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Name:

Classification of ex-Admiralty LSTs

s.s. "Empire Curlew"	ex "Hunter"
"Empire Fulmar"	"Trumpeter"
"Empire Gannet"	"Tromso"
"Empire Grebe"	"Fighter"
"Empire Guillemot"	"Walcheren"
"Empire Gull"	"Trouncer"
"Empire Kittiwake"	"Slinger"
(C) "Empire Petrel"	"Thruster"
"Empire Puffin"	"Battler"
"Empire Shearwater"	"LST 3033"
"Empire Skua"	"St. Nazaire"
"Empire Tern"	"Pursuer"

The above named vessels were put into commission and converted to Merchant Service standards by the Ministry of Transport & Civil Aviation at the commencement of the recent emergency period and a Load Line Certificate was issued by the Ministry to the following particulars:-

Summer Freeboard from deck line,	14' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Winter Freeboard " " "	15' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Allowance for fresh water for all Freeboards,	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

The above particulars corresponding to a mean draft of 12' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

As it now appears that the vessels concerned will remain in service, the question of having them classified with Lloyd's has been raised, and with regard to this we would appreciate your advice on the procedure to be adopted. At present, ten of the vessels are serving in the Mediterranean area and the remaining we will shortly be despatched to the Mediterranean or East coast of Africa.

We would appreciate your early advice on the points we have raised.

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