### AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE

## UNITED KINGDOM AND JAPAN

FOR THE

## MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF LOADLINE CERTIFICATES.

Signed at London, January 21, 1924.

Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Parliament by Command of His Majesty.



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# Agreement between the United Kingdom and Japan for the Mutual Recognition of Loadline Certificates.

Signed at London, January 21, 1924.

His Britannic Majesty's Government and the Government of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, being desirous of concluding an Agreement for the mutual recognition of loadline certificates, have agreed as follows:—

#### ARTICLE 1.

The Japanese Government, deeming that, with regard to the loadline, the existing laws and regulations of certain British territories agree in substance with those of Japan, agree that no British ship possessing the loadline certificate issued in accordance with the law in force in any British territory coming within the scope of this Agreement, by the competent authorities of the Government of that territory or by a corporation or association for the survey and registry of shipping recognised by the same Government, and the corresponding loadline mark, in so far as the same ship observes within ports situated in any Japanese territory coming within the scope of this Agreement the laws and regulations relating to the loadline, in accordance with which the certificate was issued, shall be liable to detention or penalty under the laws and regulations of that territory. His Britannic Majesty's Government similarly agree that no Japanese ship possessing the loadline certificate issued in accordance with the law in force in any Japanese territory coming within the scope of this Agreement by the competent authorities of the Government of that territory, or by a corporation or association for the survey and registry of shipping recognised by the same Government, and the corresponding loadline mark, in so far as the same ship observes within ports situated in any British territory coming within the scope of this Agreement the laws and regulations relating to the loadline in accordance with which the certificate was issued, shall be liable to detention or penalty under the laws and regulations of that territory.

ARTICLE 2.

The Japanese territory, coming within the scope of this Agreement, shall be held to consist of Japan Proper and all Japanese possessions and all territories under Japanese administration, except the mandated territories, which have or shall have loadline regulations in force recognised by the Japanese Government as equivalent to those applicable in Japan Proper.

The British territory, coming within the scope of this Agreement, shall be held to consist of the United Kingdom, India and those Colonies which have or shall have loadline regulations in force recognised by an Order of His Majesty in Council as equivalent to

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those applicable in the United Kingdom; but shall not be held to include the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia (including l'apua and Norfolk Island), the Dominion of New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State, Newfoundland, the Protected States, the l'rotectorates and the mandated territories.

#### ARTICLE 3.

The present Agreement shall come into effect on the date of signature, and shall remain in force for an indefinite period, subject to the right of either of the Contracting Parties to terminate it, either as a whole, or separately as regards any part of their territories to which it is or may be made applicable under the stipulations of Article 2, at any time, on giving six months' notice to that effect.

In witness whereof the Undersigned, duly authorised to this effect, have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done at London, the 21st day of January, 1924.

(L.S.) CURZON OF KEDLESTON.

(L.S.) HAYASHI.