

Transversely Framed Tanker "GARD"

Category "A"

This case is stated in Endorsement dated 31.12.52 when the Bergen Surveyor was requested to obtain concrete proposals from the Owners in compliance with the Committee's decision that two intercostal girders (port and starboard) should be fitted to the deck as a prudent measure not later than September, 1953.

A plan of the stiffening was approved in the Copenhagen Office in January last, and amended arrangements were approved in this Office on 17.3.53.

In a letter dated 24th instant, the Bergen Surveyor states that the Owners have again requested postponement of re-inforcement until the Special Survey due in September, 1954, and that they are willing to have the ship again specially examined at next drydocking.

In a further letter dated 27th instant the Bergen Surveyor states that he has discussed the matter further with the Owners, who propose to drydock the vessel at a North European port at the end of next month, or early in May, and they ask that their proposal for further postponement might be considered by the Committee on the results of this drydocking. Tenders for re-inforcement have been requested from several shipyards.

Mr. J. M. Murray comments as follows:-

"Endorsement of 31.12.52 stands.

Deck girders to be fitted before September."

E.M.S.
30th March, 1953.



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