

Action By the OCMI As Load Line Assigning Authority. Although OCMI's should not normally act as assigning authorities, there are two instances in which they should exercise their authority under the load line acts:

- (1) Issuance Of International Load Line (Single Voyage) Exemption Certificates. For a U.S. vessel that is required to make a single international voyage, as defined in Article 6(4) of the 1966 Load Line Convention (e.g., a delivery or scrapping voyage, or change in employment), the OCMI may issue an International Load Line Exemption Certificate if, in the OCMI's opinion, the vessel is safe to make the voyage. Normally, the vessel should not be permitted to carry passengers or Cargo. The form of the International Exemption Certificate is found in 46 CFR 42.50-5(e). A sample certificate is contained in Figure 6-22. Copies of all such exemptions issued by the OCMI should be sent to Commandant (G-HtH-3) for information.

