhead.

(7) Lashings shall be not less than 19 millimetres (3/4 inch) close link chain or flexible wire rope of equivalent strength, fitted with sliphooks and turnbuckles, which shall be accessible at all times. Wire rope lashings shall have a short length of long link chain to permit the length of lashings to be regulated.

(8) When timber is in lengths less than 3.6 metres (11.8 feet) the spacing of the lashings shall be reduced or other suitable provisions made to suit the length of timber.

(9) All fittings required for securing the lashings shall be of strength corresponding to the strength of the lashings.

Stability

(10) Provision shall be made for a safe margin of stability at all stages of the voyage, regard being given to additions of weight, such as those due to absorption of water and icing and to losses of weight such as those due to consumption of fuel and stores.

Protection of crew, access to machinery spaces, etc.

(11) In addition to the requirements of Regulation 25(5) of this Annex guardrails or life lines spaced not more than 330 millimetres (13 inches) apart vertically shall be provided on each side of the deck cargo to a height of at least 1 metre (39 1/2 inches) above the cargo.

Steering arrangements

(12) Steering arrangements shall be effectively protected from damage by cargo and, as far as practicable, shall be accessible. Efficient provision shall be made for steering in the event of a breakdown in the main steering arrangements.

Regulation 45

Computation for freeboard

(1) The minimum summer freeboards shall be computed in accordance with Regulations 27(5), 27(6), 27(11), 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 37 and 38, except that Regulation 37 is modified by substituting the following percentages for those given in Regulation 37:

	Total effective length of superstructures										
	0	0.1L	0.2L	0.3L	0.4L	0.5L	0.6L	0.7L	0.8L	0.9L	1.0L
Percentage of	20	31	42	53	64	70	76	82	88	94	100

deduction for all types of superstructures												
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Percentages at intermediate lengths of superstructures shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

(2) The Winter Timber Freeboard shall be obtained by adding to the Summer Timber Freeboard one thirty-sixth of the moulded summer timber draught.

(3) The Winter North Atlantic Timber Freeboard shall be the same as the Winter North Atlantic Freeboard prescribed in Regulation 40(6).

(4) The Tropical Timber Freeboard shall be obtained by deducting from the Summer Timber Freeboard one forth-eighth of the moulded summer timber draught.

(5) The Fresh Water Timber Freeboard shall be computed in accordance with Regulation 40(7) based on the summer timber load waterline.

ANNEX II

ZONES, AREAS AND SEASONAL PERIODS

The zones and areas in this Annex are, in general, based on the following criteria:

Summer - not more than 10 per cent winds of force 8 Beaufort (34 knots) or more.

Tropical - not more than 1 per cent winds of force 8 Beaufort (34 knots) or more. Not more than one tropical storm in 10 years in an area of 5 square in any one separate calendar month.

In certain special areas, for practical reasons, some degree of relaxation has been found acceptable.

A chart is attached to this Annex to illustrate the zones and areas defined below.

Regulation 46

Northern Winter Seasonal Zones and Area

(1) *North Atlantic Winter Seasonal Zones I and II*

(a) The North Atlantic Winter Seasonal Zone I lies within the meridian of longitude 50W from the coast of Greenland to latitude 45N, thence the parallel

of latitude 45N, thence the parallel of latitude 45N to longitude 15W, thence the meridian of longitude 15W to latitude 60N, thence the parallel of latitude 60N to the Greenwich Meridian, thence this meridian northwards.

Seasonal periods:

WINTER: 16 October to 15 April

SUMMER: 16 April to 15 October.

(b) The North Atlantic Winter Seasonal Zone II lies within the meridian of longitude 6830'W from the coast of the United States to latitude 40N, thence the rhumb line to the point latitude 36N, longitude 73W, thence the parallel of latitude 36N to longitude 25W and thence the rhumb line to Cape Toriñana. Excluded from this zone are the North Atlantic Winter Seasonal Zone I and the Baltic Sea bounded by the parallel of the latitude of The Skaw in the Skagerrak.

Seasonal periods:

WINTER: 1 November to 31 March

SUMMER: 1 April to 31 October.

