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DEFINITION OF LARGE-SCALE MODIFICATION

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Paragraph 7(3) of TM/CONF/C.2/WP.12 provides that if for any reason the summer load line is moved in such a manner as to decrease correspondingly the net tonnage based on displacement, the net tonnage is not to be decreased until one year from the issue of the certificate. It is further provided that this delay shall not be imposed if, amongst other things, the ship has undergone a large-scale modification.

This raises the problem of defining "large-scale modification". In the context of Article 3, the suggestion has been made by France that this should be related to changes in the main dimensions of the ship, but this does not cater for very large alterations which could be made to the erections of the ship on and above the upper deck which could greatly affect the gross tonnage and possibly the position of the load line.

It appears to the United Kingdom that the most practicable way of defining large-scale modifications in the context of TM/CONF/C.2/WP.12, paragraph 7(3), is not to relate it to changes affecting draft but to a specified degree of change in gross tonnage and it is accordingly suggested that the last sentence of paragraph 7(3) should read as follows:

TM/CONF/C.2/WP.17

"This delay of one year shall not be imposed, however, if the flag or owner of the ship is changed or if the ship has undergone alterations or modifications which cause at least a 10 per cent variation in its gross tonnage."