

## 1980 No. 282

## MERCHANT SHIPPING

## The Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) (Amendment)

## Regulations 1980

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>3rd March 1980</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>4th March 1980</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>25th March 1980</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 1 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1965(a) and now vested in him (b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) (Amendment) Regulations 1980 and shall come into operation on 25th March 1980.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations 1967(c) shall be further amended as follows:

(1) In Regulation 11:

(a) for paragraph (1) there shall be substituted:—

“(1) This Regulation shall apply to a ship in respect of which greater than minimum freeboards have been assigned under the Load Line Rules and the positions of the load lines:

(a) are not higher than would have been the case if the freeboards assigned to the ship and the position of the load lines appropriate thereto had been calculated treating the second deck as the freeboard deck; or

(b) are such that the uppermost load line is not higher than the position of the tonnage mark determined in accordance with Schedule 4 to these Regulations.”

(b) for paragraph (4) there shall be substituted:—

“(4) Where such tonnages have been assigned to a ship there shall be placed on each side of the ship a tonnage mark in the form described in Schedule 3 to these Regulations, in a position in line with the uppermost load line to which the ship may be loaded but, subject to the foregoing, in a position determined in accordance with Schedule 4.”

(a) 1965 c. 47.

(b) S.I. 1970/1537.

(c) S.I. 1967/172, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

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- (2) In Regulation 16(1) for the definition of "Load Line Rules" there shall be substituted "Load Line Rules" means the load line rules made under section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Act 1967<sup>(a)</sup> and includes in relation to any ship not registered in the United Kingdom any corresponding rules of the country in which the ship is registered;"
- (3) In Schedule 4 paragraph 5, for the proviso there shall be substituted:
- "Provided that in no case shall the tonnage marks be placed above the uppermost load line to which the ship may be loaded."

3rd March 1980.

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Department of Trade.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations, in addition to some minor drafting amendments, amend regulation 11(1) of the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations 1967 which relates to ships in which most spaces between the second and uppermost deck are excluded from the calculation of the gross tonnage. This exclusion is conditional on the tonnage mark and load lines being positioned below the lowest part of the second deck, thus limiting the loaded draught of the ship.

In some ships, the second (that is to say, the lower) deck is stepped and the Regulations empower the Secretary of State, at the request of the shipowner, to assign an equivalent deck line, intermediate between the higher and lower parts of the step, by way of substitution for the line through the lowest part of the second deck. The tonnage mark and load lines are then positioned in relation to this equivalent deck line, thus allowing a deeper loaded draught, while still excluding the spaces between the second and uppermost deck from being included in the calculation of the gross tonnage.

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(a) 1967 c. 27.