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## MERCHANT SHIPPING

## The Merchant Shipping (Load Line) (Amendment)

## Rules 1979

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>1st October</i>	1979
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st January</i>	1980

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 2 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 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1980.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules 1968 (c) shall have effect subject to the following further amendments:

(1) In Rule 5 (2) for sub-paragraph (c) there shall be substituted:

“(c) a copy of the record of particulars relating to conditions of assignment.”;

(2) In Rule 25:

(a) in paragraph (1) for the second sentence there shall be substituted:—

“Provided that in a case where the record relates to a ship to which section 6(2)(a) (United Kingdom registered Convention ships) or section 12 (non-United Kingdom registered Convention ships) of the Act applies:

(a) the references in the parentheses above the heading to particular paragraphs of Schedule 4 to these Rules and the reference to these Rules in the statement to be signed by the surveyor, may be omitted; and

(b) at the beginning of the Record of Particulars, for the words “the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules 1968” there may be substituted the words “the International Convention on Load Lines 1966” and the words from “and reference to” to “mentioned Rules” may be omitted.

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(a) 1967 c.27.

(b) See S.I. 1970/1537.

(c) S.I. 1968/1053, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Rules.

(b) in paragraph (2) for the second sentence there shall be substituted:—

“A copy of the record shall be sent by the Assigning Authority to the owner of the ship and it shall be kept on the ship at all times in the custody of the master.”

(3) For Schedule 3 to the Rules there shall be substituted the Schedule 3 set out in the Schedule to these Rules.

*Norman Tebbit,*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department of Trade.

1st October 1979.

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**SCHEDULE****“SCHEDULE 3****(Rule 25)****RECORD OF PARTICULARS**

The following is the form of record of particulars referred to in Rule 25:—

**MERCHANT SHIPPING (LOAD LINE) RULES 1968****RECORD OF PARTICULARS RELATING TO  
CONDITIONS OF ASSIGNMENT**

In this record reference to regulations are references to the regulations set out in Annex I to the Convention of 1966, and reference to paragraphs are references to paragraphs of Schedule 4 (Conditions of Assignment) to the above mentioned Rules.

