

*Convention between the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada concerning Load Lines. Signed at Washington, December 9, 1933; ratification advised by the Senate, February 2, 1934; ratified by the President, February 21, 1934; ratified by His Majesty in respect of Canada, June 13, 1934; ratifications exchanged at Washington, July 26, 1934; proclaimed, August 11, 1934.*

December 9, 1933.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS a Convention between the United States of America and His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, in respect of the Dominion of Canada, exempting vessels of the United States of America and Canada, operating solely on certain sheltered waters of the west coast of North America, from load line requirements, as contemplated in Article 2, Section 2, of the International Load Line Convention, signed at London July 5, 1930, was concluded and signed by their respective Plenipotentiaries at Washington on the ninth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, the original of which Convention is word for word as follows:

Convention with the Dominion of Canada concerning load lines. Preamble.

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The President of the United States of America and His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, in respect of the Dominion of Canada,

Contracting Powers.

Desiring to exempt vessels of the United States and Canada operating solely on certain sheltered waters of the west coast of North America from load line requirements, as contemplated in Article 2, Section 2 of the International Load Line Convention, signed at London, July 5, 1930, which reads as follows:

“Ships when engaged on international voyages between the near neighbouring ports of two or more countries may be exempted by the Administration to which such ships belong from the provisions of this Convention, so long as they shall remain in such trades, if the Governments of the countries in which such ports are situated shall be satisfied that the sheltered nature and conditions of such voyages between such ports make it unreasonable or impracticable to apply the provisions of this Convention to ships engaged in such trades.”

have resolved to conclude a convention for these purposes, and to that end have appointed as their respective Plenipotentiaries:

Plenipotentiaries.

The President of the United States of America:

William Phillips, Acting Secretary of State of the United States of America; and

His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, for the Dominion of Canada:

The Honorable William Duncan Herridge, P.C., D.S.O., M.C., His Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Canada in the United States of America;

Who, having communicated to each other their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

Exemption of vessels engaged in voyages on certain sheltered waters from load line regulations.

The Government of the United States of America, being satisfied that the waters of Puget Sound, the waters lying between Vancouver Island and the mainland, and east of a line from a point one nautical mile west of the city limits of Port Angeles in the State of Washington to Race Rocks on Vancouver Island, and of a line from Hope Island, British Columbia, to Cape Calvert, Calvert Island, British Columbia, the waters east of a line from Cape Calvert to Duke Point on Duke Island, and the waters north of Duke Island and east of Prince of Wales Island, Baranof Island and Chicagof Island, the waters of Peril, Neva and Olga Straits to Sitka, and the waters east of a line from Port Althorp on Chicagof Island to Cape Spencer, Alaska, are sheltered waters of the nature contemplated in Article 2, Section 2 of the International Load Line Convention, 1930, agrees to exempt from the provisions of the International Load Line Convention, and existing load line statutes of the United States, Canadian vessels, and vessels of the United States, when engaged on international voyages originating on, wholly confined to, and terminating on the above defined waters.

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#### ARTICLE II

Assent of Canada.

The Government of the Dominion of Canada, also being satisfied of the sheltered nature of the waters defined in Article I agrees likewise to exempt vessels of the United States and Canadian vessels from the requirements of the aforesaid convention and existing load line statutes of Canada, when engaged on international voyages originating on, wholly confined to, and terminating on the said waters.

#### ARTICLE III

Ratification and duration.

The present convention shall be ratified in accordance with the constitutional methods of the High Contracting Parties. It shall take effect on the day of the exchange of ratifications, which shall take place at Washington as soon as possible, and it shall remain in force thereafter, until six months from the date on which one of the High Contracting Parties shall have given to the other notice of an intention to terminate it.

Signatures.

In faith whereof the above-named Plenipotentiaries have signed the present convention and affixed thereto their respective seals.

Done in duplicate at Washington, the ninth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS [SEAL]  
W D HERRIDGE [SEAL]

AND WHEREAS, the said Convention has been duly ratified on both parts and the ratifications of the two Governments were exchanged at the city of Washington on the twenty-sixth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four;

Ratifications exchanged.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, have caused the said Convention to be made public, to the end that the same and every article and clause thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the United States of America and the citizens thereof.

Proclamation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington this eleventh day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-ninth.

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

By the President:

CORDELL HULL

Secretary of State.