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MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Load Line) (Amendment) **Rules 1975**

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The Secretary of State in exercise of powers conferred by section 2(1) (4) and (5) of the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Act 1967(a) and now vested in him(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Rules:-

- 1. These Rules may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) (Amendment) Rules 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1975.
- 2. The Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules 1968(c) as amended(d) shall have effect subject to the further amendment that for paragraph (5) of Rule 30 (information as to stability of ships) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:-
 - "(5) The information, and any fresh information to replace the same pursuant to paragraph (3) of this Rule, shall before issue to the master:-
 - (a) if it relates to a ship which is classed with Lloyd's Register of Shipping and is-
 - (i) an oil tanker over 100 metres in length;
 - (ii) a bulk carrier, or an ore carrier, over 150 metres in length;
 - (iii) a single deck bulk carrier over 100 metres but not exceeding 150 metres in length;
 - (iv) a single deck dry cargo ship over 100 metres in length; or
 - (v) a purpose built container ship over 125 metres in length; be submitted in duplicate by or on behalf of the owner of the ship either to the Secretary of State or to Lloyd's Register of Shipping for approval; or
 - (b) if it relates to any other ship, be submitted in duplicate by or on behalf of the owner of the ship to the Secretary of State for approval.

⁽a) 1967 c. 27. (c) S.I. 1968/1053 (1968 II, p. 2774).

⁽b) S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293). (d) S.I. 1970/1003 (1970 II, p. 3143).

The information shall incorporate such additions and amendments as the Secretary of State or Lloyd's Register of Shipping, as the case may be, may in any particular case specify for the purpose of ensuring that the information complies with the provisions of this Rule."

Stanley Clinton Davis,

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Companies, Aviation and Shipping,
Department of Trade.

10th April 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules 1968 by permitting the approval of stability information, in the case of certain ships which are classed with Lloyd's Register of Shipping and are over 100 metres in length, either by Lloyd's Register of Shipping or by the Secretary of State. In all other cases, only the Secretary of State can approve the information.

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