

Regulations for Implementing the International Convention on Load Lines of 1966 and its Protocol of 1988 for the year (2014)

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Article (1)

These Regulations shall be named (Regulations for Implementing the International Convention on Load Lines of 1966 and its Protocol of 1988 for the year (2014)) and shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

Definitions

Article (2)

The following words and terms wherever mentioned in these Regulations shall have the meanings assigned thereto hereunder unless the context expressly provides otherwise:

The Commission:	Jordan Maritime Commission
The Organization:	The International Maritime Organization.
The Administration:	Maritime administration in the government of the Flag State
The Convention:	The International Convention on Load Lines of 1966
The Certificate:	The International Certificate of International Load Lines issued under the provisions of the Convention
Regulations:	Regulations attached to the Convention
The International Voyage:	A cruise from a country to which the Convention applies to a port outside this country or vice versa. Each territory is responsible for its international relations or for which the United Nations assumes the administrative authority of a separate country.
The New Ship:	KEEL or a similar stage of construction on the date of entry into force of the Convention or after such date for

each Contracting State.

The Existing Ship: A ship that is not considered a new one.

Fishing vessel: A vessel used for fishing of fishes, whales, seals, sea horses or other living marine resources.

Length: Equivalent to 96 percent of the total length of the water line at 85 percent of the minimum formed depth of the top of the Keel, or the distance between the front side of the bow of the ship and the rudder axis on the water line mentioned if this distance is greater. In the ships designed with an inclination in the Keel, it is necessary that the water line on which this length is measured be parallel to the design water line.

Article (3)

- 1- These Regulations shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of the Convention to the following ships:
 - a. ships registered in a country Party to the Convention;
 - b. ships registered in territories to which the provisions of the Convention are applied in accordance with Article 32 of the Convention.
 - c. Unregistered ships flying the flag of a State Party to the Convention.
- 2- Ships engaged in international voyages.
- 3- New ships.
- 4- Existing ships that do not meet the requirements of the provisions of Annex 1 of the Convention or any part thereof and meet the minimum relevant requirements that the Administration applied to ships engaged in international voyages prior to the entry into force of the Convention.
- 5- The Regulations stipulated in Annex 2 of the Convention shall apply to existing and new ships to which the Convention applies.

General Obligations

Article (4)

The Commission shall implement the provisions of the Convention and its annexes which form an integral part thereof and any reference to the Convention shall be considered a reference to its annexes.

Existing Certificates

Article (5)

The Commission as a Party to the Protocol is not entitled to issue certificates in accordance with the provisions of the 1966 International Convention on Load Lines, as adopted on 5 April 1966.

Exemptions

Article (6)

The Commission may grant exemptions under Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Article 6 of the Convention, provided that the details and reasons for such exemptions shall be communicated to the Organization for circulation to the Governments Parties to the Convention to review them.

Alternatives

Article (7)

The Commission may permit preparations, materials, equipment, tools or measures other than those required by the Convention, provided that the Organization shall be informed of the details thereof, with a report on any experiments conducted for circulation to the Governments Parties to the Convention.

Approvals for experimental purposes

Article (8)

The Commission may grant such approvals and notify the Organization about the details for circulation to the Governments Parties to the Convention.

Inspection, search and load signs

Article (9)

The Commission's staff shall carry out inspections and search of ships as well as the identification of load signs in respect of the implementation of the provisions of this Convention and grant the exemptions thereto, and the Commission may assign such operations to inspection experts designated for this purpose or to recognized bodies. In any case, the Commission shall ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of inspections, search and load signs operations.

