



SUB-COMMITTEE ON STABILITY AND  
LOAD LINES AND ON FISHING  
VESSELS SAFETY - 30th session      **IMO**  
Agenda item 10

CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFIC REGULATIONS OF THE  
1969 TONNAGE CONVENTION

Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group

- 1 The working group met on 26 and 27 February 1985 under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Leslie (United Kingdom) to consider matters regarding the clarification of specific regulations of the 1969 Tonnage Convention.
- 2 The meeting was attended by delegates from Belgium, Finland, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, Liberia, Norway (partly), United Kingdom and an observer from IACS.
- 3 Written contributions submitted by Sweden and Denmark were also introduced to the meeting.
- 4 As instructed by the Sub-Committee the group concentrated on the consideration of major items.
- 5 The following papers were considered:
  - SLF 30/10 Federal Republic of Germany and Netherlands
  - SLF 30/10/1 Norway
  - SLF 30/10/2 United Kingdom.
- 6.1 The group agreed:
  - .1 Appendages, as defined in the United Kingdom paper, should be taken to refer to items forming an extension of the hull below the level of the upper deck, as defined in Regulation 2;
  - .2 spaces open to the sea should be taken to refer to spaces below the level of the upper deck.

6.2 The group took note of the discussions in plenary regarding SLF/10 paragraph 2.1 "ships carrying cargo on 'open deck'" and considered that those areas shown in Figures 8, 9, 10 and 11 without an overhead deck did not meet the definition of enclosed spaces (Regulation 2(4)).

6.3 Further consideration of the detail items in the papers was therefore based on the two points noted above. Reference was made to TM.5/Circ.1 Annex, Calculation of Volumes (Regulation 6), paragraph 3 which lists items not to be measured but which are apparently regarded as appendages by the reference to Regulation 6(2). The group considered that this reference is incorrect, and took the view that the items to be included in the tonnage measurement were to be strictly determined from the convention definitions of Regulation 2(4) - Enclosed Spaces - and Regulation 2(5) - Excluded Spaces.

6.4 The group considered that some specific guidance might be useful regarding items which have previously been included in the tonnage but if they do not meet the definition of "enclosed spaces" (Regulation 2(4)) should no longer be included.

6.5 The group therefore recommend that TM.5/Circ.1 Annex - Calculation of Volumes (Regulation 6) - be amended as follows:

Paragraph 3 - delete the existing paragraph and replace by:

"With reference to Regulation 6(1) enclosed spaces having a cross sectional area not exceeding one square metre or a volume not exceeding one cubic metre should not be measured."

7.1 The group considered how to determine the "upper deck" and the "moulded depth" of vessels which have large stern doors or openings in the sides of the vessel. It was felt that this was dependent on the exact meaning of "weathertight" and "watertight" as given in the definition of "upper deck" in Regulation 2 of Annex I of the convention. There was no uniform understanding of the meaning of these terms within the group and as the group considered that this point was outside its terms of reference, the Sub-Committee is requested to clarify the phrase "permanent means of watertight closing" in Regulation 2(1).

7.2 The net tonnage of a vessel is dependent on the draught/depth ratio and typical variations are clearly illustrated in SLF 30/10 Figures 17 and 18.

8 All other points raised in the papers were discussed and the group was of the opinion that these can be resolved by applying the appropriate regulations of the convention.

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