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To: All IMO Members and Parties to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966

Subject: **Amendments to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as amended**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-third session (3 to 12 October 2007), approved proposed amendments to Annex B to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (1988 Load Lines Protocol), as amended, for circulation with a view to adoption at its eighty-fifth session (26 November to 5 December 2008).

2 The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith, in accordance with article VI of the 1988 Load Lines Protocol, the text of the aforementioned proposed amendments to the said Protocol, given in the annex, for consideration with a view to adoption by the Committee at its eighty-fifth session, in accordance with article VI of the Protocol.

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**ANNEX**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX B TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING  
TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966, AS AMENDED**

**ANNEX B  
ANNEXES TO THE CONVENTION AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1988  
RELATING THERETO**

**ANNEX 1  
REGULATIONS FOR DETERMINING LOAD LINES**

**CHAPTER I  
GENERAL**

**Regulation 1 – Strength and intact stability of ships**

1 The existing text of paragraph (3) is replaced by the following:

“(3) *Compliance*

- (a) Ships constructed before [date to be determined] shall comply with an intact stability standard acceptable to the Administration.
- (b) Ships constructed on or after [date to be determined] shall, as a minimum, comply with the requirements of part A of the Intact Stability Code, 2008.”

**Regulation 3 – Definitions of terms used in the annexes**

2 The following new paragraph (16) is added after the existing paragraph (15):

“(16) *Intact Stability Code, 2008* (2008 IS Code) means the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008, consisting of an introduction, part A (the provisions of which shall be treated as mandatory) and part B (the provisions of which shall be treated as recommendatory), as adopted by resolution MSC...(…), provided that:

- .1 amendments to the introduction and part A of the Code are adopted, brought into force and take effect in accordance with article VI of the 1988 LL Protocol concerning the amendment procedure applicable to Annex B to the Protocol; and
- .2 amendments to part B of the Code are adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee in accordance with its Rules of Procedure.”

## **CHAPTER II**

### **CONDITIONS OF ASSIGNMENT OF FREEBOARD**

#### **Regulation 10 – Information to be supplied to the master**

3       The existing text of paragraph (2) is replaced by the following:

“(2)   Information shall be approved by the Administration or a recognized organization, and shall be provided to the master. Stability information, and loading information, also related to ship strength when required under paragraph (1), shall be carried on board at all times together with evidence that the information has been so approved.”

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