

# LOAD LINE RULES

## FOR SEA-GOING SHIPS

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The present Rule Change Notice to Load Line Rules for Sea-Going Ship (hereinafter — RCN) has been approved in accordance with the established approval procedure and contains information on amendments, except for editorial amendments. RCN amendments come in force on 1 July 2025.

**REVISION HISTORY**

Item	Applicability	Description	Remarks
<a href="#">Para 4.1.3.10</a> (new)	Ships of restricted area of navigation <b>R3</b> Minimum freeboard	Instructions for the minimum freeboard calculation have been introduced	
<a href="#">Para 4.1.4</a>	Non-self-propelled ships Minimum freeboard	Provision has been introduced on the non-applicability of the requirement for the minimum freeboard height at the bow for the towed unmanned pontoons	
<a href="#">Para 7.4.3.11</a>	Non-self-propelled ships less than 24 m in length Minimum freeboard	Provision has been introduced on the non-applicability of the requirement for the minimum freeboard height at the bow for the towed unmanned barges and pontoons	

## 4 ASSIGNMENT OF MINIMUM FREEBOARDS VALUES

### 4.1 TYPES OF SHIPS AND TABULAR FREEBOARD

**New Para 4.1.3.10** is introduced reading as follows:

"**4.1.3.10** The minimum freeboard of ships of restricted area of navigation **R3** shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of this Section (except for 4.4.2, 4.4.8.1, 4.4.8.4 and 4.4.8.8)."

**Para 4.1.4.** The **second paragraph** is amended as follows:

"However, in the case of towed unmanned barges or pontoons the requirements of 3.3, 3.4.2 and 4.4.8 shall not apply. In the case of operating barges or pontoons 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."

## 7 LOAD LINES OF SHIPS OF LESS THAN 24 M IN LENGTH

### 7.4 ASSIGNMENT OF MINIMUM FREEBOARDS

**New para 7.4.3.11** is introduced reading as follows:

"**7.4.3.11** In the case of towed unmanned barges or pontoons the requirements of 3.3, 3.4.2, 7.4.3.6 and 7.4.3.7 shall not apply. In the case of operating barges or pontoons 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 7.4.3.6 and 7.4.3.7 shall not apply."

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