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26th October 1921.

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,  
71, Fenchurch Street,  
LONDON. E.C. 3.

18th July 1919.

Dear Sir,

Reverting to your letter of the 14th instant, respecting the fitting of ceiling over the top of ballast tanks in which oil fuel is to be carried, and including a letter addressed to this Office by the Hall Line Ltd., I beg to inform you that the matter was brought before the General Committee of this Society at their Meeting yesterday, and received careful consideration.

In reply I am directed to inform you that provided the tank top in way of all double bottom tanks in which oil fuel is to be carried be increased to .50 in thickness, and the seams and butts be at least double rivetted and efficiently caulked, and provided also special precautions are taken by the Ship Owners for the protection of the cargo in the holds in the case of any leakage of oil from the double bottom tanks, viz: by increasing the thickness of dunnage wood to 5 inches, and by laying this dunnage wood athwartships, the proposal to dispense with ceiling on the top of such tanks will be approved.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
(Sgd.) A. Scott.  
Secretary.

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