(2) North Atlantic Winter Seasonal Area

The boundary of the North Atlantic Winter Seasonal Area is- the meridian of longitude 6830'W from the coast of the United States to latitude 40N, thence the rhumb line to the southernmost intersection of the meridian of longitude 61W with the coast of Canada and thence the east coasts of Canada and the United States.

Seasonal periods:

For ships over 100 metres (328 feet) in length:

WINTER: 16 December to 15 February

SUMMER: 16 February to 15 December.

For ships of 100 metres (328 feet) and under in length:

WINTER: 1 November to 31 March

SUMMER: 1 April to 31 October.

(3) North Pacific Winter Seasonal Zone

The southern boundary of the North Pacific Winter Seasonal Zone is- the parallel of latitude 50N from the east coast of the USSR to the west coast of Sakhalin, thence the west coast of Sakhalin to the southern extremity of

Kril'on, thence the rhumb line to Wakkanai, Hokkaido, Japan, thence the east and south coasts of Hokkaido to longitude 145E, thence the meridian of longitude 145E to latitude 35N, thence the parallel of latitude 35N to longitude 150W and thence the rhumb line to the southern extremity of Dall Island, Alaska.

Seasonal periods:

WINTER: 16 October to 15 April

SUMMER: 16 April to 15 October.

Regulation 47

Southern Winter Seasonal Zone

The northern boundary of the Southern Winter Seasonal Zone is- the rhumb line from the east coast of the American continent at Cape Tres Puntas to the point latitude 34S, longitude 50W, thence the parallel of latitude 34S to longitude 17E, thence the rhumb line to the point latitude 3510'S, longitude 20E, thence the rhumb line to the point latitude 34S, longitude 28E, thence along the rhumb line to the point latitude 3530'S, longitude 118E, and thence the rhumb line to Cape Grim on the northwest coast of Tasmania; thence along the north and east coasts of Tasmania to the southernmost point of Bruny Island, thence the rhumb line to Black Rock Point on Stewart Island, thence the rhumb line to the point latitude 47S, longitude 170E, thence along the rhumb line to the point latitude 33S, longitude 170W, and thence the parallel of latitude 33S to the west coast of the American continent.

Seasonal periods:

WINTER: 16 April to 15 October

SUMMER: 16 October to 15 April.

Regulation 48

Tropical Zone

(1) Northern boundary of the Tropical Zone

The northern boundary of the Tropical Zone is- the parallel of latitude 13N from the east coast of the American continent to longitude 60W, thence the rhumb line to the point latitude 10N longitude 58W, thence the parallel of latitude 10N to longitude 20W, thence the meridian of longitude 20W to latitude 30N and thence the parallel of latitude 30N to the west coast of Africa; from the east coast of Africa the parallel of latitude 8N to

longitude 70E, thence the meridian of longitude 70E to latitude 13N, thence the parallel of latitude 13N to the west coast of India; thence the south coast of India to latitude 1030'N on the east coast of India, thence the rhumb line to the point latitude 9N, longitude 82E, thence the meridian of longitude 82E to latitude 8N, thence the parallel of latitude 8N to the west coast of Malaysia, thence the coast of South-East Asia to the east coast of Vietnam at latitude 10N, thence the parallel of latitude 10N to longitude 145E, thence the meridian of longitude 145E to latitude 13N and thence the parallel of latitude 13N to the west coast of the American continent.

Saigon is to be considered as being on the boundary line of the Tropical Zone and the Seasonal Tropical Area.

(2) Southern boundary of the Tropical Zone

The southern boundary of the Tropical Zone is -
the rhumb line from the Port of Santos, Brazil, to the point where the meridian of longitude 40W intersects the Tropic of Capricorn; thence the Tropic of Capricorn to the west coast of Africa; from the east coast of Africa the parallel of latitude 20S to the west coast of Madagascar, thence the west and north coasts of Madagascar to longitude 50E, thence the meridian of longitude 50E to latitude 10S, thence the parallel of latitude 10S to longitude 98E, thence the rhumb line to Port Darwin, Australia, thence the coasts of Australia and Wessel Island eastwards to Cape Wessel, thence the parallel of latitude 11S to the west side of Cape York; from the east side of Cape York the parallel of latitude 11S to longitude 150W, thence the rhumb line to the point latitude 26S, longitude 75W, and thence the rhumb line to the west coast of the American continent at latitude 30S.

