



REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

Marine Notice

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TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: Procedures for Obtaining Multiple Load Lines

References: (a) **LL Convention**, *International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 and Protocol of 1988, as amended in 2003*, Consolidated Edition, 2005
(b) **RMI [Maritime Regulations](#)** (MI-108)

PURPOSE

This Notice contains the procedures to obtain approval for a vessel to operate with more than one load line and conditions for their use on-board.

This Notice supersedes Rev. Aug/2021. The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) no longer requires vessels to obtain and carry an RMI Multiple Load Line Assignment Book in §2.0. No new requirements have been added.

APPLICABILITY

This Notice is for RMI-flagged vessels that, to meet charter commitments, need to operate or are operating with more than one freeboard assignment under applicable international conventions.

REQUIREMENTS

1.0 Procedure for Obtaining Multiple Load Lines

- 1.1 The Administrator permits more than one **load line freeboard** assignment. However, **only one** load line freeboard mark may be displayed at any time.
- 1.2 To obtain more than one load line, the shipowner or operator must request that the vessel’s Classification Society conduct the necessary plan review and perform the required survey.
- 1.3 On successfully completing the plan review and survey, the Classification Society will issue a **full-term** International Load Line Certificate (ILLC) corresponding to each freeboard assignment.

2.0 On-Board Procedures

- 2.1 The Master must ensure that the freeboard marks for the intended voyage are shown, and all others are obliterated before cargo loading begins.
- 2.2 The new marks must be verified by the Master who, when satisfied with the alterations and the vessel's condition, is to record the change in freeboard in the Deck Log Book indicating which certificate is in use.
- 2.3 The Master must ensure that the correct ILLC is used for the load line marked. All others must be placed in a sealed envelope in the Master's safe.
- 2.4 In cases where electronic certificates are issued by the Classification Society, the shipowner or operator must ensure that these are appropriately controlled through procedures in the Safety Management System. (see ISM Code, §11 and IMO Circular [FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2](#), §4.3).
- 2.5 ILLCs are the property of the Administrator. The sealed envelope containing them may only be opened by the Master according to the above instructions.
- 2.6 It is the Administrator's policy that only one set of International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) or International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) certificates may be issued displaying the maximum deadweight for the vessel.
 - .1 Where shipowners prefer certificates to display additional deadweights, the Classification Society is authorized to issue multiple certificates without further authorization from the Administrator.
 - .2 These multiple certificates must be controlled as provided in §2.2.3 when not in use.