

URGENT

"ISERNIA"

Mr. Chesters telephoned from Grimsby this morning stating that this ship had arrived from Peterhead following a fire in the engine room but is to be towed to Belgium as a hulk.

*towage*  
A Board of Trade Surveyor has been on board, but the Society has been asked to issue a ~~telex~~ certificate for the proposed voyage. The vessel is still battened down as she was on arrival from Peterhead.

Mr. Chesters requests that the necessary instructions be sent to him today.

*Ord.*

20th December, 1965.

*RMS*  
SUBMITTED a certificate of fitness to proceed in tow from Grimsby to Antwerp may be issued provided the ship is generally examined, drydocking at Surveyors' discretion, the requirements of Instructions to Surveyors, Part 11, 1954, "Towage Surveys" complied with where applicable and trawler found or placed in satisfactory condition for the voyage.

The certificate when issued should clearly state the class is temporarily suspended for the contemplated voyage, towing arrangements are the responsibility of the Owners and the certificate relates only to the fitness of the trawler to be towed.

*R.S.*  
20th December, 1965.