Coquimbo and Santos are to be considered as being on the boundary line of the Tropical and Summer Zones.

(3) Areas to be included in the Tropical Zone

The following areas are to be treated as included in the Tropical Zone-

(a) The Suez Canal, the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, from Port Said to the meridian of longitude 45E.

Aden and Berbera are to be considered as being on the boundary line of the Tropical Zone and the Seasonal Tropical Area.

(b) The Persian Gulf to the meridian of longitude 59E.

(c) The area bounded by the parallel of latitude 22S from the east coast of Australia to the Great Barrier Reef, thence the Great Barrier Reef to latitude 11S. The northern boundary of the area is the southern boundary of the Tropical Zone.

Regulation 49

Seasonal Tropical Areas

The following are Seasonal Tropical Areas:

(1) *In the North Atlantic*

An area bounded-

on the north by the rhumb line from Cape Catoche, Yucatan, to Cape San Antonio, Cuba, the north coast of Cuba to latitude 20N and thence the parallel of latitude 20N to longitude 20W;

on the west by the coast of the American continent;

on the south and east by the northern boundary of the Tropical Zone.

Seasonal periods:

TROPICAL: 1 November to 15 July

SUMMER: 16 July to 31 October.

(2) *In the Arabian Sea*

An area bounded-

on the west by the coast of Africa, the meridian of longitude 45E in the Gulf of Aden, the coast of South Arabia and the meridian of longitude 59E in the Gulf of Oman;

on the north and east by the coasts of Pakistan and India;

on the south by the northern boundary of the Tropical Zone.

Seasonal periods:

TROPICAL: 1 September to 31 May

SUMMER: 1 June to 31 August.

(3) *In the Bay of Bengal*

The Bay of Bengal north of the northern boundary of the Tropical Zone.

Seasonal periods:

TROPICAL: 1 December to 30 April

SUMMER: 1 May to 30 November.

(4) In the South Indian Ocean

(a) An area bounded-

on the north and west by the southern boundary of the Tropical Zone and the east coast of Madagascar;

on the south by the parallel of latitude 20S;

on the east by the rhumb line from the point latitude 20S, longitude 50E, to the point latitude 15S, longitude 5130'E, and thence by the meridian of longitude 5130'E to latitude 10S.

Seasonal periods:

TROPICAL: 1 April to 30 November

SUMMER: 1 December to 31 March.

(b) An area bounded-

on the north by the southern boundary of the Tropical Zone;

on the east by the coast of Australia;

on the south by the parallel of latitude 15S from longitude 5130'E, to longitude 120E and thence the meridian of longitude 120E to the coast of Australia;

on the west by the meridian of longitude 5130'E.

Seasonal periods:

TROPICAL: 1 May to 30 November

SUMMER: 1 December to 30 April.

(5) In the China Sea

An area bounded-

on the west and north by the coasts of Vietnam and China from latitude 10N to Hong Kong;

on the east by the rhumb line from Hong Kong to the Port of Sual (Luzon Island) and the west coasts of the Islands of Luzon, Samar and Leyte to latitude 10N;

on the south by the parallel of latitude 10N.

Hong Kong and Sual are to be considered as being on the boundary of the Seasonal Tropical Area and Summer Zone.

Seasonal periods:

TROPICAL: 21 January to 30 April

SUMMER: 1 May to 20 January.

(6) In the North Pacific

(a) An area bounded-

on the north by the parallel of latitude 25N;
on the west by the meridian of longitude 160E;
on the south by the parallel of latitude 13N;
on the east by the meridian of longitude 130W.

Seasonal periods:

TROPICAL: 1 April to 31 October

SUMMER: 1 November to 31 March.

(b) An area bounded-

on the north and east by the west coast of the American continent;
on the west by the meridian of longitude 123W from the coast of the American continent to latitude 33N and by the rhumb line from the point latitude 33N, longitude 123W, to the point latitude 13N, longitude 105W;
on the south by the parallel of latitude 13N.

Seasonal periods:

TROPICAL: 1 March to 30 June and
1 November to 30 November

SUMMER: 1 July to 31 October and
1 December to 28/29 February.

(7) In the South Pacific

(a) The Gulf of Carpentaria south of latitude 11S.

