

MARINE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

(Rules as to Load-line Marks, Seasons, Certificates, Draught of water, and Freeboard for Steam Vessels and for Sailing vessels)

No. 35

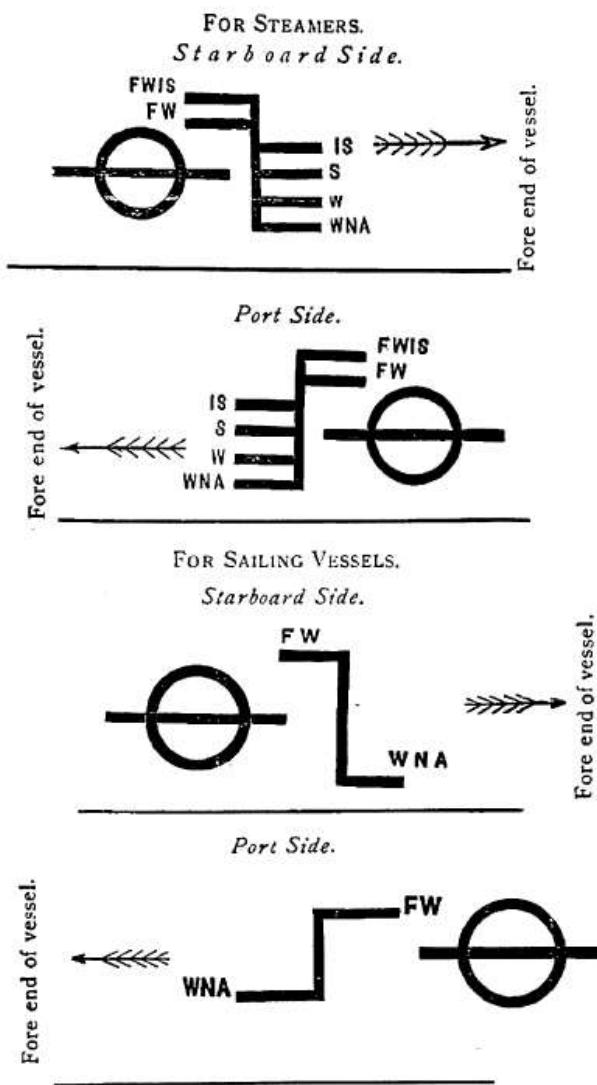
Dated Rangoon, the 10th October 1899.

No. 35.- In exercise of the power conferred by section 40, sub-sections (1) and (2), of the Indian Merchant Shipping Act (VII of 1880), as amended by the Deck and Load Lines Act (XVII of 1891), and with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, the Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to make the following rules in supersession of the rules published in this Department Notification No. 24, dated the 17th August 1896, as modified by this department Notification No. 62, dated the 16th October 1897. These rules do not apply to sailing vessels engaged solely in the Indian coasting trade.

The rules shall take effect on the expiry of three months from the date of this notification.

**Rules as to Load-line Marks, Seasons, Certificates, Draught of water, and Freeboard for Steam Vessels and for Sailing vessels (other than Sailing vessels engaged solely in the Indian coasting trade).**

- 1. The lines to be used in order to indicate the maximum load-line under different circumstances and at different seasons shall be nine inches in length and one inch in thickness, and the maximum load-line shall be the upper edge of each of such lines.
- 2. The said lines shall be horizontal lines marked on both sides of the ship, extending from and at right angles to a vertical line marked twenty-one inches forward of the centre of the disc. The maximum load-line in fresh-water shall be marked abaft such vertical line and the maximum load-lines in salt-water shall be marked forward of such vertical line, as shown in the following diagrams:-



The arrow ( ) points in the direction of the vessel's head.

The provisions of the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1880, Chapter II, shall have effect as if any such maximum load-line were drawn through the centre of the disc.

- 3. Such maximum load-lines shall be as follows, namely:-

For fresh-water Indian summer,

For fresh-water,

For Indian summer (Indian fair-weather season),

For summer (Indian foul-weather season),

For winter,

For winter, North Atlantic,

and shall be distinguished by initial letters permanently and conspicuously marked opposite such horizontal lines as aforesaid, such initial letters being as follows:-

FWIS.- Fresh water, Indian summer.

