Act No. 146/2002 on Tonnage Measurements of Ships

The Act entered into force on 30 December 2002

Amended by Act No. 162/2010 (entered into force on 1 January 2011)

Article 1

A ship according to this Act means every floating craft registered on the Icelandic Register of Ships.

Article 2

Each ship with a registered length of 24 m or over shall be measured and its tonnage calculated in accordance with the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships (TM) adopted in London on 23 June 1969.

Each ship with a registered length of up to 24 m shall be measured and its tonnage calculated in accordance with rules adopted by the Minister after obtaining proposals from the Icelandic Maritime Administration.

It is permissible to measure each ship and calculate its gross registered tonnage in accordance with international rules on tonnage measurement of ships published by the League of Nations on 30 June 1939 as provided for in an Agreement signed in Oslo on 10 June 1947, as amended, according to further provisions adopted by the Minister of the Interior in a Regulation.

Article 3

A ship which has been measured in accordance with the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships (TM), pursuant to Article 2(1), shall be issued the International Tonnage Certificate.

A ship which is measured in accordance with rules adopted by the Minister pursuant to Article 2(2) shall be issued the Icelandic Tonnage Certificate.

The form of the Tonnage Certificate shall be in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned International Convention and rules.

Article 4

A ship builder or his representative shall submit a written notification to the Icelandic Maritime Administration on the building of a ship intended to be registered in Iceland as well as the calculations behind the tonnage and drawings and other essential documents indicating the form and arrangements the ship. Furthermore, he shall notify the Icelandic Maritime Administration the estimated time of inspection and measurement of the ship.

Article 5

If the ship is modified in such a way that its tonnage is altered, the owner of the ship is required to inform the Icelandic Maritime Administration of that and the Administration shall then be sent new tonnage calculations and drawings as well as other essential documents to determine its tonnage measurement. The Tonnage Certificate shall then be issued

Article 6

When a ship is registered on the Icelandic Register of Ships, its owner shall send the calculations of its tonnage to the Icelandic Maritime Administration as well as drawings and other essential documents to determine its tonnage measurement. It is permitted to accept calculations and measurements which have been approved by foreign state if that state is a party to the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.

Article 7

The Icelandic Maritime Administration may, whenever it deems necessary revise a ship's measurement. Also, shipowners may request their ships to be re-measured.

Article 8

It is permitted to measure a foreign ship which upon arrival to an Icelandic port if it does not have a valid Tonnage Certificate pursuant to the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.

Article 9

A fee shall be paid for tonnage measurement of ships, re-measurement of ship, review of measurements, issue of certificates pursuant to this Act and the fees shall cover the costs incurred by the Administration in processing applications. Fees shall be specified in the Administration's tariff. The Icelandic Maritime Administration may also collect fees for travel and daily allowance fees for those who conduct tonnage measurements of ships as decided in each case. ¹⁾

Fees pursuant to paragraph 1 shall be secured by an equitable lien on the ship.

Article 10

Violations of this Act or rules adopted hereunder are subject to fines.

Article 11

This act enters into force immediately.

¹⁾ Regulation 587/2002.