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TO: Related departments of CCS Headquarters; Branches and Offices; and Ship Companies

Reaffirming the Requirements of Operational Guidelines For Hong Kong Registered Ships Assigned With Multiple Load Lines (Verification the Change of Freeboard)

Hong Kong Marine Department recently reiterated their requirements mentioned in the Marine Circular SD/S930/1(3) issued on Dec. 20, 2006 that they will accept that the verification of the Hong Kong ships holding multiple International Load Line Certificates can be conducted by the ship's master instead of the Recognized Organization (RO) surveyor. For change of the assigned freeboard, the master should follow the following guidelines:

1. Only one set of load line marks shall be visible on the ship's side and the associated load line certificate shall be displayed at all times;
2. The remaining load line marks shall be properly obliterated with paint and the remaining load line certificate(s) not being used shall be kept away from the one in use;
3. An official entry shall be made in the official log book every time the load line mark has been changed; and
4. Other Statutory certificates or statements (including CSC, CSE, COP, CMP, CAS, COS and etc.) with indication of deadweight not corresponding to the International Load Line Certificate in use shall be kept away from the ones in use. (This provision only apply to Tankers)

It is recommended that shipboard safety management system on such ships should include appropriate procedures and instruction for such purposes. And a letter of

approval issued by this Department to carry more than one International Load Line Certificate and a copy of this letter shall be kept on board.

The auditors of CCS branches and offices should ensure the compliance with the above requirements when performing verification of HK flagged ships holding multiple International Load Line Certificates. Meanwhile, for CCS classed ships, the following guidelines should be followed:

1. After changing the assigned freeboard, the shipmaster shall inform this Society by filling out the attached form and sending to Classed Ship in Service Dept. by Fax (0086-010-58112807) or via Email (cd@ccs.org.cn).
2. The vessel which only applies for another temporarily assigned load line remark for a short term does not apply to this Circular.

Attachment: 1. HK Circular SD/S930/1(3), total 2 pages,

2. Declaration of Changing the Freeboard, total 1 page

For any question please contact the Certification Management Dept. and Classed Ship in Services Dept. of CCS Headquarters without hesitation



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20 December 2006

To : *Shipowners / Ship Managers and Classification Societies*

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Guidelines for Hong Kong Registered
Ships Assigned with Multiple Load Lines
(Verification the Change of Freeboard)**

In the past, Hong Kong ships holding multiple International Load Line Certificates were required to be verified by Recognized Organization (RO) surveyor whenever shipowners wished to make changes to the assigned freeboard. This circular letter serves to advise that with immediate effect Marine Department accepts that the verification can be conducted by the ship's master instead of the RO surveyor. For change of the assigned freeboard, the master should follow the following guidelines :-

- a. Only one set of load line marks shall be visible on the ship's side and the associated load line certificate shall be displayed at all times;
- b. The remaining load line marks shall be properly obliterated with paint and the remaining load line certificate(s) not being used shall be kept away from the one in use; and
- c. An official entry shall be made in the official log book every time the load line mark has been changed.

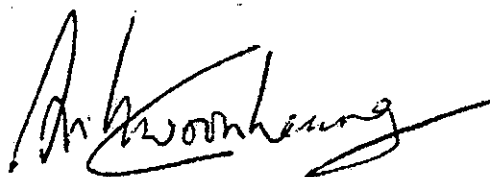
- d. Other statutory certificates with indication of deadweight not corresponding to the International Load Line Certificate in use shall also be kept away from the one in use.

With a view to ensuring masters of the ships having multiple load lines adhere to the aforementioned requirements, it is recommended that shipboard safety management system on such ships should include appropriate procedures and instructions for such purposes.

A letter of approval issued by this Department to carry more than one International Load Line Certificate and a copy of this letter shall be kept on board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any query.

Yours faithfully,



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To: Classed Ship in Service Dept.
Attn: Whom it may concern
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Email: cd@ccs.org.cn

Declaration of Changing the Freeboard

Ship's Name:	Flag:
IMO No.:	Class No.:
Gross tonnage:	Dead weight:

This is to state that:

The freeboard of the vessel is changed from mm to mm.

The deadweight is changed from t to t.

The captain has verified the changing of the assigned load line mark with satisfaction.

Date: _____

Place: _____

Captain of the vessel