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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

15th March, 1950.

Enclosure

Dear Sir,

The Committee have asked me to investigate the case of the Finnish steamer "LEILA" ex "DIDO".

Prior to the war she was owned, under the name of "DIDO" by the Ellerman & Papayanni Lines Ltd., but was apparently abandoned at Brest when France capitulated.

Early in August last a cable was received at the British Corporation Office, Glasgow, from Mr. Astrom stating that the damages suffered during wartime had been repaired, a Periodical Survey carried out and that a load line certificate was required within a few days.

Accordingly a cablegram was sent to Mr. Astrom giving him particulars of the freeboards originally assigned and adding that, on the understanding the survey for reclassification had been completed and the ship was still a closed shelter decker, he could issue a provisional load line certificate valid for not more than six months on completion of a load line renewal survey.

No further communication has, however, since been received from Mr. Astrom and as a result the vessel's name has not yet been entered into the Society's Register Book.

I enclose herewith an extract from a letter dated 10th instant received from the Society's Surveyors at Hull which sets forth the particulars of a certificate on board, and I shall be glad if you will let me know the true position as soon as possible, and obtain and forward a report from Mr. Astrom of the Reclassification Survey stated to have been held at Turku.

Meantime we are putting the vessel's particulars back into the Register Book as an unclassed ship pending receipt of such reports, it being concluded that the load line certificate in this case was actually issued by the Finnish Authorities - presumably on the information given in our cable to Mr. Astrom of the 16th August last.

As the reprint of the Register Book is now taking place, please give this case priority attention.

Tybeck, Esq.,
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