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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF TONNAGE MEASUREMENT OF SHIPS, 1969

Unified application of the 1969 Tonnage Convention
to open-top container ships

1 An open-top container ship, for the purpose of application of the 1969 Tonnage Convention, means a ship which is designed for the carriage of containers and is constructed like an open "U", with a double bottom and above this high-sided erections without hatch covers on the upper deck and without a complete deck above the moulded draught (Fig.1), and needs to be regarded as a ship of a novel type as referred to in regulation 1(3).

2 The provisions of the regulations of the 1969 Tonnage Convention should be applied to open-top container ships subject to the following unified interpretations.

2.1 Upper Deck-regulation 2(1)

In a ship which is exempted by the Administration from the requirements to fit weathertight hatch covers on the uppermost deck exposed to weather and sea, as in an open-top container ship, the upper deck should be taken as that deck which would have been determined by regulation 2(1) as if such hatch covers had been fitted.

2.2 Enclosed Spaces-regulation 2(4)

In open-top container ships, an opening in a deck such as the absence of hatch covers should not preclude a space from being included in the enclosed space.

Fig. 1

