

LOAD LINE RULES

FOR SEA-GOING SHIPS

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The present Rule Change Notice to the Load Line Rules for Sea-Going Ships (hereinafter — RCN) has been approved in accordance with the established approval procedure and contains information on amendments and additions, except for editorial amendments. RCN amendments come into force on 1 July 2024.

REVISION HISTORY

Item	Applicability	Description	Remarks
Para 4.1.4	Non-self-propelled ships Minimum freeboard	Requirements have been determined for unmanned barges that are intended for towing, and for barges intended for operation for the purpose of performing technological operations at the berth, in closed waters and ports, where onshore personnel ensuring the operation of technological equipment are located only during working shifts	

4 ASSIGNMENT OF MINIMUM FREEBOARDS VALUES

4.1 TYPES OF SHIPS AND TABULAR FREEBOARD

Para 4.1.4 is amended as follows:

"4.1.4 Non-self-propelled ships.

A lighter, barge or other non-self-propelled ships shall be assigned a freeboard in accordance with the provisions of these Rules. However, in the case of ~~which are unmanned-towed unmanned barges~~ the requirements of 3.3, 3.4.2 and 4.4.8 shall not apply. In the case of operating barges to perform technological operations at the berth, in closed waters and ports, where onshore personnel ensuring the operation of technological equipment are present only during the work shift, the requirements of 4.4.8 shall not apply.

Such ~~unmanned-barges~~ and which have on the freeboard deck only small access (not over 1,5 m²) openings closed by watertight gasketed covers of steel or other equivalent material may be assigned freeboards 25 % less than those calculated in accordance with these Rules. In this case, for the barges carrying the deck cargo, the above reduction is allowed only for the freeboard calculated as for ordinary type B ship.

Access plates, if provided by the design, shall be so designed that they have structural strength, integrity and watertightness equivalent to the deck plating. They shall be secured to the deck by closely spaced bolts."

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