

## RECOGNITION OF LOAD-LINE CERTIFICATES

*Exchange of notes at Washington August 26 and November 16, 1931,  
and March 18, April 22, June 29, and September 30, 1932;  
Netherlands decrees of October 8, 1931, and January 29, 1932  
Entered into force September 30, 1932  
Terminated January 1, 1933*<sup>1</sup>

48 Stat. 1757; Executive Agreement Series 42

### EXCHANGE OF NOTES

*The Acting Secretary of State to the Netherland Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, August 26, 1931

SIR:

Further reference is made to the Legation's note No. 113, dated January 20, 1931, enclosing copies of the Netherland Shipping Act and Royal Decree and Order in Council relating to load lines for the consideration of this Government in relation to its proposal to the Netherland Government to conclude a reciprocal load line agreement with this Government pending the coming into force of the International Load Line Convention.

Note has been made of the Legation's statement that the laws, rules and regulations pertaining to load lines for vessels now enforced by the Netherland Government are identical with those enforced by the Government of Great Britain, with the sole exception of the rules and regulations pertaining to the carriage of deck cargoes of wood goods.

The competent authorities of this Government consider that the 1906 rules of the British Board of Trade, concerning load lines, are as effective as the United States Load Line Regulations for the determination of load lines on ordinary merchant vessels. The rules of the Netherland Government for determining the load lines of vessels with wood cargoes have been examined by these authorities and have likewise been found to be as effective as the

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<sup>1</sup> Upon entry into force for the United States and the Netherlands of the International Load Line Convention of July 5, 1930 (TS 858, *ante*, vol. 2, p. 1076).