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**Subject: Amendments to International Convention on Load Lines
1966 and its applicability- reg.**

Whereas, the Government of India has ratified the International Convention on Load Lines 1966 and the Convention entered into force on 21st July 1968 through acceptance provided on 19th April 1968. Article 1 of the Convention mandates general obligation of the Government to undertake all measures which may be necessary to give effect to the Convention.

Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act 1958, as amended incorporates the Convention and defines at section 3 (20) as "Load Line Convention" means the International Convention on Load Lines signed in London on the 5th day of April, 1966, as amended from time to time.

Whereas, The Merchant Shipping Act, section 310 to 330 provides legislative provisions and powers for implementation of various requirements under the Load Line Convention on all Indian and foreign vessels operating in Indian waters. The Merchant Shipping Act, section 311 provides powers to make rules regulating the survey of ships for the purpose of assignment and marking of load lines and prescribing the conditions of assignment on which load lines may be assigned. The Merchant Shipping Act, section 436 (1) and (2) provides enforcement provisions.

Whereas, the Government has issued Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules, 1979 as a measure to give effect to the Convention. Various amendments to the Rules were brought in during 1982, 1989 and 2001. Further, the government has issued Merchant Shipping Notice 21 of 2013 providing guidance on issuance of Multiple Load Lines.

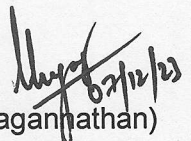
Whereas, the Government has notified the Load Line Assigning Authority vide Notification dated 07th November 1997. The Recognised Organizations (RO) were notified vide notification dated 26th December 2014 and as indicated, an agreement is entered into with each RO to carryout surveys and certification as per the Convention.

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Noting that, IMO has issued various amendments to the Convention from time to time, which is annexed to this Order at Annexure- 1. As defined in the Merchant Shipping Act, such amendments to the Convention are already in effect and applicable to Indian vessels.

The stakeholders are therefore required to be guided by this Order towards compliance with the provisions to give full effect to the International Convention on Load Lines.


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Director General of Shipping

To,
All Stakeholders through DGS Website

Annexure – 1

International Convention on Load Lines.

Amendments	Adopted		Effective date	Amendments to the Convention	Remarks
	by	Date			
1988 Protocol** to ILL 1966	Conference	10.Nov.1988	03.Feb.2000	Articles to ILL 66: 2~5, 12~14, 16~19, 21 Regs.: 1~3, 5, 9, 10, 15, 22~24, 27, 37, 38, 40, 44~49, Annex III(Certificate)	
2003 Amendments to 1988 Protocol to ILL 1966	Res.MSC.143(77)	05.Jun.2003	01.Jan.2005	Annex I to Annex B: Completely Revised (Reg.1 ~ Reg.45) Annex II to Annex B: Reg.49	
2004 Amendments to 1988 Protocol to ILL 1966	Res.MSC.172(79)	09.Dec.2004	01.Jul.2006	Annex III to Annex B: Certificates	
2006 Amendments to 1988 Protocol to ILL 1966	Res.MSC.223(82)	08.Dec.2006	01.Jul.2008	Annex I to Annex B (Reg.22, Reg.39)	
2008 Amendments to 1988 Protocol to ILL 1966	Res.MSC.270(85)	04.Dec.2008	01.Jul.2010	Annex I to Annex B (Reg.1, Reg.3)	
2012 Amendments to 1988 Protocol to ILL 1966	Res.MSC.329(90)	24.May.2012	01.Jan.2014	Annex II to Annex B (Reg.47)	*Reg. 47 of 1966 Convention is amended by Res.A.1082(28).
	Res.MSC.345(91)	30.Nov.2012	01.Jul.2014	Annex I to Annex B (Reg.27)	
2013 Amendments to 1988 Protocol to ILL 1966	Res.MSC.356(92)	21.Jun.2013	01.Jan.2015	Annex I to Annex B (Reg.2-1)	
2014 Amendments to 1988 Protocol to ILL 1966	Res.MSC.375(93)	22.May.2014	01.Jan.2016	Annex I to Annex B (Reg.3) Annex IV to Annex B (Reg.53(new), Reg.54(new))	
2021 Amendments to 1988 Protocol to ILL 1966	Res.MSC.491(104)	08.Oct.2021	01.Jan.2021	Annex I to Annex B (Reg.22, Reg.27)	