



Antigua and Barbuda Maritime Administration

Information Notice
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SUBJECT: Dual Load Lines Policy /Change of Load Lines /Attendance of Class Surveyor

REFERENCE:

- a) *Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act 2006, as amended*
- b) *Agreement covering delegation of Statutory Services.*
- c) *International Load Line Convention 1966 (LLC)*

TO: Ship-owners, operators, masters and officers of Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships, and recognized organizations

1. INTRODUCTION

This Information Notice draws attention to the requirements of the Administration regarding the Change of Load Lines on Vessels under Dual Load Line Certification

2. SUBJECT

1. Requirements of the Administration regarding the change of Load Lines on vessels under Dual Load Line Certification:
 1. Whenever a change of load line is intended, permission shall be sought by the vessel's Management from the respective Recognized Organization. The Recognized Organization will grant permission in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations, and, if required, will seek confirmation by the Administration.
 2. Once permission is granted, the vessel's Master is responsible for taking the necessary action in respect of correctly labelling and painting all the corresponding load line marks, and officially documenting the process accordingly in the logbook, with substantive evidence (e.g., photographs) recorded and attached directly or e.g., in a separate file referred to.
 3. The documentation must then be provided to the Recognized Organization, who will issue the corresponding Load Line Certificate accordingly and withdraw or suspend the non-applicable one.
 4. The above process may be conducted with and in the presence of a Class Surveyor attending the vessel, however this is left at the discretion of the Recognized Organization, as it may be performed also by other means, e.g., via (electronic) correspondence, if so established. This Administration does not explicitly require the attendance of a Class Surveyor.

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