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MARINE CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers, Classification Societies

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON THE ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE INTERNATIONAL LOAD LINE CERTIFICATES

DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- "ILLC" – International Load Line Certificate issued under the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 and 1988 Protocol on behalf of Tuvalu.
- "OLB" – Official Log Book
- "RO" – Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19).

The term "Administration" shall mean the Tuvalu Ship Registry.

PURPOSE:

This marine circular provides the necessary guidance for a vessel to operate with more than one (1) load line.

APPLICATION:

This marine circular applies to all Tuvalu flagged vessels, except for those registered for a single delivery voyage, that wish to operate with more than one (1) freeboard assignment under applicable international conventions.

REFERENCES:

(a) International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 as amended

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1. General

This Administration has no objection for ROs to directly issue Tuvalu flagged vessels with multiple ILLCs. However, a letter of approval which may be issued in electronic format must be obtained from this Administration and a copy of this letter shall be kept on board.

2. Application for Approval

2.1. To obtain approval, the RO should contact this Administration at technical@tvship.com and submit the following information:

- 2.1.1. the number of additional load lines required; and
- 2.1.2. the reduced freeboard deadweight measurements.

2.2. The request will be reviewed and a letter of approval will be issued by this Administration if the approval is granted. This letter of approval may be in the following formats:

- 2.2.1. An email from this Administration; or
- 2.2.2. An electronic letter from this Administration.

Either of the above formats shall be treated as an official letter of approval by this Administration.

- 2.3. The RO shall then proceed to carry out the necessary geometric, strength, and stability calculations and perform the required surveys and issue the ILLCs for each load line freeboard assignment.
- 2.4. A copy of each Full Term ILLC should be submitted to the Administration's technical department at technical@tvship.com either in hard copy, electronic copy via email attachment, or via the RO's on-line website in which case the RO should notify the Administration by email of their availability.
- 2.5. The RO shall re-apply for approval when load line freeboard assignments are added, deleted, or changed and when existing ILLCs are renewed.

3. Conditions for use of Multiple ILLCs

- 3.1. The ship must comply fully with all requirements appropriate for a ship of maximum deadweight for which minimum freeboards could be assigned.
- 3.2. There must be no reduction in safety standards when sailing at a reduced deadweight.
- 3.3. Only one set of Load Line marks shall be on display at any time, and the other sets shall be obliterated by paint.
- 3.4. The Master must verify the following:
 - 3.4.1. the correct set of marks are displayed together with the corresponding ILLC;
 - 3.4.2. the other sets of marks are properly obliterated;
 - 3.4.3. the other ILLCs not in use are in safekeeping under lock and not on display; and
 - 3.4.4. the other statutory certificates with indication of deadweight not corresponding to the ILLC in use shall also be kept away from the one in use.
- 3.5. The Master is to make an official entry in the vessel's OLB on every occasion that the Load Line marks are changed.
- 3.6. The Master is to ensure that all marks are verified and all their corresponding Load Line Certificates endorsed at each subsequent Load Line Inspection by the RO.
- 3.7. With a view to ensuring that Masters of vessels having multiple load lines adhere to the above-mentioned requirements, it is recommended that shipboard safety management system on such ships should include appropriate procedures and instructions for such purposes.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Registrar
Tuvalu Ship Registry