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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	<b>Guard rail inspection</b>
Reference	Load Line- Surveyor lesson learned

**Noncompliant Guard Rails**

While inspecting a general cargo during a initial survey, it was found that the guard rail stanchions in way of the liferaft stowage area were more than 1.5 meters apart, and the stanchion brackets were insufficient.

The wires on guard rails were not made taut by means of turnbuckles.

Additionally, there were no stays provided for every third stanchion. These are all required by Load Line regulations.

A noncompliance with means of protection for the crew contained in the Load Line regulations can result in the increased risk of safety to life at sea.

The surveyor advised the owner, shipyard, and CONARINA Head Office of the deficiency.

The required stanchions, stays, and wires made taut by turnbuckle were fitted, as required.

A Port State Control detention and associated costs and delays related to the noncompliant means of protection for the crew were minimized.

REFERENCES:

- Load Line Convention, courtesy of ABS.

ATTACHMENTS: No

Kindest Regards,  
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