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Procedure for Assignment of Multiple Load Line for Indian Ships

I. Applicability

The Directorate, in principle, has no objection for issuance of multiple load line certificates to Indian ships, if the owners make a specific request for the same. Assignment of multiple load lines shall be applicable only for vessels issued with a load line certificate under International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (ICLL-1966/1988), and not applicable for restricted loadline certificates.

This notice is issued in supersession of the instructions issued by this Directorate through letter no. ENG/RLLC-57(9)/95 dated 24 July 1995.

II. Procedure for assignment of multiple load line:

- (1) The owner shall make a request in writing to Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) (the Assigning Authority) indicating the required dead weights (or drafts) for which the multiple load lines are to be assigned.
- (2) The request will be evaluated, and if found acceptable, a memorandum of freeboard (MOF) will be issued by IRS, under intimation to the Naval Architecture branch of the Directorate.
- (3) The following conditions shall be verified by IRS before issuance of multiple loadline certificate (In ports or places where IRS surveyor is not present, IRS may avail the services of any other Recognized Organization of the Government of India for the verification):
  - a) The Load Line marks corresponding to the deepest draft of the vessel, as well as other assigned drafts, are permanently marked on the side shell.
  - b) The vessel is issued with a “Multiple Load Line Assignment Booklet” by the Assigning authority (‘Ship’s copy’) in order to keep the records of the use of

multiple load lines. (Format of the “Multiple Load Line Assignment Booklet” is given at Appendix-I)

- c) A copy of the booklet shall be retained with the Owner/Company as the ‘Company copy’, for records.
- d) Stability information for the relevant statutory loading conditions corresponding to each loadline mark, is approved by IRS and is available on board.

### III Operational requirements while holding multiple loadline certificates:

- (1) Whenever the owner desires to change from one assigned freeboard to another, the master shall verify the following:
  - a) Only one loadline certificate is in use at any given time. Other Loadline certificate(s) is/are kept in a sealed envelope and kept under the safe custody of the master.
  - b) Only one set of marks associated with the Loadline certificate in use, (i.e., is actually “painted in” and visible at any given time). Other Loadline marks are obliterated or painted out with the same colour as its background.
  - c) The new summer freeboard on each side shall be physically measured each time, and recorded in the “Multiple Load Line Assignment Booklet” along with other relevant details, duly endorsed by the Master.
  - d) The company is informed to update the office copy of “Multiple Load Line Assignment Booklet”, in accordance with the procedure contained in the safety management system (SMS).
  - e) An official entry is made in the ship’s log book about the change in loadline marking.
- (2) During the annual/renewal loadline surveys, the RO’s surveyor shall verify/endorse the Ship’s copy of the “Multiple Load Line Assignment Booklet”.
- (3) While carrying out the annual/renewal surveys, regardless of the deadweight value applicable at the time, the vessel shall be surveyed for compliance with the most severe statutory requirements corresponding to the greatest deadweight the vessel is capable of carrying, or the deepest draft upto which the vessel is capable of operating. On satisfactory completion of surveys, all the Loadline certificates shall be endorsed by the attending surveyor.

### IV. Conditions

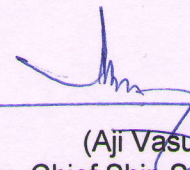
- (1) The SMS documentation of the Company responsible for such ships, shall contain appropriate procedures and instructions regarding change of loadline marks and the maintenance of records on the ships as well as in the Company. This procedure may be attached to the “Multiple Load Line Assignment Booklet” for the information of the personnel using it. The records on board and the office may be kept updated in accordance with the above procedure.

- (2) The GT and NT of the vessel shall remain unaltered and shall be those corresponding to the deepest draft.
- (3) The statutory certificates issued under SOLAS and MARPOL shall show only the greatest deadweight of the ship (i.e., the greatest deadweight the vessel is capable of carrying, considering all the loadline certificates held by the vessel) and the vessel shall comply with the statutory requirements corresponding to the greatest deadweight at all times. Lower deadweight(s) corresponding to other loadline certificates are not required to be indicated on the statutory certificates.
- (4) The "Multiple Load Line Assignment Booklet" shall be made available during survey, audit or FSI to the surveyor for verification.

V. Effective date of application:

The above provisions shall come into force from the date of issuance of this MS Notice.

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Govt of India.

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Dy. Chief Ship Surveyor

Enclosure: Format of 'Multiple Loadline Assignment Booklet'

# 1. FORMAT OF "MULTIPLE LOAD LINE ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET"

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## NOTES:

1. *This booklet shall be retained on board and be made available during surveys, audits and flag state inspections.*
2. *The details of all the Loadline certificates held by the vessel shall be entered under 'A'. Additional pages may be added, as and when new certificates are issued. After endorsement of annual surveys, the date of endorsement shall be entered against each certificate.*
3. *Whenever the assigned freeboard is changed in accordance with this MS Notice .. of 2013, entries shall be made under 'Record of freeboard changes' under 'B', and signed by the master.*

## A. Particulars of Ship

Name of Ship	:	
Distinctive number or letters	:	
Port of Registry	:	
Length (L) as defined in Article 2(8) of ILLC (in metres)	:	
IMO Number	:	
Type of Freeboard	:	Type A/ Type B With reduced / increased freeboard

Details of Load Line Certificates held by the vessel						
Sl no	LL Certificate No:	Assigned Summer Freeboard	Date of Issue	Date of Expiry	Details of annual endorsement	
					Authority	Date
1	Abcd/123/1	1234 mm	dd/mm/yy	dd/mm/yy	(RO)	dd/mm/yy
					(RO)	dd/mm/yy
					(RO)	dd/mm/yy
					(RO)	dd/mm/yy
2	Abcd/123/2	1236 mm	dd/mm/yy	dd/mm/yy	(RO)	dd/mm/yy
					(RO)	dd/mm/yy
					(RO)	dd/mm/yy
					(RO)	dd/mm/yy
3	Abcd/123/3	1238 mm	dd/mm/yy	dd/mm/yy	(RO)	dd/mm/yy
					(RO)	dd/mm/yy
					(RO)	dd/mm/yy
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4	Abcd/123/4	1240 mm	dd/mm/yy	dd/mm/yy	(RO)	dd/mm/yy
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