RECOGNITION OF LOAD-LINE CERTIFICATES

Exchange of notes at Rome September 8, 1931, and June 1, 1932
Entered into force June 1, 1932
Terminated January 1, 1933 ¹

47 Stat. 2711; Executive Agreement Series 36

The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, September 8, 1931

F.O. No. 693

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I have been instructed by my Government to notify Your Excellency that the competent executive authorities of the Government of the United States have examined the Italian rules and tables of freeboard, which were enclosed in the esteemed Note Verbale No. 11196-22 of February 7, 1931, and have found them to be as effective as the United States load line regulations.

I have also been instructed to notify Your Excellency in regard to the reciprocal agreement relating to this matter, which was referred to in the abovementioned Note Verbale; that my Government understands that the Governments of the United States and of Italy will each recognize as equivalent the load line marks and the certificates of such marking of merchant vessels of the other country pending the coming into force of the international load line convention in the United States and Italy; provided, that the load line marks are in accordance with the load line certificates; that the hull and superstructures of the vessel certificated have not been so materially altered since the issuance of the certificate as to affect the calculations on which the load line was based, and that alterations have not been made so that the—

(1) Protection of openings,
(2) Guard Rails,
(3) Freeing Ports,
(4) Means of Access to Crews Quarters,

¹Date of entry into force for the United States and Italy of international load-line convention of July 5, 1930 (TS 858, ante, vol. 2, p. 1076).

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have made the vessel manifestly unfit to proceed to sea without danger to
human life.

I have the honor to add that it will be understood by my Government that
on the receipt of a communication signed by Your Excellency expressing the
concurrency of the Royal Italian Government in the understanding of the
Government of the United States as above set forth, the agreement in ques-
tion will become effective.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

ALEXANDER KIRK
Chargé d’Affaires ad interim

His Excellency
Mr. Dino Grandi,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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NOTE VERBALE

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to inform the Embassy
of the United States of America that the competent Italian offices have
carefully examined the communications referred to in Note Verbale No. 693
of September 8, 1931, regarding reciprocal recognition by Italy and the
United States of freeboard certificates until such time as the load line con-
vention signed at London on July 5, 1930, goes into effect.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs accordingly has the honor to
assure the Embassy that the Italian Government fully agrees with the ideas
manifested by the American Government and begs the Embassy of the
United States of America kindly to communicate with the Department of
State at Washington for the purposes of the entrance into effect of the
present agreement.

ROME, June 1, 1932.

To the EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Rome.