

RECOGNITION OF LOAD-LINE CERTIFICATES

*Exchange of notes at Tokyo February 13, March 19 and 30, August 25,
and September 7, 1931*

Entered into force August 25, 1931

*Terminated September 11, 1935, upon entry into force for the United
States and Japan of convention of July 5, 1930¹*

47 Stat. 2678; Executive Agreement Series 25

The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 46

TOKYO, February 13, 1931

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to advert to the Embassy's note No. 194, dated August 24, 1922, proposing an arrangement between the Governments of the United States and Japan for the reciprocal recognition of ship load-line certificates pending the enactment of suitable legislation by the United States; and to the note No. 147, dated October 25, 1922, of Your Excellency's predecessor, Count Uchida, expressing the readiness of the Imperial Government to recognize certificates of this nature issued to American vessels. I now have the honor to inform Your Excellency that a law, entitled "An Act to Establish load-lines for American vessels, and for other purposes", was enacted by the Congress of the United States, and became effective September 2, 1930.²

Your Excellency will recall that our respective Governments, together with other interested Governments, entered into an international load-line convention, which was signed at London on July 5, 1930. I am now instructed to inquire whether Your Excellency's Government would be willing to continue the arrangement in respect of ship load-line certificates made between our two Governments in 1922, pending the coming into force of the above-mentioned convention of July 5, 1930.

In transmitting herewith a copy of the "Regulations for the Establishment of Load-lines for Merchant Vessels of 250 Gross Tons or Over When Engaged in a Foreign Voyage by Sea",³ I have the honor to request Your

¹ TS 858, *ante*, vol. 2, p. 1076.

² 45 Stat. 1492.

³ Not printed here.