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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TONNAGE MEASUREMENT OF SHIPS, 1969

Communication received from the Netherlands

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith a communication received from the Government of the Netherlands regarding tonnage measurement of open-top containerships.

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The Royal Netherlands Embassy presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization and has the honour to inform the latter of the following:

"As is stated in TM.5.Circ 4 an economic disadvantage for open-top containerships exists which is caused by the use of greater gross tonnage in comparison with gross tonnage of conventional containerships for assessing fees. To reduce this economic disadvantage a formula for a reduced GT was developed. For ships bigger than 30.000 GT, however, the economic disadvantages cannot be solved by the formula mentioned.

The economic disadvantages related to (bigger) open-top containers and more in general the developments in ILO related to the measurement of crew accommodation and the importance therefore to start a fundamental discussion were set out in the Netherlands' submission SLF 46/15/2.

In this submission a pragmatic approach to existing open-top containers ships was also stressed. It is therefore that the Government of The Netherlands has the honour, referring to Annex I of the International Convention of Tonnage measurement of ships, 1969, Regulation 1, sub (3), to inform the International Maritime Organization of its decision to use the formula:

" $y = 0,926x - 1762$ " (whereby $x = \text{DWT}$ and $y = \text{GT}$)

as an alternative measurement for the following 7 open top containerships:

name	IMO number:
Nedlloyd Honshu	9001318
Nedlloyd Hongkong	9001253
Nedlloyd Oceania	8915689
Nedlloyd America	8915677
Nedlloyd Africa	8915706
Nedlloyd Asia	8915665
Nedlloyd Europe	8915691

The value of the DWT will be the value as recognized by the Classification Society

This measurement will be included on the back of the International Tonnage Certificate (1969) of the 7 mentioned ships. In the "Remarks" column of Tonnage Certificate of the ships concerned the following statement will be made:



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"Referring to the notification to the Secretary General of the IMO, dated, the reduced gross tonnage may be used for the open-top containerships of P&O Nedlloyd for the sole purpose of calculation of tonnage-based fees.
The reduced tonnage is"

The Royal Netherlands Embassy avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.



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