Seasonal periods:

TROPICAL: 1 April to 30 November

SUMMER: 1 December to 31 March.

(b) An area bounded-

on the north and east by the southern boundary of the Tropical Zone;
on the south by the Tropic of Capricorn from the east coast of Australia to longitude 150W, thence by the meridian of longitude 150W to latitude 20S and thence by the parallel of latitude 20S to the point where it intersects the southern boundary of the Tropical Zone;
on the west by the boundaries of the area within the Great Barrier Reef included in the Tropical Zone and by the east coast of Australia.

Seasonal periods:

TROPICAL: 1 April to 30 November

SUMMER: 1 December to 31 March.

Regulation 50
Summer Zones

The remaining areas constitute the Summer Zones.

However, for ships of 100 metres (328 feet) and under in length, the area bounded-

on the north and west by the east coast of the United States;

on the east by the meridian of longitude 6830'W from the coast of the United States to latitude 40N and thence by the rhumb line to the point latitude 36N, longitude 73W;

on the south by the parallel of latitude 36N;

is a Winter Seasonal Area.

Seasonal periods:

WINTER: 1 November to 31 March

SUMMER: 1 April to 31 October.

Regulation 51
Enclosed seas

(1) *Baltic Sea*

This sea bounded by the parallel of latitude of The Skaw in the Skagerrak is included in the Summer Zones.

However, for ships of 100 metres (328 feet) and under in length, it is a Winter Seasonal Area.

Seasonal periods:

WINTER: 1 November to 31 March

SUMMER: 1 April to 31 October.

(2) *Black Sea*

This sea is included in the Summer Zones.

However, for ships of 100 metres (328 feet) and under in length, the area north of latitude 44N is a Winter Seasonal Area.

Seasonal periods:

WINTER: 1 December to 28/29 February

SUMMER: 1 March to 30 November.

(3) Mediterranean

This sea is included in the Summer Zones.

However, for ships of 100 metres (328 feet) and under in length, the area bounded-

on the north and west by the coasts of France and Spain and the meridian of longitude 3E from the coast of Spain to latitude 40N;

on the south by the parallel of latitude 40N from longitude 3E to the west coast of Sardinia;

on the east by the west and north coasts of Sardinia from latitude 40N to longitude 9E, thence by the meridian of longitude 9E to the south coast of Corsica, thence by the west and north coasts of Corsica to longitude 9E and thence by the rhumb line to Cape Sicié;

is a Winter Seasonal Area.

Seasonal periods:

WINTER: 16 December to 15 March

SUMMER: 16 March to 15 December.

(4) Sea of Japan

This sea south of latitude 50N is included in the Summer Zones.

However, for ships of 100 metres (328 feet) and under in length, the area between the parallel of latitude 50N and the rhumb line from the east coast of Korea at Latitude 38N to the west coast of Hokkaido, Japan, at latitude 4312'N is a Winter Seasonal Area.

Seasonal periods:

WINTER: 1 December to 28/29 February

SUMMER: 1 March to 30 November.

Regulation 52

The Winter North Atlantic Load Line

The part of the North Atlantic referred to in Regulation 40(6) (Annex I) comprises:

(a) that part of the North Atlantic Winter Seasonal Zone II which lies between the meridians of 15W and 50W;

(b) the whole of the North Atlantic Winter Seasonal Zone I, the Shetland Islands to be considered as being on the boundary.

CHART OF ZONES AND SEASONAL AREAS

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ANNEX III

CERTIFICATES

INTERNATIONAL LOAD LINE CERTIFICATE (1966)

(Official seal)

Issued under the provisions of the International Convention on Load Lines,
1966, under the authority of the Government of

(full official designation of the country)

(full official designation of the competent person or organization)

by

recognized under the provisions of the International Convention
on Load Lines, 1966)

Name of ship	Distinctive number or letters	Port of registry	Length (L) as defined in Article 2(8)

Freeboard assigned as:

Type of ship

*{A new ship

*{Type "A"

*{An existing ship

*{Type "B"

*{Type "B" with reduced freeboard

*{Type "B" with increased freeboard

* Delete whatever is inapplicable.

