

Circular 264/2022

To: Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, and other interested parties.

Subject: Multiple Load Line assignment on Cook Islands-flagged vessels.

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Summary

Maritime Cook Islands (MCI) would like to inform all interested parties that authorized Recognized Organizations (ROs) are allowed to assign multiple load lines to Cook Islands-flagged vessels, at the conditions specified below:

1. Compliance with applicable rules and safety standards must be maintained regardless of the deadweight in use.
2. Only one set of load line marks and corresponding certificate shall be in use.
3. The attending Surveyor of the Recognized Organization issuing the Load Line Certificates must verify that the Load Line marks corresponding to the assigned freeboard are welded to the side shell, while the Load Line marks corresponding to the additional certificate/s are cut or punched into the side shell;
4. Upon Owner's request for change of freeboard, a Surveyor of the Recognized Organization must supervise/verify, also remotely according to the RO procedure, that the unassociated marks are painted out and that the new marks are painted in, and that certificate/s pertaining to the unused marks are placed in a sealed envelope and left in the custody of the Master.
5. The Master is to make an entry in the ship's official logbook and deck log book on every occasion that the load lines are changed.
6. Procedure for change in load-line shall be included in the vessel's safety management system.
7. The vessel shall be surveyed in compliance with statutory requirements applicable to the maximum deadweight value corresponding to the assigned freeboard during statutory surveys. Upon completion of the surveys, all Load Line certificates shall be endorsed.

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