



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° ILL 001

Multiple Load Line Certificates

**TO: SHIPOWNERS & SHIPS' OPERATORS & MANAGERS
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES**

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This Administration accepts the provision of two Load Line Certificates for different deadweight values. Such vessels are dealt with on a case by case basis. The authorisation for the issuance of such certificates may only be granted by the Flag Administration.

The following procedures must be followed when more than one Load Line Certificate is issued:

1. The Load Line marks for the deepest draft to be welded to the side shell and verified by the attending surveyor.
2. The secondary marks to be cut or punched into the side shell.
3. At the time of the annual surveys, regardless of the deadweight value applicable at the time, the vessel should be surveyed for compliance with the most severe statutory requirements applicable to the greatest deadweight value and all certificates should be endorsed by the attending surveyor.
4. When sailing under reduced deadweight condition no reduction/deviation from nominal safety standards is permitted.
5. The set of certificates which are not associated with the Load Line in use are to be placed in a sealed envelope and placed in Master's custody.
6. Upon owners' request for change of freeboard, an exclusive surveyor from the Classification Society will check that the un-associated marks are painted out and the new marks are painted in. The certificates pertaining to the old marks shall be placed in a sealed envelope by the Classification Society surveyor and left in Master's custody.
7. The Master shall make an official entry in the ship's log on every occasion when Load Line marks are changed.