

**L.N. 101 of 2023**

**Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Line) (Amendment)  
Regulation 2023**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics under sections 102 and 112B of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369))

**1. Commencement**

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 January 2024.

**2. Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Line) Regulations amended**

The Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Line) Regulations (Cap. 369 sub. leg. AD) are amended as set out in section 3.

**3. Regulation 27 amended (determination of freeboards)**

Regulation 27(1)(b)(i)—

**Repeal**

“and MSC.329(90)”

**Substitute**

“, MSC.329(90) and MSC.491(104)”.

LAM Sai-hung  
Secretary for Transport and  
Logistics

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### **Explanatory Note**

The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization passed resolution MSC.491(104) on 8 October 2021. The resolution adopts amendments to Regulation 27 of Annex I to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as modified by the Protocol of 1988 relating to it. The amendments align the requirements for certain hinged watertight doors with the requirements under the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

2. This Regulation amends regulation 27 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Line) Regulations (Cap. 369 sub. leg. AD) to reflect the amendments adopted by the resolution.