

# Load Lines

## International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 and Protocol of 1988, as amended

Consolidated edition, 2005

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*The following amendments were adopted by resolution MSC.270(85) on 4 December 2008 and entered into force on 1 July 2010.*

#### **Annex B**

*Annexes to the Convention as modified by  
the Protocol of 1988 relating thereto*

#### **Annex I**

*Regulations for determining load lines*

#### **Chapter I**

*General*

#### **Regulation 1**

*Strength and intact stability of ships*

1 *The existing text of definition (3) is replaced by the following:*

*“(3) Compliance*

- (a) Ships constructed before 1 July 2010 shall comply with an intact stability standard acceptable to the Administration.*
- (b) Ships constructed on or after 1 July 2010 shall, as a minimum, comply with the requirements of part A of the 2008 IS Code.”*

#### **Regulation 3**

*Definitions of terms used in the annexes*

2 *The following new definition (16) is added after the existing definition (15):*

*“(16) 2008 IS Code means the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008, consisting of an introduction, part A (the*

provisions of which shall be treated as mandatory) and part B (the provisions of which shall be treated as recommendatory), as adopted by resolution MSC.267(85), provided that:

- .1 amendments to the introduction and part A of the Code are adopted, brought into force and take effect in accordance with the provisions of article VI of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol concerning the amendment procedure applicable to Annex B to the Protocol; and
- .2 amendments to part B of the Code are adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee in accordance with its Rules of Procedure.”

The following amendments were adopted by resolution MSC.375(93) on 22 May 2014 and entered into force on 1 January 2016.

## **Annex B**

*Annexes to the Convention as modified by  
the Protocol of 1988 relating thereto*

## **Annex I**

*Regulations for determining load lines*

## **Chapter I**

*General*

### **Regulation 3**

*Definitions of terms used in the annexes*

- 1 *The following new definitions are added after definition (16):*
  - (17)** *Audit* means a systematic, independent and documented process for obtaining audit evidence and evaluating it objectively to determine the extent to which audit criteria are fulfilled.
  - (18)** *Audit Scheme* means the IMO Member State Audit Scheme established by the Organization and taking into account the guidelines developed by the Organization.\*
  - (19)** *Code for Implementation* means the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code) adopted by the Organization by resolution A.1070(28).
  - (20)** *Audit Standard* means the Code for Implementation.

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\* Refer to the Framework and Procedures for the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (resolution A.1067(28))."

- 2 *A new annex IV is added after annex III, to read as follows:*

## **"Annex IV**

*Verification of compliance*

### **Regulation 53**

*Application*

Contracting Governments shall use the provisions of the Code for Implementation in the execution of their obligations and responsibilities contained in the present Convention.

## **Regulation 54**

### *Verification of compliance*

- (1) Every Contracting Government shall be subject to periodic audits by the Organization in accordance with the audit standard to verify compliance with and implementation of the present Convention.
- (2) The Secretary-General of the Organization shall have responsibility for administering the Audit Scheme, based on the guidelines developed by the Organization.\*
- (3) Every Contracting Government shall have responsibility for facilitating the conduct of the audit and implementation of a programme of actions to address the findings, based on the guidelines developed by the Organization.\*
- (4) Audit of all Contracting Governments shall be:
  - (a) based on an overall schedule developed by the Secretary-General of the Organization, taking into account the guidelines developed by the Organization;\* and
  - (b) conducted at periodic intervals, taking into account the guidelines developed by the Organization.\*

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\* Refer to the Framework and Procedures for the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (resolution A.1067(28))."