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ISSUE: DEADWEIGHT FIGURE FOR CARGO SHIP SAFETY CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE AND CARGO SHIP SAFETY EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE OR CARGO SHIP SAFETY CERTIFICATE.

With background in enquiries with respect to the deadweight figure entered in the captioned certificates Norwegian Authorities have the following clarification.

The Norwegian Maritime Directorate interprets the deadweight figure entered in the cargo ship safety construction certificate and cargo ship safety equipment certificate or cargo ship safety certificate as a figure that is linked to the ship's structural capabilities and minimum required freeboard. I.e. the maximum deadweight up to which the ship is designed for and can carry in compliance with the SOLAS and the Load line conventions.

Thus the deadweight figure entered in the mentioned certificates should be regarded as a property of the ship's construction and not be changed unless the ship design is changed.

On this background Norwegian authorities do not accept that multiple cargo ship safety construction certificates and cargo ship safety equipment certificates or cargo ship safety certificates with different deadweight figures are issued to any Norwegian ship.

If any such multiple certificates have been issued they shall be revoked with immediate effect.