

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (JULY 22, AUGUST 7, SEPTEMBER 5 AND OCTOBER 20, 1941) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PROVIDING FOR RECIPROCAL RELAXATION OF THE LOAD LINE REGULATIONS FOR SHIPS MAKING VOYAGES ON LAKES AND RIVERS.*

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The Canadian Minister at Washington to the Secretary of State of the United States of America

CANADIAN LEGATION,
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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that representations have been made to the Canadian Department of Transport that, owing to the scarcity of ships, difficulty is being experienced in transporting ore on the Great Lakes, and it is expected that unless more means of transportation are provided it will be impossible to have a large amount of this ore moved this year.

The Department of Transport is of the opinion that if some relaxations were allowed in the Load Line Rules for ships making Voyages on Lakes or Rivers, approved by Order in Council of August 6, 1937, which would allow of deeper loading of ships, it would help to a great extent in this difficulty. Accordingly the Department of Transport is prepared to recommend certain relaxations.

The Load Line Rules for the Great Lakes in force in Canada have been recognized by the United States Government as being equivalent to their Load Line Rules, and the Government of Canada has likewise recognized the United States Load Line Rules for the Great Lakes.

Accordingly I have been directed to inform you that the Government of Canada is considering relaxing the Load Line Rules for ships making voyages on Lakes or Rivers by allowing lesser freeboards in certain ships. The proposed relaxations will be substantially the same as the relaxations allowed by a recent Regulation made by the Department of Commerce of the United States Government, entitled Part 47, Temporary variance for Sea and Great Lakes Coastwise Voyages, signed by the Acting Secretary of Commerce, and dated July 5, 1941, it being noted that this Regulation does not at present apply to any but vessels engaged in coastwise voyages in the United States and to voyages between ports in the United States on the Great Lakes.

I have, etc.,

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*See Canada Treaty Series 1940, No. 3: Exchange of Notes between Canada and the United States of America (from April 29, 1938, to March 4, 1940) regarding reciprocal recognition of load line regulations for vessels engaged in international voyages on the Great Lakes.