Load Line Applicability Job Aid
46 USC 5102 and 5103
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Start

Is vessel 79’ or greater?
Yes
Is vsl on a domestic voyage that doesn’t cross boundary line?
Yes
No Load Line Required
No
Is vsl (150 GRT/GT or less) & (keel laid or constructed before 1Jan86)?
Yes
No
No

Was vsl built after July 1, 2013?
Yes
Load Line Is Required
No

Fishing Vessel

Was vsl constructed as processor before 16Aug74?
Yes
Was vsl converted for use as a processor before 1Jan83?
Yes
Load Line Is Required
No
Does vsl ever engage in a foreign voyage?
Yes
Load Line Is Required
No

Fish Processor

Is Processor 5000 GRT/GT or more?
Yes
Was vsl under contract to be constructed, or constructed as a tender before 1Jan80?
Yes
Load Line Is Required
No
Was vsl converted for use as a tender before 1Jan83?
Yes
Load Line Is Required
No

Fish Tender

Is Tender 500 GRT/GT or more?
Yes
Load Line Is Required
No

Note: GRT (Gross Regulatory Tonnage) or GT (International Convention Tonnage). The owner may elect to use either depending on which measurement system was used to calculate tonnage.