STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 641

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Load Line) (Amendment) Rules 1980

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The Secretary of State in exercise of powers conferred by section 2(1), (4) and (5) of the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Act 1967(**a**) and now vested in him(**b**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) (Amendment) Rules 1980 and shall come into operation on 9th June 1980.

(2) The Merchant Shipping (Load Line) (Amendment) Rules 1975(**c**) are hereby revoked.

2. In the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules 1968(**d**), for paragraph (5) of Rule 30 (information as to stability of ships) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(5) The information, and any fresh information to replace the same pursuant to paragraph (3) of this Rule, shall before issue to the master:—

(*a*) if it relates to a ship which is—

(i) an oil tanker over 100 metres in length;

(ii) a bulk carrier, or an ore carrier, over 150 metres in length;

(iii) a single deck bulk carrier over 100 metres but not exceeding 150 metres in length;

(iv) a single deck dry cargo ship over 100 metres in length; or

(v) a purpose built container ship over 125 metres in length;

be submitted in duplicate by or on behalf of the owner of the ship either to the Secretary of State or to the Assigning Authority which assigned freeboards to the ship for approval; or

(*b*) if it relates to any other ship, be submitted in duplicate by or on behalf of the owner of the ship to the Secretary of State for approval.

(**a**) 1967 c. 27. (**b**) S.I. 1970/1537. (**c**) S.I. 1975/595.
(**d**) S.I. 1968/1053; the only relevant amendment instrument is S.I. 1975/595.

The information shall incorporate such additions and amendments as the Secretary of State or the Assigning Authority to which it is submitted, as the case may be, may in any particular case specify for the purpose of ensuring that the information complies with the provisions of this Rule.".

Norman Tebbit,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary
of State,
Department of Trade.

7th May 1980.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend Rule 30(5) of the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules 1968, as substituted by Rule 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) (Amendment) Rules 1975. The bodies who may approve stability information for the purpose of Rule 30 in the case of certain ships over 100 metres in length are extended to include any Assigning Authority—as defined in Rule 2(1) of the 1968 Rules—which has assigned freeboards to the ship, as well as the Secretary of State. In all other cases, only the Secretary of State may approve this information.

The 1975 Rules, which are superseded by these Rules, are revoked.