Name of ship

Port of registry

Nationality

Distinctive number or letters

Shipbuilders

Yard number

Date of build/conversion

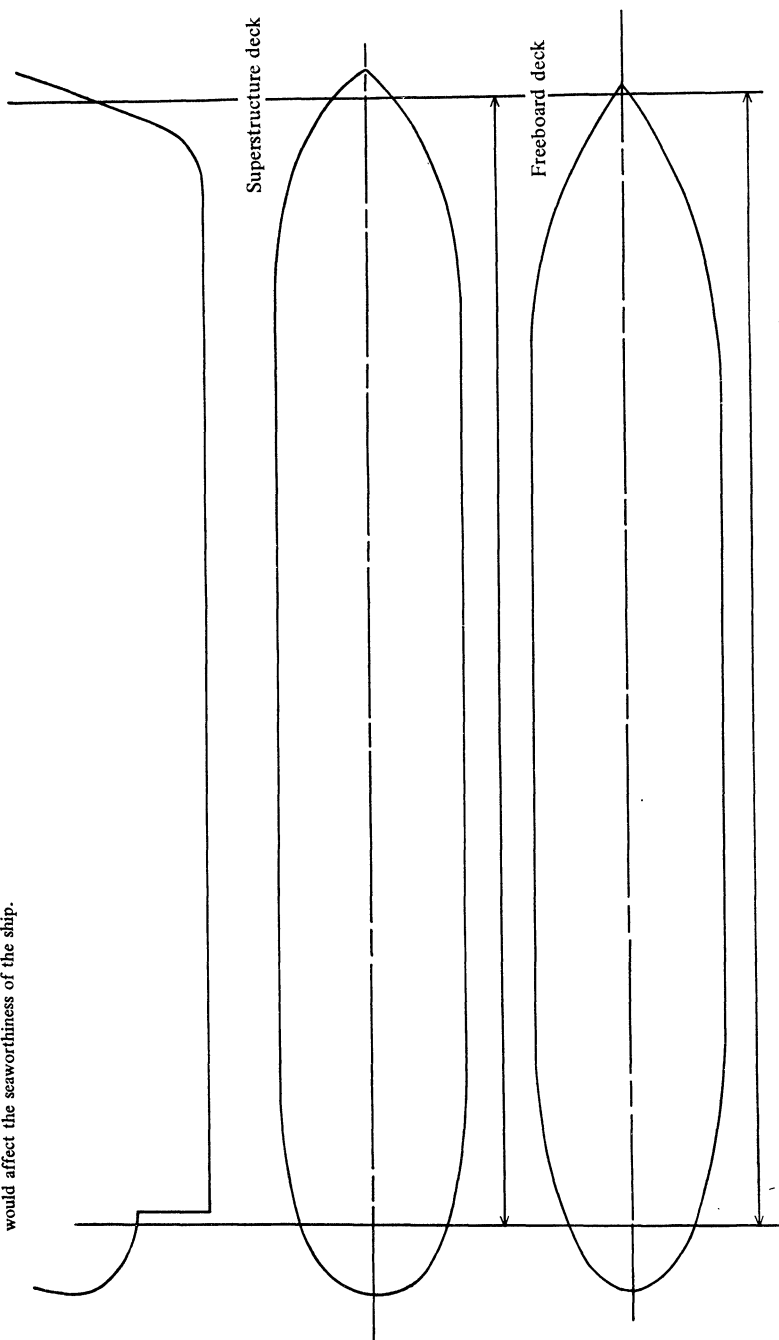
Freeboards assigned as a ship of Type

Classification

Date and place of initial survey.

*A plan of suitable size may be attached to this Report in preference to the sketches on this page*

Disposition and dimensions of superstructures, trunks, deckhouses, machinery casings, extent of bulwarks, guard rails and wood sheathing on exposed deck, to be inserted in the diagrams and tables following; together with positions of hatchways, gangways, and other means for the protection of the crew; cargo ports, bow and stern doors, side scuttles, scuppers, ventilators, air pipes, companionways, and other items that would affect the seaworthiness of the ship.



(See Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraphs 7 and 8)  
**DOORWAYS IN SUPERSTRUCTURES, EXPOSED MACHINERY CASINGS AND DECKHOUSES  
 PROTECTING OPENINGS IN FREEBOARD AND SUPERSTRUCTURE DECKS**  
 (Regulations 12, 17 and 18)

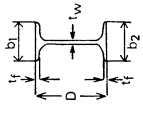
LOCATION	REF. NO. ON SKETCH OR PLAN	NUMBER AND SIZE OF OPENINGS	HEIGHT OF SILLS	CLOSING APPLIANCES	
				TYPE AND MATERIAL	NUMBER OF CLIPS
In forecastle bulkhead					
In bridge forward bulkhead					
In bridge after bulkhead					
In raised quarter deck bulkhead					
In poop bulkhead					
In exposed machinery casings on freeboard or raised quarter decks					

**DOORWAYS IN SUPERSTRUCTURES, EXPOSED MACHINERY CASINGS AND DECKHOUSES  
PROTECTING OPENINGS IN FREEBOARD AND SUPERSTRUCTURE DECKS**

*(continued)*

LOCATION	REF. NO ON SKETCH OR PLAN	NUMBER AND SIZE OF OPENINGS	HEIGHT OF SILLS	CLOSING APPLIANCES	
				TYPE AND MATERIAL	NUMBER OF CLIPS
In exposed machinery casings on superstructure decks					
In machinery casings within superstructures or deckhouses on freeboard deck					
In deckhouses in Position 1 enclosing openings leading below freeboard deck					
In deckhouses in Position 2 enclosing openings leading within enclosed superstructures or below freeboard deck					
In exposed pump room casings					

(See Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraph 5)  
**HATCHWAYS AT POSITIONS 1 AND 2 CLOSED BY PORTABLE COVERS AND SECURED WEATHERTIGHT BY TARPAULINS AND BATTENING DEVICES (Regulation 15)**

Position and Reference No. on Sketch or Plan										
Dimensions of clear opening at top of coaming										
Height of coamings above deck										
<b>PORTABLE BEAMS</b> Number Spacing $b_1 \times t_f$ $D \times t_w$ $b_2 \times t_f$										
	<b>Means of securing each beam</b> Bearing surface									
	<b>PORTABLE COVERS</b> Material Thickness Direction fitted Bearing surface									
	Spacing of Cleats									
<b>TARPAULINS</b> No. of layers Material										

Means of securing each section of covers: -----  
 Are wood covers fitted with galvanized end bands? -----

(See Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraphs 6 and 19)

**HATCHWAYS AT POSITIONS 1 AND 2 CLOSED BY WEATHERTIGHT COVERS OF STEEL (OR OTHER EQUIVALENT MATERIAL) FITTED WITH GASKETS AND CLAMPING DEVICES (Regulation 16)**

Position and Reference No. on Sketch or Plan							
Dimensions of clear opening at top of coaming							
Height of coaming above deck							
Type of cover or Patent Name							
Material							

Position and Reference No. on Sketch or Plan							
Dimensions of clear opening at top of coaming							
Height of coaming above deck							
Type of cover or Patent Name							
Material							



(See Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraphs 7 and 8)

**MACHINERY SPACE OPENINGS AND MISCELLANEOUS OPENINGS IN FREEBOARD AND SUPERSTRUCTURE DECKS (Regulations 17 and 18)**

Positions and Reference No. on Sketch or Plan									
Dimensions									
Height of coaming									
COVER { Material How attached									
Number and Spacing of Toggles									

Position and Reference No. on Sketch or Plan									
Dimensions									
Height of coaming									
COVER { Material How attached									
Number and Spacing of Toggles									

Particulars of spurling pipe closing arrangements (Regulation 18 and see Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraph 8) : .....

