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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:

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.

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FIGURE 6-22

Commanding Officer
Marine Safety Office
Federal Building, Customhouse
5th and Austin Ave.
Port Arthur, TX 77640

INTERATIONAL LOAD LINE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

(Certificate No.)

Issued under the provisions of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, under the authority of the Government of the United States of America, and the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard:
By U.S. Coast Guard Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, Port Arthur, Texas, and duly authorized for assigning and exemption purposes under the provisions of the Convention.

[Name of ship] [Official Number or [Port of registry] distinctive letters]

This is to certify that the above-mentioned vessel is exempted from the provisions of the 1966 Convention, under the authority conferred by Article 6(4) of the Convention referred to above, and that this vessel has been surveyed accordingly.

The voyage for which this exemption is granted under Article 6(4) is:

From: Port Arthur, Texas, U.S.A.

To: Koahsiung, Taiwan, Republic of China

*Conditions: All openings to the hull shall be closed and securely fastened. The vessel is to proceed without passengers, crew, or cargo.

This Certificate is valid until [date] or until arrival at Koahsiung, Taiwan, Republic of China.

Issued at Port Arthur, Texas, (date).

(signature)

Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection

*NOTE: the above conditions are examples. The OCMI will specify the actual conditions.