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From: Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District
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Subj: LOADLINE EXTENSION AUTHORITY UP TO 150 DAYS FOR APPROVED
ASSIGNMENT AUTHORITY

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for your information and use.


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Ref: (a) 46 CFR §42.07-45

(b) International Convention on Load Lines

(c) Marine Safety Manual, Volume IV, Ch. 6-F.4.b., COMDTINST 16000.9

1. This action modifies policy previously set forth in the Marine Safety Manual, and is issued in advance of its revision. Reference (a) allows Commandant to grant loadline extensions up to the 150 days past the certificate's anniversary date, as provided for in reference (b). Reference (a) also allows extensions of up to 365 days on Great Lakes' Load Line Certificates to be granted by Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District (m) (D9). Reference (c) allows approved assignment authorities to issue extensions up to 150 days based on a satisfactory "complete periodical survey required for the issuance of a new certificate" and approval by Commandant.

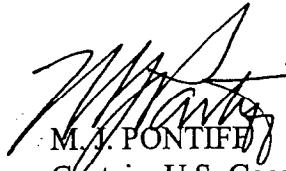
2. In the spirit of harmonization and efficiency, approved assignment authorities may grant extensions of up to, but not exceeding, 150 days for both international and Great Lakes Load Line Certificates. The extensions may be granted by the approved assignment authority without receiving prior written approval from either Commandant or D9, upon the satisfactory completion of:

- a. A condition survey afloat, including gaugings and internal examination as necessary to determine whether the vessel is fit to continue in operation during the period of the certificate extension. This survey must confirm that there have been no alterations to the structure, equipment, arrangement, or scantlings, which would affect the vessel in any way relative to the condition of the Certificate's issuance.
- b. Correction of any unsatisfactory items found during the afloat survey. These items shall be corrected in accordance with Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 42.09-45 before the Provisional Load Line Certificate may be issued.

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3. The cognizant USCG OCMI for the examination port is to be notified prior to initiating the extension surveys. He/She may chose to assign a USCG marine inspector to attend during the examination.

4. Extensions of Load Line Certificates *may not* be granted *after* the Certificate's expiration date. Vessels whose Load Line Certificate expires will be required to have an "initial load line survey" conducted for issuance of a new Certificate. Commandant (G-MOC-2) is to be notified by the approved assigning authority of any vessel that requests extensions after their certificate has expired.



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