

Dear Sir,

16th March, 1948.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant reporting the result of your enquiries regarding the transference of class of the "COLONEL VIELJEUX" to the Bureau Veritas and note your general remarks on the subject of classification of the other vessels belonging to the Cie Havraise Peninsulaire which will be submitted to the Committee shortly.

Meantime I am awaiting a reply to my letter of the 28th January regarding the refrigerating machinery of the motorships "LA HAGUE" and "LA HEVE" concerning which you sent an interim acknowledgment on the 4th instant.

Whilst on the subject of the RMC classification of these vessels and of the French motorship "MORBIHAN", I think it well to let you know that the particulars of these three vessels have recently been examined in connection with reference made by the Canadian builders of several sister vessels. It has been found that the installations were designed for Mediterranean services, they are not suitable for dealing with tropical fruits and the notation should be restricted "for Mediterranean Services".

Further, there are two separate spaces in No.6, but the hold, lower and upper 'tween decks of No.3, are in fact only one space for refrigeration purposes, as the intermediate decks are not insulated and the cold air system is common to the whole of the space. There are, therefore, only three refrigerated spaces in these vessels and it will be necessary for particulars in the Register Book to be amended accordingly.

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If the vessels are to continue in the Society's class so far as refrigerating machinery is concerned, it will also be necessary to amend this to "~~L~~loyd's RMC (with date) for Mediterranean Services. Temp. 32°F in No. 3 space and 15°F in No. 6 spaces".

Yours faithfully,

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