



ST KITTS & NEVIS INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY

MARITIME CIRCULAR – MC 118 22

PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING MULTIPLE LOAD LINE ASSIGNMENTS

1. **Purpose**

- 1.1. The purpose of this Maritime Circular is to provide information on the procedures to obtain approval for a vessel to operate with more than 1 (one) load line(s).

2. **Introduction**

- 2.1. Vessels registered with the St. Kitts & Nevis Flag are permitted more than one (1) load line freeboard assignment. However, only one (1) load line freeboard mark may be displayed at any time.

3. **Application**

- 3.1. This Marine Circular applies to all vessels registered with SKAN and need more than 1 (one) freeboard assignment under applicable international conventions to meet charter commitments

4. **Recommendations**

- 4.1. The maximum number of load lines that may be assigned to a vessel is 5 (five).
- 4.2. To obtain approval for more than one (1) load line, an owner/manager must make a request to the Recognized Organization. The Recognized Organization will advise the St. Kitts & Nevis Flag and provide the information of the request.
- 4.3. The information will be reviewed and the Recognized Organization will be authorized to proceed to carry out the necessary geometric, strength and stability calculations and perform the required surveys.
- 4.4. The Recognized Organization shall then issue Certificates for each load line freeboard assignment and forward to the St. Kitts & Nevis Flag a copy of each provisional and full term ILLC.
- 4.5. The Master must ensure that only the freeboard marks for the intended voyage are exhibited on the vessel's hull and all others are to be painted over before the loading of cargo begins.
- 4.6. Only the Load Line Certificate in use should be displayed. All Load Line Certificates not in use shall be replaced in a sealed envelope and locked in the Master's safe.
- 4.7. The Master may alter a freeboard mark(s) for the vessel in accordance with the applicable Load Line Certificate and Assignment Book. The Master shall enter the change in the vessel's official logbook. There is no need to have a class society surveyor present at the alteration of the freeboard marks.
- 4.8. During periodical inspection required by Article 14(c) of Ref. (b), the attending Recognized Organization surveyor shall verify the Load Line marks and endorse the corresponding Load Line Certificate.

5. Guidelines

- 5.1. A Load Line Assignment Book shall be issued by the Recognized Organization (4 copies), that will contain relevant data pertaining to the current freeboard assignments, pages for endorsement during survey(s) and instructions to be followed when changing from one (1) load line freeboard assignment to another.
- 5.2. The copies of the Assignment Book will be distributed as follows:
 - 5.2.1. one (1) copy to the operator for placement on board the ship;
 - 5.2.2. one (1) copy for the owner/operators' file;
 - 5.2.3. one (1) copy to the vessel's Recognized Organization and.;
 - 5.2.4. one (1) copy to the St. Kitts & Nevis Flag.
- 5.3. The Assignment book will be valid for as long as the International Load Line Certificates remains valid.
- 5.4. A request by a shipowner/operator for reissuance of the Assignment Book must be made to the Recognized Organization when load line freeboard assignments are added, deleted, or changed and when existing ILLCs are renewed.
- 5.5. An Assignment Book for each vessel that has been issued multiple Load Line Certificates must be on board the vessel for the use of the vessel's Master and the vessel's Recognized Organization surveyor in verifying any changes to the load line marks.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at mail@skanregistry.com

Yours truly,



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