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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 155**

**The Merchant Shipping (International Load Line Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2018**

**Initial, renewal and annual surveys**

- 12.—(1) A United Kingdom ship must be subjected to—
- (a) an initial survey before the ship is put into service, which includes a complete inspection of its structure and equipment to ensure the ship complies with the applicable Convention requirements;
  - (b) a renewal survey at intervals not exceeding five years (except where regulation 17(3) and regulations 18(4) and (7) apply) to ensure the ship complies with the applicable Convention requirements; and
  - (c) an annual survey within three months before or after each anniversary date of the Convention certificate to ensure that—
    - (i) alterations have not been made to the hull or superstructures which would affect the calculations determining the position of the load line;
    - (ii) the fittings and appliances for the protection of openings, guard rails, freeing ports and means of access to crew's quarters are maintained in an effective condition;
    - (iii) the freeboard marks are correctly and permanently indicated; and
    - (iv) the information required by regulation 10 of Annex I is provided to the master of the ship.
- (2) After a satisfactory annual survey, the Assigning Authority must endorse the Convention certificate accordingly.