Preliminary and periodic Previews and inspections

Article (10)

1. The ship shall be subject to specific inspections and preview as follows:
 - a. Pre-entry Preview into service inspection that includes a complete Preview of the structure and equipment of the ship in accordance with the requirements of the Convention. This shall be carried out in such a manner as to ensure that the structure, equipment, preparations and dimensions are fully complied with the requirements of the Convention.
 - b. Periodic Preview at intervals determined by the Commission that shall not exceed five years. It shall be carried out in such a manner as to ensure that the structure, equipment, preparations and body panels are fully complied with the requirements of the Convention.
 - c. A periodic inspection shall be carried out within three months before or after the expiration of each annual certificate date, in order to verify that no changes have been made to the upper body or structures that may affect the calculations that determine the status of the loading line and ensure that the following arrangements and equipment are effectively maintained:
 - Vents protectors.
 - Railing rods (handrails)
 - Outlets.
 - Access to crew accommodation areas.
2. The periodic inspections referred to in paragraph 1 (c) of this Article shall be certified by the certificate of the Convention or the international exemption certificate granted to a ship exempted under Article 6/2 of the Convention.
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Certification

Article (11)

Certificates shall be granted by the Commission or by the competent authorities. In any case, the Commission shall bear full responsibility for issuing the certificate.

Duration of certificates

Article (12)

1. International certificates of loading lines (1966) shall be granted for a period to be determined by the Commission, provided that they shall not exceed five years from the date of issue.
2. If, after the periodic inspection referred to in paragraph 1 (b) of Article 14 of the Convention, a new certificate for the ship is not granted before the original certificate expires, the bodies authorized by the Administration may extend the validity of the original certificate for a period not exceeding five months. This extension should be approved and limited to cases where no changes have been made to the structure, equipment, preparations, materials or body panels that would affect the ship.
3. The Commission shall revoke the International Certificate of Load Lines (1966) in the following cases:
 - a. Physical changes occur in the hull of the ship or its upper structures, which necessitates the designation of a larger submersible.
 - b. Lack of effective maintenance of the installations and equipment mentioned in article 14, paragraph 1 (c), of the Convention.
 - c. Failure to certify in the certificate that the ship has been inspected in accordance with article 14, paragraph 1 (c), of the Convention.
 - d. The structural strength of the ship is so weak that it becomes unsafe.
4. A. The duration of the international exemption certificate for the loading lines granted by the Commission for a ship exempted under paragraph (2) of Article 6 of the Convention shall not exceed five years from the date of issue. Such certificate shall be subject to renewal, ratification and revocation procedures similar to those provided for in this Article in respect of the International Certificate of Load Lines (1966).
B. The duration of the international exemption for the loading lines granted to a ship exempted under Article 6, paragraph (4), of the Convention shall be limited to the voyage designated and issued for it.

5. The certificate issued by the Commission for a ship shall lose its validity immediately upon the transfer of such ship to the flag of another State.

Accidents

Article (13)

The Commission may investigate any incidents involving ships it is responsible for and subject to the provisions of the Convention when it deems that such an investigation may help identify possible changes to the Convention.

1. The Commission shall provide the Organization with the relevant information concerning the results of such investigations, provided that the reports or recommendations of the organization based on such information do not reveal the identity or nationality of the ships concerned or assume responsibility in any way for a ship or a person or even hint to it.

Ship hull resistance

Article (14)

The Commission shall ensure that the general structural resistance of the ship is sufficient for the submersible designated for the ship. Ships constructed and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Classification Association recognized by the Commission may be deemed to be sufficiently robust.

Durability and proper balance of the ship

Article (15)

1. The Commission shall verify that the durability of the ship's general structure is sufficient for the submersible and proportional to the ship's float.
2. The ship may be considered designed, built and maintained in accordance with the appropriate requirements of a Classification Association accredited by the Commission or in accordance with the national standards applied by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 1.2 and that it meets an acceptable level of

durability. The provisions above apply to all structures, equipment and preparations covered by this facility which have not been established with explicit standards relating to durability and construction.

3. The ships shall meet a standard of proper balance acceptable to the Commission.

Load Signs

Article (16)

1. Load signs for mechanically propelled ships, barges, sandals, or vessels non-equipped with propulsion means shall be marked in accordance with the provisions of Regulations (1-40) of Annex I of the Convention.
2. Load signs for ships loaded with timber shall be put on the surface for the transport of timber in accordance with the provisions of Annex I of the Convention, in addition to the additional buoyancy strength referred to in paragraph (1) of this Regulation.
3. Load signs are placed for ships designed to carry sails whether these sails are the only propulsion means or a complementary one, and for towing boats in accordance with the provisions of Regulations (1-40) in Annex I to the Convention, and additional loading signs may be required in accordance with the decision of the Commission.