Freeboard from deck line

Load line

Tropical mm.(inches) (T)

..... mm.(inches) above (S)

Summer mm.(inches) (S)

Upper edge of line through centre of
ring

Winter mm.(inches) (W)

..... mm.(inches) below (S)

Winter North Atlantic	mm.(inches) (WNA) mm.(inches) below (S)
Timber tropical	mm.(inches) (LT) mm.(inches) above (LS)
Timber summer	mm.(inches) (LS) mm.(inches) above (S)
Timber winter	mm.(inches) (LW) mm.(inches) below (LS)
Timber winter North Atlantic ...	mm.(inches) (LWNA) mm.(inches) below (LS)

Note: Freeboards and load lines which are not applicable need not be entered on the certificate.

Allowance for fresh water for all freeboards other than timber

mm. (inches). For timber freeboards

mm. (inches).

The upper edge of the deck line from which these freeboards are measured is

mm. (inches) deck at side.

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Date of initial or periodical survey

This is to certify that this ship has been surveyed and that the freeboards have been assigned and load lines shown above have been marked in accordance with the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966.

This certificate is valid until, subject to periodical inspections in accordance with Article 14(1)(c) of the Convention.

Issued at

(Place of issue of certificate)

.....19.....

(Date of issue) (Signature of official issuing the certificate)

and/or

(Seal of issuing authority)

If signed, the following paragraph is to be added:

The undersigned declares that he is duly authorized by the said Government to issue this certificate.

(Signature)

Notes: 1. When a ship departs from a port situated on a river or inland waters, deeper loading shall be permitted corresponding to the weight of fuel and all other materials required for consumption between the point of departure and the sea.

2. When a ship is in fresh water of unit density the appropriate load line may be submerged by the amount of the fresh water allowance shown above. Where the density is other than unity, an allowance shall be made proportional to the difference between 1.025 and the actual density.

Reverse of Certificate

This is to certify that at a periodical inspection required by Article 14(1)(c) of the Convention, this ship was found to comply with the relevant provisions of the Convention.

Place Date

Signature and/or Seal of issuing authority.

Place Date

Signature and/or Seal of issuing authority.

Place Date

Signature and/or Seal of issuing authority.

Place Date

Signature and/or Seal of issuing authority.

The provisions of the Convention being fully complied with by this ship, the validity of this certificate is, in accordance with Article 19(2) of the Convention, extended until

Place Date

Signature and/or Seal of issuing authority.

INTERNATIONAL LOAD LINE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

(Official seal)

Issued under the provisions of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, under the authority of the Government of

(full official designation of the country)

(full official designation of the competent person or organization

by

recognized under the provisions of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966)

Name of ship	Distinctive number or letters	Port of registry

This is to certify that the above-mentioned ship is exempted from the provisions of the 1966 Convention, under the authority conferred by Article 6(2)/Article 6(4)* of the Convention referred to above.

* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

The provisions of the Convention from which the ship is exempted under Article 6(2) are:

The voyage for which exemption is granted under Article 6(4) is:

From:

To:

Conditions, if any, on which the exemption is granted under either Article 6(2) or Article 6(4):

This certificate is valid until subject, where appropriate, to periodical inspections in accordance with Article 14(1)(c) of the Convention.

Issued at

(Place of issue of certificate)

.....19.....

(Date of issue) (Signature of official issuing the certificate)

and/or

(Seal of issuing authority)

If signed, the following paragraph is to be added:

The undersigned declares that he is duly authorized by the said Government to issue this certificate.

(Signature)

Reverse of Certificate

This is to certify that this ship continues to comply with the conditions under which this exemption was granted.

Place Date

Signature and/or Seal of issuing authority.

Place Date

Signature and/or Seal of issuing authority.

Place Date

Signature and/or Seal of issuing authority.

Place Date

Signature and/or Seal of issuing authority.

This ship continues to comply with the conditions under which this exemption was granted and the validity of this certificate is, in accordance with Article 19(4)(a) of the Convention, extended until

Place Date

Signature and/or Seal of issuing authority.

[\[1\]](#) Text as rectified at London on 30 January and 7 July 1969.

[\[2\]](#) Signed for Australia 4 July 1966. Instrument of acceptance deposited for Australia 29 July 1968.

[\[3\]](#) The Convention entered into force generally 21 July 1968.

[\[4\]](#) The Convention entered into force for Australia 29 October 1968.