STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1967 No. 173

MERCHANT SHIPPING

SAFETY

The Load Line (Amendment) Rules 1967

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The Board of Trade in exercise of their powers under section 42 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act 1932(**a**) and section 2 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1965(**b**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Rules :—

1. The Load Line Rules 1959(**c**), as amended(**d**), shall be further amended as follows :—

(1) The following shall be added as Part XII thereof :—

"PART XII

GREATER THAN MINIMUM FREEBOARDS

Assignment of greater than minimum freeboards on application by owners

114. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of these Rules :—

(*a*) an application made to an Assigning Authority pursuant to Rule 3 may contain a request by or on behalf of the owner of the ship that the load lines to be marked on the ship be so marked in a position lower than that indicating the several maximum depths to which the ship can be safely loaded in the various circumstances prescribed by the Rules ;

(*b*) in any such case the Assigning Authority, if satisfied on receipt of the Surveyor's report made pursuant to Rule 4(3) that the ship complies with the appropriate provisions of the Rules to the extent required in her case, shall assign to the ship freeboards exceeding by such amounts as the Assigning Authority may approve those which, in the absence of any such request, would have been assigned to the ship in accordance with the foregoing provisions of the Rules."

(2) The following shall be added at the end of the First Schedule :—

"TONNAGE

For the purposes of this Schedule, 'tons' means tons gross tonnage, and the gross tonnage of a ship having alternative gross tonnages shall be taken to be the larger of those tonnages".

(**a**) 1932 c. 9. (**b**) 1965 c. 47. (**c**) S.I. 1959/2238 (1959 I, p. 1699).
(**d**) S.I. 1961/599, 1920, 1964/753, 1965/1575 (1961 I, p. 1318; III, p. 3577; 1964 II, p. 1502; 1965 II, p. 4588).

2. These Rules may be cited as the Load Line (Amendment) Rules 1967 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1967.

B. E. Bellamy,
An Under Secretary
of the Board of Trade.

10th February 1967.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Load Line Rules 1959, as amended.

They enable a ship to which those Rules apply to be assigned, on application by its owner, freeboards greater than those which would in the absence of any such application fall to be assigned, with the result that the position of its load lines will be lower than would otherwise be the case. The loading capacity of such a ship will be reduced in consequence but the ship may be entitled to the benefit of provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations 1967 (S.I. 1967/172) by virtue of which the tonnage of a ship may be reduced.

They also amend the First Schedule to the Rules, which prescribes fees, to take account of ships which have alternative tonnages by providing that the fees are to be calculated according to the larger of those tonnages.