

# CCS Circular

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To: CCS surveyors, Auditors

## **Notice on Application of Hong Kong Registered Vessels Assigned with Multiple Load Lines and Requirements of Certificates Issuance**

This Society issued the Circular No.185 “Reaffirming the Requirements of Operational Guidelines For Hong Kong Registered Ships Assigned With Multiple Load Lines “ on 21st February 2012, which provides specific provisions for the implementation of HKMD SD/S930/1(3) “Guidelines for Hong Kong Registered Ships Assigned with Multiple Load Lines(Verification the Change of Freeboard)” . As per the clarification of the HKMD and demand of site survey, this Circular provides the specific instructions concerning the survey & certification on these matters as follows:

### **1. APPLICATION**

This Circular and Circ. No.185 apply to the Hong Kong registered vessels assigned with multiple permanent load lines marks.

### **2. APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

As per the requirements of the Administration, a vessel carrying multiple load lines certificates shall also hold a letter of approval issued by the Administration. This letter and aforementioned HKMD Guidelines SD/S930/1(3) are to be kept on board along with the load lines certificates for the preparation against inspections of relevant parties. The application procedure of the letter is as follows: an application in written form is to be submitted to HKMD via the Department in charge of CCS Head Office provided that the shipowner is intended to apply for the issuance of multiple load lines certificates. The attached Fax Form should be used and filled with ship's particulars (Name, IMO No., HKMD Reg.No.,ect.) and Summer Freeboard/DWT Corresponding Table. Following documents are to be submitted at the same time (CCS Branch Offices are responsible for the documents collection and submission to the Head Office):

- 1) Hard/Electronic copy of cover page of approved stability booklet ;
- 2) Hard/Electronic copy of cover page of approved multiple freeboard calculation books.

### **3. CERTIFICATES ISSUANCE**

As per the HKMD requirements, when the multiple load lines certificates are issued, the others statutory certificates in connection with DWT/Freeboard changes are to be issued at the same time. The concerned statutory certificates include:

- 1) Applicable to all ships: 69 tonnage certificate ( CIT ) ( concerned parameters: moulded draught &

net tonnage);

- 2) Applicable to liquid cargo ships: Cargo Ship Construction Safety Certificate(CSC)、 Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate(CSE), COP/CMP certificate & Supplement B required by MARPOL Annex I、 CAS(concerned parameter: DWT).
- 3) Applicable to offshore supply vessels: Document of Compliance for Offshore Supply Vessels ( COS ) (concerned parameter: DWT).

The Head Office has completed the revision to SSMIS system. While multiple load lines certificates and other statutory certificates are issued simultaneously, except the statutory certificates corresponding to the minimum summer freeboard (the load lines certificate included), the related statutory certificates to be issued multiply should be identified by parenthesizing and adding the value of summer freeboard provided on multiple load lines certificates to the rear of the job number, for example (FBxxxx).

Attachments:

- 1) HKMD Application Fax Form, 1 page,
- 2) HKMD Circular SD/S930/1(3), 2 pages.

**Please contact Ship Business Operation Dept. of the Headquarters in case of any unclarity during the implementation of this Circular.**

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## **Subj.: Application for Approval of Issuance of Multiple Load Line Certificates**

The ship owner of following vessel is applying for issuance of multiple load lines certificates. According to the provisions of your good administration, we hereby submit the required information and documents for approval.

### **A. Ship Particulars**

|                     |  |                       |  |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Name of ship</b> |  | <b>IMO No.</b>        |  |
| <b>CCS No.</b>      |  | <b>Registered No.</b> |  |
| <b>Type of ship</b> |  | <b>Gross Tonnage</b>  |  |

### **B. Summer Freeboard/DWT Corresponding Table**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Summer freeboard (mm)</b> | <b>Deadweight (m/t)</b> |
|------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1          |                              |                         |
| 2          |                              |                         |
| 3          |                              |                         |
| 4          |                              |                         |
| 5          |                              |                         |

### **C. Attachments**

- 1) Hard/Electronic copy of cover page of approved stability booklet ;
- 2) Hard/Electronic copy of cover page of approved multiple freeboard calculation books.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact with the undersigned.

Best Regards,

**PIC:\_\_\_\_\_ (New Building Dept./Classed Ship in Service Dept.)**



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*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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