



Merchant Shipping Directorate



MULTIPLE LOAD LINE CERTIFICATES

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*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

This Administration accepts the provision of more than one International Load Line Certificate on Maltese registered ships.

At the request of the Owner, the Recognized Organization may proceed with the issuing of the additional load line certificate/s. The Recognized Organization shall forward a copy of the International Load Line Certificate/s issued and confirm the vessel's maximum deadweight value corresponding to the assigned freeboard.

The following procedures must be followed when more than one International Load Line Certificate has been issued:

1. The load line marks corresponding to the assigned freeboard shall be welded to the side shell and verified by the attending Surveyor;
2. The load line marks corresponding to the additional certificate/s shall be cut or punched into the side shell;
3. Only one set of load line marks and corresponding certificate shall be in use at any one time;
4. Statutory certificates, other than the additional International Load Line Certificate/s, shall reflect only the maximum deadweight corresponding to the vessel's assigned freeboard;
5. Upon Owner's request for change of freeboard a surveyor from the Recognized Organization must supervise/verify that the un-associated marks are painted out and that the new marks are painted in. The certificate/s pertaining to the unused marks shall be placed in a sealed envelope by the Surveyor of the Recognized Organization and left in the custody of the Master;
6. In instances where a Surveyor to the Recognized Organization is not available, the change of load line marks and certificate may be carried out by the Master provided that arrangements for verification at the next port of call have been agreed with the Recognized Organization;
7. If a ship is engaged on regular voyages to and from remote ports where the ship's Recognized Organization has no representation, a one time written request for waiver from the verification survey called for in Point 6 above may be submitted to the Administration. The application shall contain full details, including the names of the ports of call and expected duration of operations on the specified route. Requests will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

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8. The Master is to make an entry in the ship's official logbook and deck logbook on every occasion that the load lines are changed. All entries in the official log book on particulars relating to depth of loading shall be as required by Section 259 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1973, as amended;
9. Procedures for change in load lines shall be included in the vessel's safety management system;
10. When sailing at reduced deadweight there shall be no reduction in safety standards;
11. During statutory surveys, regardless of the deadweight value in use at the time, the vessel shall be surveyed for compliance with the statutory requirements applicable to the maximum deadweight value corresponding to the assigned freeboard. Upon satisfactory completion of statutory surveys, the attending Surveyor shall endorse all the load line certificates.

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