

15th February, 1951.

Dear Mr. Eide,

I have your official letter of the 6th instant regarding the recently approved amendments to the General Regulations of the Society, and thought I would prefer to answer you by this personal letter.

As you are no doubt aware, this alteration to Rule was prompted from Oslo by the case of the "SOLGLIMT", and I am particularly anxious that you should spread the news to our Norwegian clients not ostentatiously by letter, but more by personal contact.

In the five cases you mention it is agreed that we have already granted six months' grace, but what we are anxious to avoid is that you should tell them they can now have 12 months *automatically*.

I must emphasise that before such an extension could be agreed to, we must have an application and if this is sent on through your Office it should be accompanied always by an offer to submit the ship for any form of general examination required by the Committee.

Unfortunately it is not easy for us to trace how many notices we have sent you recently as we send something like 200 a month, but if you could diplomatically let it be known amongst our clients that we would be prepared to consider postponements up to 12 months provided they make early application, I think the situation would be adequately met.

With kindest regards,  
Yours sincerely,

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