
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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MERCHANT SHIPPING

SAFETY

The Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) (Particulars of Depth of Loading) Regulations 1972

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Coming into Operation 1st January 1973

The Secretary of State in exercise of powers conferred by section 10(2)(b) of the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Act 1967(a) and now vested in him(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Interpretation, citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) (Particulars of Depth of Loading) Regulations 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1973.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Act 1967;

“freeboard” means the distance measured vertically downwards amidships from the upper edge of the deck-line marked on the side of the ship to the surface of the water;

“mean freeboard” means the mean of the freeboards on each side of the ship;

“mean draught” means the mean of the draughts shown on the scales of measurement on the stem and on the stern post of the ship.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Application

2. These Regulations apply to every ship (other than a home trade ship) in respect of which a load line certificate has been issued under section 6 of the Act.

Notice to be posted up on board ship

3. The notice which, pursuant to section 10(2) of the Act, is to be posted up in some conspicuous place on board a ship before the ship leaves any dock, wharf or harbour or other place for the purpose of proceeding to sea, shall be in the form set out in the Schedule to these Regulations and shall contain the particulars required by that form and be signed by the master and an officer.

29th November 1972.

Michael Heseltine,
 Minister for Aerospace and Shipping,
 Department of Trade and Industry.

(a) 1967 c. 27.

(b) See the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry Order 1970 (S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293)).

(c) 52 & 53 Vict. 63.

THE SCHEDULE

NOTICE

Pursuant to section 10(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Act 1967

SHIP.....	
PORT OF REGISTRY.....	
GROSS TONNAGE*.....	
(1) Summer freeboard	millimetres
corresponding to a mean draught† of.....	millimetres
(equal to.....feet.....inches).	
(2) Winter freeboard	millimetres
corresponding to a mean draught† of.....	millimetres
(equal to.....feet.....inches).	
(3) Tropical freeboard	millimetres
corresponding to a mean draught† of.....	millimetres
(equal to.....feet.....inches).	
(4) Winter North Atlantic freeboard.....	millimetres
corresponding to a mean draught† of.....	millimetres
(equal to.....feet.....inches).	
(5) Allowance for fresh water for all freeboards	
other than timber freeboards.....	millimetres
(6) Timber summer freeboard.....	millimetres
corresponding to a mean draught† of.....	millimetres
(equal to.....feet.....inches).	
(7) Timber winter freeboard.....	millimetres
corresponding to a mean draught† of.....	millimetres
(equal to.....feet.....inches).	
(8) Timber tropical freeboard.....	millimetres
corresponding to a mean draught† of.....	millimetres
(equal to.....feet.....inches).	
(9) Timber winter North Atlantic freeboard.....	millimetres
corresponding to a mean draught† of.....	millimetres
(equal to.....feet.....inches).	
(10) Allowance for fresh water for	
timber freeboards	millimetres

The particulars to be given above of freeboards and allowances for fresh water are to be taken from the load line certificate currently in force in respect of the ship. Paragraphs referring to freeboards which the certificate shows have not been assigned to the ship must be deleted.

* In the case of a ship having alternative gross tonnages, both must be given.

†1. The mean draught to be given above is the mean of the draughts which would be shown on the scales of measurement on the stem and on the stern post of the ship if it were so loaded that the upper edge of the load line on each side of the ship appropriate to the particular freeboard were on the surface of the water.

2. Where the draught is shown on the scales of measurement on the stem and on the stern post of the ship in feet the mean draught must be given in both millimetres and feet and inches using an equivalent of 25.4 millimetres to one inch.

PARTICULARS OF LOADING

1	2	3	4			5	6		7	8	9
			Actual Draught				Mean Freeboard				
Date	Place	Forward	Aft	Mean	Actual (see notes 1 and 2 below)	Corrected (see note 3 below)	Signature of Master and an Officer				
							Master	An officer			

Notes

1. The actual mean freeboard (Column 6) is the mean of the freeboards on each side of the ship at the time when the ship is loaded and ready to leave.
2. If the actual mean freeboard is less than the appropriate minimum salt water freeboard as shown on the load line certificate there must be entered in Column 7 the corrected freeboard arrived at after making any allowances for density of water, rubbish to be discharged overboard and fuel, water and stores to be consumed on any stretch of river or inland water, being allowances duly entered in the ship's official log-book.
3. If the actual mean freeboard is greater than the appropriate salt water freeboard, Column 7 need not be filled in.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations (which do not apply to home trade ships) prescribe the form of, and particulars relating to draughts and freeboards to be inserted in the notice which is required by section 10(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Act 1967 to be posted up on board before a ship leaves any dock, wharf, harbour or other place for the purpose of proceeding to sea.

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