

Draft Surveys Guideline:

Differences in cargo figures are usually the result of inherent inaccuracies in the various measurement methods employed.

Draft Surveys are the only means those on board have for checking the shipper's figure.

The latter figures are generally based on measurements carried out by Shore Scales, under which the Master has no direct control or means of verification

For this reason, Shipowners are strongly advised to arrange Draft Surveys both after loading and before discharge whenever a bulk cargo is carried.

A properly conducted Draft Survey allows for an independent determination of cargo quantity, providing the vessel and owners with a reliable basis to compare against the shipper's or receiver's figures.

Furthermore, if the report results in a claim being rejected and withdrawn, this will reflect favorably on the Sea Carrier.

The Draft Survey procedure must be carefully supervised by a responsible officer, ensuring that all stages of the calculation are accurate and consistent with shipboard records, and that any discrepancies or disagreements are clarified without delay.

Our firm provides Draft Survey Certificates and Reports carried out in full compliance with "Draught Survey: A Guide to Good Practice" (ISBN 978-0-9558257-5-0).

All Draft Surveys are conducted by BSc. Joao Helio Frumento, or, when not performed personally, are carried out under his direct supervision to ensure accuracy and adherence to professional standards.

Draft Surveys are crucial in bulk trade for accurate cargo quantity determination. It is essential to adhere to standard practices, use calibrated equipment, and seek expert advice when needed.