

Regulations under Section D require passenger vessels to be provided with such marks, I am desired by my Government to inquire whether, in order to prevent Canadian passenger vessels from becoming liable to a penalty when entering United States ports, the Canadian Great Lakes Load Line Regulations could be extended to give effect to sub-division and other matters pertaining thereto.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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Enclosure.

*The Secretary of State for External Affairs to the United States*  
*Chargé d'Affaires ad interim at Ottawa*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
 CANADA

No. 125

OTTAWA, 24th August, 1938.

SIR,

With reference to your note No. 686 of the 29th April, 1938, in the matter of load line regulations which apply to the Great Lakes, I have the honour to state that this matter was considered by the Canadian authorities concerned.

It is observed that the United States authorities have concluded that, except for sub-division load lines applicable to passenger vessels, the Canadian load line regulations applicable to ships making voyages on the Great Lakes are as effective as the regulations set forth in Section (C) of the Load Line Regulations of the United States (Rules and Regulations Series No. 4, January, 1938, edition), and that the Government of the United States will recognize the Canadian load line regulations promulgated in the *Canada Gazette* of the 28th August, 1937, that is to say the "Load Line Rules for Ships making Voyages on Lakes or Rivers", approved by Order-in-Council of the 6th August, 1937, provided that the Canadian Government will similarly recognize the United States Load Line Regulations referred to above.

The Canadian authorities consider that the Load Line Regulations of the United States applicable to ships engaged in making voyages on the Great Lakes (Rules and Regulations Series No. 4, January, 1938, edition) are as effective as the Canadian regulations, "Load Line Rules for Ships Making Voyages on Lakes or Rivers", approved by Order-in-Council of the 6th August, 1937.

The Canadian Government recognize that the United States Load Line Regulations mentioned above are equivalent to the Load Line Rules for Ships Making Voyages on Lakes or Rivers approved by Order-in-Council of the 6th August, 1937.

With reference to the last paragraph of your note, the Canadian authorities advise that the Canada Shipping Act, 1934, inasfar as it concerns load lines, does not deal with the sub-division of passenger ships, this question being dealt with