Delegation of Accredited Classification Associations

Article (17)

The bodies referred to in Article 13 of the Convention and in Regulation 1 (2), including Classification Association, shall comply with the guidelines adopted by the Organization under resolution A.739(18) and the specifications adopted by the Organization under resolution A.739(19), provided that such amendments have been adopted and entered into force, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of the Protocol.

Details of the loading signs

Article (18)

The ring, lines and characters shall be painted in white or yellow on a dark background or in black on a light background and shall be fixed permanently on the sides of the ship in a manner agreed upon by the Commission. The signs shall be clearly visible and appropriate arrangements shall be made to achieve this, if necessary.

Article (19)

- a) The Port State Control Officers accredited by the Commission shall ensure that the ship complies with the requirements of this Convention through the existence of an international certificate of loading lines valid and in conformity with the actual specifications of the ship. This procedure shall be limited by the Port State Control Officer in the Commission for the following purposes:
 - 1. The ship is not loaded with more than the load specified in the certificate.
 - 2. The signs of the loading lines on the side of the ship are compatible with the certificate.
 - 3. The ship is allowed to sail without any danger to life because of the load.
- b) If the ship has a certificate of exemption from the valid loading line requirement, the inspection procedures shall be limited to the purposes of ensuring that the vessel cannot sail before making sure that it does not pose any danger to passengers or crew members. If it becomes clear to the port control officer in the Commission that there are things that violate the Convention and require the ship to be prevented from sailing, then he shall immediately inform the Consul or diplomatic representative of the ship's flag State in writing about all the circumstances surrounding the case and the justifications for the decision to prevent the ship from sailing.

Information to be provided to the master

Article (20)

- 1. Sufficient information, in an approved form, to enable it to arrange the loading and balancing of the ship to avoid the creation of any

unacceptable stresses in the structure of the ship. However, there is no need to apply this requirement to any length, design or model of certain ships that the Administration believes should not be applied to them.

2. Sufficient information for the ship's master updated with an approved model to guide him on the balance of the ship in the changing conditions of the service and provide the Administration with copies of this.

Force majeure cases

Article (21)

The ship's deviation or delay resulting from force majeure such as the weather conditions should be taken into consideration while applying the Convention.

Certification

Article (22)

1. The Commission may, at the request of a Government Party to the Convention, endeavor to subject any ship to inspection and grant it or authorize it to be granted the certificate, if it is satisfied that it is complying with the provisions of the Convention.
2. The Commission shall promptly provide the Government referred to in the preceding paragraph of this article with the following:
 - a. A copy of the certificate.
 - b. A copy of the inspection report used in calculating buoyancy.
 - c. A copy of the calculations of the loading lines.
3. The certificate issued under paragraph (1) of this Article shall contain the following data:
 - a) A proof that it was issued at the request of the Flag State Government or the future Flag State Government.
 - b) A proof that it enjoys the same legal power as a certificate issued by the Commission for a Jordanian ship and that it enjoys the same degree of recognition.

4. The certificate may not be granted to any ship flying the flag of a State not party to the Convention.

Certificates Acceptance

Article (23)

Any certificate issued by a Government Party to the Convention shall be accepted by the Commission and shall be considered to have the same competence as the certificate issued by the Commission.

Special rules stipulated in the Convention

Article (24)

The Commission shall, upon the conclusion of an agreement between it and all or some of the Parties of the Convention, including special rules, send a copy of this Agreement to the Organization for distribution to the Parties of the Convention

Transmission of Information

Article (25)

The Commission shall send to the Organization:

- 1- Sufficient numbers of its certificates issued under the provisions of the Convention for circulation to the States Parties to the Convention.
- 2- Texts of laws, regulations, instructions and resolutions relevant to matters under the framework of the application of the Convention.
- 3- A list of non-governmental entities authorized to act on behalf of the Commission in matters relating to the management of loads for circulation to the Parties of the Convention.

Article (26)

The Commission shall provide the resistance criteria adopted by any Government Party to the Convention upon request.

Article (27)

The provisions of the Convention shall apply to all matters not expressly provided for in these Regulations.