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Difficulty has arisen regarding the extra charge for compliance with specification details in the cases of refrigerated vessels building to Ministry of War Transport order. In May 1941 it was agreed that a charge of an extra twenty-five per cent for the supervision of the specification should be made, but this was overlooked in the first case, namely, that of the motorship "EMPIRE HOPE" built by Messrs. Harland & Wolff. The reason for the omission was that the refrigerating machinery was made by Messrs. J. & E. Hall Ltd and the normal fee was charged from London who had not been advised of the addition thereto.

A sister ship the "EMPIRE GRACE" was subsequently completed and the question of the increased fee was raised by Wokingham, and in view of the fact that the extra amount had not been charged in the case of the "EMPIRE HOPE" and that Hall's had already paid the ordinary Rule fee, the matter was not pressed.

Other cases have now arisen for vessels completed by Lithgow's and it has been ascertained that while there is very little extra work involved in checking specification details on the machinery, the Greenock Surveyors state that considerable work is entailed in supervising its terms as regards insulation.

There will be other cases arising at Belfast with Harland & Wolff and in view of the trouble which has already arisen there regarding fees for supervision of specification details the matter is submitted for consideration.

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Cancel rule of May 1941
to charge extra fee for spec. of
R&M.C. Machinery (installation)

sgnd. Chairmen