

CIRCULAR

Correct entries on the International Load Line Certificate

This is a reminder to all DBS Surveyors on how a ship is assigned with the freeboard marks.

Definition

As per Article 2 of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 the definition of new and existing ship is as follow:

- *New ship* means a ship the keel of which is laid, or which is at a similar stage of construction, on or after the date of coming into force of the Convention for each Contracting Government.
- *Existing ship* means a ship which is not a new ship.

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Date of Signatory of each Contracting Government authorizing DBS

Taking the above definition into consideration, if a ship is built *before* the flag the ship is flying signed the Convention is considered as *existing ship* and as such should be indicated on the International Load Line Certificate.

On the other hand, if the ship is built *after* the flag the ship is flying signed the Convention then, is considered as a *new ship* under the International Load Line Convention.

The table below shows the flag Administrations authorizing DBS and the date of signatory of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 as amended.

Flag	Date of signature or deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force or succession
Belize	02 April 1991	02 July 1991
Sierra Leone	13 August 1933	13 November 1993
Togo	19 July 1989	19 October 1989
Tanzania	28 February 1989	28 May 1989
Moldova	11 October 2005	11 January 2006
Panama	13 May 1966	21 July 1968

Act now

DBS Surveyors should take the above into consideration when the International Load Line Certificate is issued on behalf of Contracting Governments. If a discrepancy has been found to an existing International Load Line Certificate during the forthcoming Load Line survey (irrespective of scope) attending surveyors should inform DBS Head Office for the re-issuance of this statutory certificate.

For Surveyor's use only:

I confirm that I have received, read & understood this Circular C13024

Name: _____

ID No: _____

Signature: _____

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