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MERCHANT SHIPPING

SAFETY

The Merchant Shipping (Load Line) (Amendment) Rules 1970

<i>Made</i>	- - -	7th July 1970
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>		21st July 1970

The Board of Trade in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Act 1967(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) (Amendment) Rules 1970 and shall come into operation on 21st July 1970.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules 1968(b) shall have effect subject to the amendment that for paragraph (6) of Rule 30 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(6)(a) This paragraph shall apply to any ship in respect of which a load line certificate issued under the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act 1932(c) was in force on 21st July 1968 (the date on which these Rules came into operation) not being a ship in respect of which information as to stability including particulars appropriate to the ship in respect of the matters specified in Schedule 7 has been approved by the Board under paragraph (5) of this Rule.

(b) The owner of a ship to which this paragraph applies shall provide for the information of the master such information relating to the stability of the ship as was required to be provided under the law in force immediately prior to 21st July 1968(d).

(c) The preceding sub-paragraph shall have effect in relation to any ship until either—

(i) the expiration of the period of 12 months next following the date of issue of the first load line certificate to be issued in respect of the ship after 20th July 1970; or

(ii) 20th July 1975

whichever shall first occur”.

F. V. Corfield,
Minister of State.
Board of Trade.

7th July 1970.

(a) 1967 c. 27.

(b) S.I. 1968/1053 (1968 II, p. 2774).

(c) 1932 c. 9.

(d) See section 18 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949 (12, 13 and 14 Geo. 6 c. 43) and section 14 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1964 (1964 c. 47).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules 1968 in relation to the provision of stability information for ships which held valid load line certificates when those Rules came into force on 21st July 1968. They extend the period during which in the case of such ships the stability information to be provided is that prescribed under the law applicable immediately prior to that date. This extension will not apply in any case in which the fuller information set out in Schedule 7 to the 1968 Rules has been approved by the Board of Trade.