FW.- Fresh water.

IS.- Indian summer (Indian fair-weather season).

S.- Summer (Indian foul-weather season).

W.- Winter.

WNA.- Winter, North Atlantic.

The upper edge of the horizontal line passing through the centre of the disc shall always indicate the summer freeboard in salt-water.

4. Steam-ships shall be marked with such of the horizontal lines as aforesaid as are applicable to the nature of their employment, and sailing ships shall be marked with such of the above-mentioned lines, in addition to the summer load-line, as indicate the maximum load-line for fresh water and for North Atlantic winter.

5. The said disc and the lines, or marks, to be used in connection therewith, shall be painted white or yellow on a dark ground, or black on a light ground, and the position of the disc and of each of the lines shall, in the case of iron and steel vessels, be permanently marked by centre punch-marks, and shall, in the case of wooden vessels, be sunk for their breadths into the planking a depth of not less than one-quarter of an inch.

6. Application for a certificate of approval of the position of the disc or any alteration thereof shall be made to the Port Officer of any port in Burma by the owner or agent in the form marked L. L. 1 in the schedule hereto annexed, and the application shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee. After survey a certificate shall be issued by the Port Officer in duplicate in the form in the schedule hereto annexed which is applicable to the case; one part shall be delivered to the applicant and the other part shall be recorded by the Port Officer.

The managing owner, agent or master shall also forthwith, on the delivery to him of his agent of any such certificate as aforesaid, cause the same to be framed and put up in some conspicuous part of the ship so as to be visible to all persons on board the same, and shall cause it to be continued so put up so long as such certificate remains in force and such ship is in use.

On a certificate of approval ceasing to have effect, application shall at once be made by the registered managing owner of the ship for the granting of a new certificate of approval, and the old certificate shall be delivered up to the Government who issued and who shall cancel the same.

7. The master of every British or British Indian ship shall, before she leaves any port in India for the purpose of proceeding to sea, enter in the official log all the particulars stated in the certificate so issued as aforesaid if not previously entered.

8. For the purpose of these rules the following periods shall mean "Indian summer" (fair-weather season), and "summer" respectively:-

Fair season (Indian summer.)	Summer.	
(a)	Bay of Bengal, east of Tuticorin.	15th November to 25th May.
(b)	West Coast: Sind, Bombay, and Malabar.	1st September to 25th May.

The seasons as prescribed should have reference to the "nature of the voyage" in all cases.

9. The following rules are prescribed with respect to certificates of approval and their duration:-

(a) As regards all ships classed in Lloyd's Register or by any other corporation or association for the survey or registry of shipping approved by the Government of Burma, the certificate of approval shall cease to have effect when the class of the ship is changed or withdrawn. Such certificate shall be in the Form L. L. 2 or L. L. 3 in the schedule hereto according as the ship is a steamship or sailing ship.

(b) As regards unclassed iron and steel steamships, the certificate of approval will be granted for the period mentioned therein, and upon the expiration of such period the certificate shall cease to have effect. The certificate shall be in the Form L. L. 2-B in the schedule hereto.

(c) As regards unclassed wooden ships which have been opened out for survey and unclassed iron and steel sailing ships, the certificate shall be granted for a fixed time varying with the age and condition of the ship at the expiration of which it shall cease to have effect. Such certificate shall be in the Form L. L. 3-A in the schedule hereto.

(d) As regards unclassed wooden ships which have not been opened out for survey, no limit of time shall be imposed in the certificate, which shall be in the Form L. L. 3-B in the schedule hereto.

(e) As regards all vessels having deck erections in respect of which deductions have been made for freeboard, if any change tending to invalidate the right to such deductions is made in the structural condition of the deck erections, the certificate of approval shall thereby cease to have effect.

10. For the purpose of these regulations the expression "amidships" shall mean the middle of the length of the load water-line as measured from the foreside of the stem to the aft side of the stern post.

Officers entrusted with approval of freeboard and the survey of vessels reported to be overladen will be guided by the Tables of Freeboard issued by the Board of Trade as modified or supplemented by the Board from time to time.

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