

MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES FOR VESSELS

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DECLARATION

The English method for the admeasurement of vessels (the Moorsom system) being now in force not only in the United States of America, but also in the Empire of Russia and the Grand Duchy of Finland, the undersigned, having been duly authorized by their Governments, hereby declare:

ARTICLE I

That American vessels admeasured according to the aforesaid method, shall be admitted into the ports of Russia and Finland, and likewise that Russian and Finnish vessels admeasured according to the same system, shall be admitted into the ports of the United States, without being subjected, for the payment of navigation dues, to any new admeasurement whatever.

These navigation dues shall be computed according to the net tonnage.

A. Russian certificates of admeasurement issued since ^{December 20}_{January} 1879¹⁸⁸⁰, and Finnish certificates of admeasurement issued since May 31, 1877, shall be recognized in the United States of America without any formality as regards the net tonnage of *sailing* or *steam* vessels.

B. In like manner American certificates of admeasurement shall be recognized in Russia and Finland without any formality as regards the tonnage of American *sailing* vessels. American certificates of admeasurement, issued since ^{July 24,}_{August 5,} 1882, shall be recognized in Russia and Finland without any formality as regards the net tonnage of American *steam* vessels. As the American admeasurement regulations which were in force previously to that date make no deduction for the space occupied by the machinery and its appurtenances, certificates of admeasurement of American vessels issued before the act of ^{July 4,}_{August 5,} 1882,¹ took effect, shall be recognized in Russian and Finnish ports without such vessels' being subjected to readmeasurement, but on condition

¹ 22 Stat. 300.