LOAD LINES CONVENTION, 1966
including revised unified interpretations

2021 Edition

Erratum and Corrigenda/Supplement
December 2023

Erratum and Corrigenda

Part 1
International Convention on Load Lines, 1966

Annex I
Regulations for determining load lines

Chapter III
Freeboards

Regulation 31
Correction for depth

1 On page 42, in the first sentence of the first paragraph, replace the text “increased by \((D - \frac{L}{15})\) mm” with “increased by \((D - \frac{L}{15})R\) (mm)”.

Annex II
Zones, areas and seasonal periods

2 On page 60, in the “Chart of Zones and Seasonal Areas”, and in accordance with Regulation 47 Southern Winter Seasonal Zone, in the geographical coordinates for the Tropic of Capricorn, replace the coordinate point at latitude 34° S, longitude 17° E with latitude 34° S, longitude 16° E; replace the coordinate point at latitude 35°10’ S, longitude 20° E with latitude 36° S, longitude 20° E; and replace the coordinate point at latitude 34° S, longitude 28° E with latitude 34° S, longitude 30° E. The Chart of Zones and Seasonal Areas is to read as follows:
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60° 0° 60° 120° 180° 120°

SEASONAL TROPICAL
1 Nov. – 15 July – Tropical
16 July – 31 Oct. – Summer

SUMMER ZONE
3°E 15°W
40°N 44°N
59°E 82°E
10°30’N

SEASONAL WINTER ZONE
16 Oct. – 15 Apr. – Winter
16 Apr. – 15 Oct. – Summer

TROPICAL ZONE
10°N 20°W
58°W 10°N
45°N

ARABIAN SEA
1 Sep. – 31 May – Tropical
1 June – 31 Aug. – Summer

BAY OF BENGAL
1 Dec. – 30 Apr. – Tropical
1 May – 30 Nov. – Summer

CHINA SEA
21 Jan. – 30 Apr. – Tropical
1 May – 20 Jan. – Summer

NOTE: Limitations for ships of 100 metres in length and under, for “corridor” alongside the western coast of USA, Baltic Sea, Black Sea, Gulf of Lion and Sea of Japan are not shown on the chart and can be seen in the text of the appropriate regulations of Annex II.

Chart of Zones and Seasonal Areas
Part 3

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

Annex II
Zones, areas and seasonal periods

On page 158, in the “Chart of Zones and Seasonal Areas”, and in accordance with Regulation 47 Southern Winter Seasonal Zone, in the geographical coordinates for the Tropic of Capricorn, replace the coordinate point at latitude 34° S, longitude 17° E with latitude 34° S, longitude 16° E; replace the coordinate point at latitude 35°10’ S, longitude 20° E with latitude 36° S, longitude 20° E; and replace the coordinate point at latitude 34° S, longitude 28° E with latitude 34° S, longitude 30° E. The Chart of Zones and Seasonal Areas is to read as follows:
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SEASONAL TROPICAL AREA

1 Apr. – 31 Oct. – Tropical
1 Nov. – 31 Mar. – Summer

SEASONAL TROPICAL AREA

1 Mar. – 30 June – Tropical
1 July – 31 Oct. – Summer

NOTE: Limitations for ships of 100 metres in length and under, for "corridor" alongside the eastern coast of USA, Baltic Sea, Black Sea, Gulf of Lion and Sea of Japan are not shown on the chart and can be seen in the text of the appropriate regulations of Annex II.

Chart of Zones and Seasonal Areas
Supplement

At its one hundred fourth session, the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) adopted, by resolution MSC.491(104), amendments to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention of 1966 on the Load lines (1988 Load Line Protocol) the text of which appears below. These amendments come into force on 1 January 2024.

Part 3

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

Annex I
Regulations for determining load lines

Chapter II
Conditions of assignment of freeboard

Regulation 22
Scuppers, inlets and discharges

1 The text for Regulation 22(1)(g) is replaced with the following:

“Table 22.1 provides the acceptable arrangements of scuppers and discharges.”
Chapter III
Freeboards

Regulation 27
Types of ships

2 The text for Regulation 27(13)(a) is replaced with the following:

“(13) The condition of equilibrium after flooding shall be regarded as satisfactory provided:

(a) The final waterline after flooding, taking into account sinkage, heel and trim, is below the lower edge of any opening through which progressive downflooding may take place. Such openings shall include air pipes, ventilators (even if they comply with regulation 19(4)) and openings which are closed by means of weathertight doors (even if they comply with regulation 12) or hatch covers (even if they comply with regulation 16(1) through (5)), and may exclude those openings closed by means of manhole covers and flush scuttles (which comply with regulation 18), cargo hatch covers of the type described in regulation 27(2), remotely operated sliding watertight doors, hinged watertight access doors with open/closed indication locally and at the navigation bridge, of the quick-acting or single-action type that are normally closed at sea, hinged watertight doors that are permanently closed at sea, and sidescuttles of the non-opening type (which comply with regulation 23). In the case of doors separating a main machinery space from a steering gear compartment, watertight doors may be of a hinged, quick-acting type kept closed at sea whilst not in use, provided also that the lower sill of such doors is above the summer load waterline.”