(11) The covering of kapok lifejackets shall be of preshrunk cotton material, the weight of which in loomstate per lineal yard shall be not less than 6 ounces for a width of 27 inches and in proportion for other widths. The material shall be laundered and shall be free from admixture of sizing or other foreign matter. The threads per inch in loomstate shall be warp 44 two-fold threads and weft 34 two-fold threads."

(5) Paragraphs (10) and (11) shall be renumbered as paragraphs (12) and (13) respectively.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Rules amend the 11th Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules, 1958 (which specifies the requirements for lifejackets carried in ships).

The principal changes are :—

(1) It is provided that buoyant material other than kapok shall not be used if its buoyancy would be adversely affected if it was contaminated with oil ;

(2) a buoyancy test is provided for lifejackets of which the buoyancy is provided by buoyant material other than cork or kapok ;

(3) provision is made as to the covering of lifejackets whose buoyancy is provided by buoyant material other than cork or kapok ;

(4) provision is made for the kapok in kapok lifejackets to be contained in envelopes made from polyvinylchloride sheeting, and requirements for such sheeting are specified ;

(5) provision is made for kapok lifejackets to be covered with laundered and preshrunk cotton material.

1959 No. 1043

The Merchant Shipping (Load Line Convention) (Kuwait) Order, 1959

Made - - - -	15*th June*, 1959
Laid before Parliament	19*th June*, 1959
Coming into Operation	23*rd June*, 1959

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of June, 1959

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by section 65 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932(a), it is enacted that Her Majesty, if satisfied that the Government of any country has acceded to the Load Line Convention, may, by Order in Council, make a declaration to that effect :

And Whereas Her Majesty is satisfied that the Government of Kuwait has acceded to the Load Line Convention :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the powers vested in Her by the aforesaid section and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is

(a) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 9.

pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and doth hereby order, as follows:—

1. It is hereby declared that the Government of Kuwait has acceded to the Load Line Convention.

2. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Load Line Convention) (Kuwait) Order, 1959, and shall come into operation upon the date of its publication in the London Gazette.

W. G. Agnew.

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The Load Line Rules, 1959

Made - - - - 18*th December*, 1959
Coming into Operation 1*st February*, 1960

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under Sections 42, 47, 48, 63 and 68 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Rules:—

Part I

INTERPRETATION, REVOCATION AND SAVINGS

1.—(1) These Rules shall come into operation on the first day of February, 1960, and may be cited as the Load Line Rules, 1959.

(2) In these Rules unless the context otherwise requires the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"The Act" means the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932.

(a) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 9.