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CHANGE IN NET TONNAGE

Note by the Secretariat

The following draft is submitted to the Committee for consideration and transmission to the General Committee.

1. The Technical Committee considered a regulation in relation to the change of closed to open shelter-deck condition, and agreed in substance the following text:

"Regulation 5

Change of Net Tonnage

- (1) When the assigned load line or the permitted draught of a ship referred to in Regulation 4(3) is altered which results in an increase in its net tonnage as determined in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 4, the net tonnage of the ship corresponding to the new load line shall be determined and shall be applied forthwith.
- (2) A ship to which load lines referred to in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of Regulation 4, are concurrently assigned shall be given only one net tonnage as determined in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 4 and that tonnage shall be the tonnage applicable to the appropriate assigned load line for the trade in which the ship is engaged.

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- (3) When the assigned load line of a ship or the permitted draught referred to in Regulation 4(3) is altered or when the appropriate assigned load line referred to in paragraph (2) of this Regulation is altered due to the change of the trade in which the ship is engaged, and where such alteration results in a decrease in its net tonnage as determined in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 4, the reduced net tonnage of the ship corresponding to the new load line shall not be applicable for the purposes of this Convention before twelve months have elapsed from the date on which the current International Tonnage Certificate (1969) was issued; provided that this requirement shall not apply:
- (i) if the ship is transferred to the flag of another State, or
 - (ii) if a real change in the ownership of the ship takes place, or
 - (iii) if the ship undergoes alterations or modifications which are deemed by the Administration to be of a major character, such as removal of a superstructure which requires an alteration of the assigned load line."

Note: The Regulations mentioned above are those referred to in TM/CONF/C.2/WP.22.

2. The General Committee is invited:

- (a) to comment on the text of Regulation 5 shown above;
 - (b) to examine whether whole or part of this Regulation should be transferred to the Articles of the Convention; and
 - (c) if such a provision is partly transferred to the Articles of the Convention, to provide the text to be included in the Articles, so that the Technical Committee can prepare a text to be included in the Regulations.
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