

# CCS Technical Information

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To: Relevant Ship Owners, Shipping Companies, All CCS Branches and Plan Approval Centers

## **CCS and Specific Flag State Administrations' Requirements for Assignment of Multiple Freeboards**

### **I. Purpose**

This Technical Information is to summarize detailed administrative requirements of specific Flag State Administration in relation to the assignment of multiple freeboards and issuance of multiple International Load Line Certificates(hereinafter referred to as 'ILLCs') to ships under its registry as well as CCS procedural requirements.

### **II. Detailed Requirements of specific Flag State Administration**

Please refer to the Appendix for the summary of detailed requirements of specific Flag State Administration.

For Chinese flagged ships, ship's Company shall approach CCS in order to assign multiple freeboards subject to approval from CCS Headquarters.

It should be notable that this section is for reference only as policy of Flag State Administration may be updated or amended as necessary. When applicable, the latest requirements of Flag State Administration shall prevail.

### **III. CCS Procedural Requirements**

#### **1. Plan Review**

In order to assign multiple freeboards, the following documents shall be submitted to CCS Plan Approval Center/Department for review as minimum:

1) Freeboard Assignment Plan

2) Freeboard calculation

3) Stability information

2. Request for authorization for assignment of multiple freeboards from the Flag State Administration

If prior authorization from the Flag State Administration is required, CCS Headquarters shall be approached. In general, the request shall be accompanied with documents including approved Freeboard Assignment Plan, freeboard calculation, stability information and draft ILLCs.

3. On board survey

Each set of Load Line marks shall be verified by CCS attending surveyor when marked for the first time and during subsequent periodical survey.

When changing Load Line marks on board, CCS surveyor's presence is subject to the special requirements of the Flag State Administration.

For Chinese flagged ships, CCS surveyor shall be requested on board to verify the change of Load Lines marks.

4. Information exchange

A statutory memorandum in relation to multiple ILLCs is to be imposed by CCS in the ship's survey status.

If CCS surveyor's presence for verification of changing of Load Line marks is not required or not feasible, ship's Master or ship's Company shall inform CCS Headquarters immediately after such change via [cdwork@ccs.org.cn](mailto:cdwork@ccs.org.cn) in order to update status of each ILLC in CCS Certification System, using following template accompanied with pictures of changed Load Line marks:

Declaration of Changing Freeboard Assignment	
Ship's Name:_____	Flag:_____
IMO No.:_____	Class No.:_____
Gross Tonnage:_____	Max. DWT:_____
THIS IS TO CERTIFY that:  The freeboard assignment of subject vessel is changed from _____mm to _____mm. The deadweight is changed from _____t to _____t.	

The Master has verified the changing of the Load Line marks with satisfaction.	
Date: _____	_____
Place: _____	(Name and signature of Master)

5. Issuance of other multiple statutory certificates

Upon request, CCS may issue other multiple statutory certificates such as SOLAS and MARPOL certificates, etc., indicating different deadweight from the maximum deadweight. In such case, prior authorization from the Flag State Administration on a case-by-case basis is required, unless other clearly specified by the Flag State Administration.

6. Application of temporary Load Line marks

Request for using temporary Load Line marks instead of required permanent marks must be submitted to CCS local survey units in order to obtain dispensation of the non-compliance and approval for issuance of conditional or short term ILLC from the Flag State Administration on a case-by-case basis. In such case, CCS procedural requirements and instructions from the Flag State Administration shall be followed.

This Technical Information revokes CCS Circular No.71 of 2013 (Total No.357) with immediate effect.

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## Appendix

	Hong Kong, China	Liberia	Panama	Singapore	Marshall Islands
Prior authorization from Flag State Administration	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Accompanying documents when submitting request for authorization	Freeboard Assignment Plan Freeboard Calculation Stability Information Copies of draft ILLCs	--	--	--	--
Onboard survey	Each set of Load Line marks to be verified by CCS attending surveyor when marked for the first time and during subsequent periodical surveys.				
Issuance of statutory certificates indicating DWT different from maximum DWT	Not required	CCS has been authorized to issue upon request.	Only for oil tanker, chemical tanker and gas carrier, CCS will issue.  Not required for ships other than above.	Not required	CCS has been authorized to issue upon request.
Verification in case of changing	Verification to be conducted by ship Master.	Verification to be conducted by ship	Verification should be conducted by CCS	Verification to be conducted by ship Master. But if ship is	Verification to be conducted by

Load Line marks on board		Master.	attending surveyor. If not feasible, ship Master may conduct the verification and arrange the verification by CCS attending surveyor at the next port.	issued with more than 3 sets of ILLCs, verification should be conducted by CCS attending surveyor.	ship Master
Procedures for changing of Load Line marks to be included in shipboard SMS	Recommended	Not required	Required	Not required	Required
References	HKMD Document Ref. No. SD/S 800/1/1	Marine Notice TEC-004 Rev.02/22	MMC-391	MPA Guidelines dated 5 May 2023	Marine Notice No.2-015-2 Rev.Aug/2021