



## LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

48, Market Street, Aberdeen

Telephone No. 20141

3rd December, 1965.

Reference  
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RNC/CB

Dear Sir,

Steam Trawler "ISERNIA"

We are in receipt of London letter of the 2nd Inst., regarding the above trawler, lying at Peterhead with fire damage.

Whilst it is true to say that we did not visit the ship at any time, knowing that she was damaged, we must point out that, Peterhead is 35 miles from Aberdeen.

However as has always been our practice with damaged vessels arriving in this district, discreet enquiries were made and we were daily conversant with what was happening.

All the work being carried out was of a cleaning up nature to endeavour to gain access to the machinery spaces, as the spaces were flooded with oil. See our letter of 2-12-65.

At one stage of the mopping up, it was thought that the vessel would require dry-docking by the B.O.T. Surveyors, but this was dropped. Had dry-docking taken place, we would then have attended as is our duty.

In the course of a conversation with the company's Head Superintendent at Aberdeen, we learned that it was not intended to do any repairs here, but that the vessel would be towed away to Grimsby, dead ship.

We have confirmed that no repairs were effected other than to close smashed portlights and close the vessel off for the contemplated tow. Also, the Hull tug "Rifleman" is alongside preparing to tow the vessel to Grimsby today, if the weather is suitable.

During the period at Peterhead, an Assistant Superintendent and Surveyor for the Underwriters were in residence at Peterhead.

In view of your final paragraph in which you state that, "if the vessel is not already under inspection, it is considered you should communicate with the Owners, or their Agents and arrange to visit the trawler at an early opportunity", we would be pleased

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to have your ruling if this applies to all such cases and that, apart from discreet inquiries and tentative offer of assistance, we will be correct in visiting a ship, as we have always been under the impression that, although we discreetly enquired and offered, the onus was upon the owner to call us in if any repairs were being carried out.

Yours faithfully,

THE SURVEYORS.

PER:

*J. Dittie*

The Secretary,

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