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**APPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966
AND THE 1988 PROTOCOL RELATING THERETO,
TO HIGH-SPEED CRAFT**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-fifth session (15 to 24 May 2002), noted that as a result of the entry into force of the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000 (2000 HSC Code), on 1 July 2002, revised guidance on the application to high-speed craft of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (1966 LL Convention) and of the 1988 Protocol relating thereto (1988 LL Protocol) was necessary.

2 The Committee recommended that Member Governments, when applying the 1966 LL Convention or 1988 LL Protocol, depending to which instrument they are Party to, should:

- .1 in the case of high-speed craft fully complying with the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 1994 (1994 HSC Code), accept the necessary relaxations from the conditions of assignment of freeboards or any other requirements of the 1966 LL Convention or of the 1988 LL Protocol;
- .2 in the case of high-speed craft fully complying with the 2000 HSC Code, accept the provisions of the 2000 HSC Code as being an equivalent standard of protection to the provisions of the 1966 LL Convention or of the 1988 LL Protocol;
- .3 follow the exemption procedure provided in articles 6(2) and 6(3) of the 1966 LL Convention; and
- .4 issue to the high-speed craft concerned either an International Load Line Exemption Certificate, in accordance with the provisions of articles 6(2) and 16(3) of the 1966 LL Convention or an International Load Line Exemption Certificate, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid articles as modified by the 1988 LL Protocol, as the case may be.

3 The Committee further agreed that, when an Administration communicates to the Organization, in accordance with article 6(3) of the 1966 LL Convention, particulars and conditions of any such exemptions and reasons therefor, it would be sufficient to state that the high-speed craft concerned complies with either the 1994 HSC Code or the 2000 HSC Code, as the case may be.

4 This circular supersedes MSC/Circ.652.