

S.S. "ALDECOA".

Messrs. The Sociedad Espanola de Construccion Naval's No.17.

When the First Entry Report on this vessel was received it was observed that an alteration had been made below the second deck from the arrangements indicated on the approved plans, the deep tank abaft the Engine Room being dispensed with, and the length of No.3 hatchway at the second deck increased.

The Surveyor was requested to report whether the side coamings and pillars had been increased in strength, in view of this alteration.

It is now ascertained that no increase in scantlings has been made on account of the increase in the length of the hatchway, and it is submitted this be pointed out to the Surveyors who should also be informed that it will be necessary to fit hatch side pillars below the second deck at frame 48, the stiffeners of these pillars being of 4 angles of $150 \times 150 \times 12$ m/m, or equivalent section.

It is further submitted that the Bilbao Surveyors should be informed that when alterations such as in the present case are contemplated in classed vessels, they should take steps to inform this Office at an early stage.

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