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Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Lines)

(Length of Ship) (Amendment)

Regulation 2000

(Made under section 102 of the Merchant Shipping

(Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Economic Services by notice in the Gazette.

2. Interpretation

Regulation 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Lines) (Length of Ship) Regulations (Cap. 369 sub. leg.) is amended, in the definition of "rake of keel", by repealing "(龍骨傾斜度)" and substituting "(傾斜龍骨)".

3. Regulation substituted

Regulation 3 is repealed and the following substituted---

"3. Ascertainment of length of ship

(1) For the purposes of Part IV of the Ordinance the length of a ship shall be the greater of the following---

(a) 96% of the total length of the ship on a waterline at 85% of the least moulded depth measured from the top of the keel; or

(b) the length measured from the fore side of the stem to the axis of the rudder stock on that waterline.

(2) Where the stem contour is concave above the waterline at 85% of the least moulded depth, both the forward terminal of the total length of the ship and the fore side of the stem respectively shall be taken at the vertical projection to that waterline of the aftermost point of the stem contour (above that waterline).

(3) In the case of ships designed with a rake of keel the waterline on which this length is measured shall be parallel to the designed waterline."

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Secretary for Economic Services

18 January 2000

Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Lines) (Length of Ship) Regulations (Cap. 369 sub. leg.) to give effect to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966. The Protocol shall come into operation on 3 February 2000.

2. The amendment introduces a new method for ascertaining the length of a ship for the purposes of Part IV of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369).