(See Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraph 9)

**VENTILATORS ON FREEBOARD AND SUPERSTRUCTURE DECKS (POSITIONS 1 AND 2) (Regulation 19)**

DECK ON WHICH FITTED	NUMBER FITTED	COAMING		TYPE PATENT NAME (STATE PATENT NAME IF ANY)	CLOSING APPLIANCES
		DIMENSIONS	HEIGHT		

(See Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraph 10)

**AIR PIPES ON FREEBOARD AND SUPERSTRUCTURE DECKS (Regulation 20)**

DECK ON WHICH FITTED	NUMBER FITTED	COAMING		TYPE (STATE PATENT NAME IF ANY)	CLOSING APPLIANCES
		DIMENSIONS	HEIGHT		

(See Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraph 11)

**CARGO PORTS AND OTHER SIMILAR OPENINGS (Regulation 21)**

POSITION OF PORT	DIMENSIONS OF OPENING	DISTANCE OF LOWER EDGE FROM FREEBOARD DECK	SECURING DEVICES	REMARKS

(See Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraph 12)

**SCUPPERS, INLETS AND DISCHARGES (Regulation 22)**

STATE IF SCUPPER OR DISCHARGE	NUMBER	PIPE		FROM	VERTICAL DISTANCE ABOVE TOP OF KEEL			NUMBER, TYPE AND MATERIAL OF DISCHARGE VALVES	POSITION OF CONTROLS
		DIAMETER	THICKNESS		MATERIAL	OUTLET IN HULL	DISCHARGE		

NOTE: In Ro-ro ships, indicate how ready accessibility to scupper valves is ensured when vehicle space is filled. ....

S—Scupper  
D—Discharge

MS—Mild Steel  
CS—Cast Steel  
GM—Gun Metal  
Any other approved material to be designated

SD—Screw down  
ANR—Automatic non-return  
SD ANR—Screw down automatic non-return

(See Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraph 13)

**SIDE SCUTTLES (Regulation 23)**

POSITION	NUMBER FITTED	CLEAR GLASS SIZE	FIXED OR OPENING	MATERIAL		TYPE OF GLASS AND THICKNESS	STANDARDS USED AND TYPE NO.
				FRAME	DEADLIGHT		

Indicate the vertical distance between the freeboard deck and the lower sill of the side scuttle positioned at the greatest vertical distance below the freeboard deck. ....

(See Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraphs 14 and 20)

**FREEING PORTS (Regulation 24)**

	LENGTH OF BULWARK	HEIGHT OF BULWARK	NUMBER AND SIZE OF FREEING PORTS EACH SIDE	TOTAL AREA EACH SIDE	REQUIRED AREA EACH SIDE
Freeboard Deck After Well					
Forward Well					
Superstructure Deck					

State fore and aft position of each freeing port in relation to superstructure end bulkheads

{ After Well  
 { Forward Well

Particulars of shutters, bars or rails fitted to freeing ports.

Height of lower edge of freeing port above deck.

(See Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraphs 15, 18, 22, 23 and 24)

**PROTECTION OF THE CREW** (Regulations 25 and 26)

State particulars of bulwarks or guardrails on freeboard and superstructure decks:

State details of lifelines, walkways, gangways or underdeck passageways where required to be fitted:

(See Schedule 4 to these Rules, paragraph 29)

**TIMBER DECK CARGO FITTINGS** (Regulation 44)

State particulars of uprights, sockets, lashings, guardrails and lifelines:

**OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES**



INITIAL SURVEY

The conditions of assignment shown on this form are a record of the arrangements and fittings provided on the ship and are in accordance with the requirements of the relevant regulations set out in Annex I to the Convention of 1966 and of these Rules.

.....  
(Surveyor's Signature)

.....  
(Date)

SUBSEQUENT PERIODICAL SURVEYS

I have completed the periodical survey and am satisfied that the fittings and appliances are in accordance with the particulars shown in this record and are in good condition and that approved stability information and, where applicable, information relating to loading and ballasting of the ship is on board.

Signature	Port of Survey	Date of Survey"
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Rules)*

These Rules further amend the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules 1968 by deleting references to the Surveyor's report which formerly formed part of the record of particulars relating to conditions of assignment of freeboards issued to ships complying with the load line requirements. The form of the record of particulars has been revised in accordance with a recommendation of the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organisation. The record of particulars, in the case of ships registered in countries which have accepted or acceded to the International Convention on Load Lines 1966, which includes the United Kingdom, may cross-refer only to the regulations set out in the Convention (rather than to the paragraphs of Schedule 4 to the Rules—conditions of assignment).

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