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MARINE NOTICE 169.2

**To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, DEPUTY REGISTRARS,
AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS.**

Subject: PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING MULTIPLE LOAD LINE ASSIGNMENTS

1. Reference

- 1.1 LL, The International Convention on Load Lines, 2005 Edition,
- 1.2 Palau Maritime Regulations, Chapter 5, Section 5.6

2. Purpose

- 2.1 This Marine Notice contains the procedures to obtain approval for a vessel to operate with more than 1 (one) load line(s).

3. Applicability

- 3.1 This Marine Notice applies to all Palau registered vessels that need more than 1 (one) freeboard assignment under applicable international conventions to meet charter commitments.

4. General Requirements

- 4.1 Vessels registered with the Palau 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.
- 4.2 The maximum number of load lines that may be assigned to a vessel is 5 (five).
- 4.3 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 Technical Department of the Palau Ship Registry Administrator and provide the information of the request.
- 4.4 The information will be reviewed by the Technical Department of the Palau Ship Registry Administrator and the Recognized Organization will be authorized to proceed to carry out the necessary geometric, strength and stability calculations and perform the required surveys.



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- 4.5 The Recognized Organization shall then issue Certificates for each load line freeboard assignment and forward to the Palau Ship Registry Administrator a copy of each provisional and full term ILLC. The submission should be sent to Technical Department at technical@palaureg.com.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 The Master may alter a freeboard marks 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.
- 4.9 During periodical inspection required by Article 14(c) of Ref. (b) the attending class surveyor shall verify the Load Line marks and endorse the corresponding Load Line Certificates.

5. Assignment Book

- 5.1 The approved Classification Society will issue a Load Line Assignment Book that will contain relevant data pertaining to the current freeboard assignments, pages for endorsement by the Recognized Organization surveyor and instructions to be followed when changing from one (1) load line freeboard assignment to another.
- 5.2 Four (4) copies of the Assignment Book will be prepared and distributed as follows:
 - a. one (1) copy to the operator for placement on board the ship
 - b. one (1) copy for the owner/operators file;
 - c. one (1) copy for the Palau Ship Registry Administrator, and
 - d. one (1) copy will be retained by the vessel's Recognized Organization.
- 5.3 The Assignment book will be valid for as long as the International Load Line Certificates remains valid.



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- 5.4 Shipowners/operators shall submit inquiries for reissuance of the Assignment Book to the respective Recognized Organization and same must be made available to the Palau Ship Registry Administrator 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 classification society surveyor in verifying any changes to the load line marks.

6. Contact

- 6.1 Any inquiries concerning the subject for this Marine Notice should be directed to the Head Office of Palau Ship Registry Administrator at technical@palaureg.com

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