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The remarks of the Chief Ship Surveyor are desired on this case for the consideration of the Classing Committee.

("The endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case, so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement."—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/92.)

The case of this ship has been outlined in endorsements dated 13.11.47, 12.12.47 & 18.12.47.

The above-named A/S M/S trawler, classed #100A-"Stm Trawler" "For Government Service", has been converted to a cargo ship and has been trading between Bangkok and Singapore with a Provisional Load-Line Certificate issued by the Surveyor-General of Shipping at Singapore.

The Owner desires to continue classification, but modified from a trawler to a cargo-ship.

The SINGAPORE Surveyor reports (11.47) ship examined in dry dock, bottom coated, and on account of damage cause not stated shell plates Nos. 5 & 6 (s.s.f) in sheerstrake and Nos. 4,5 & 6 in 1st below sheer found severely indented.

The centre keelson etc., where cut for "Asdic" gear (now removed), has not been fitted, and the closing plate over the opening in shell plate No. 9 (p.s) in sheerstrake has been unsatisfactorily closed.

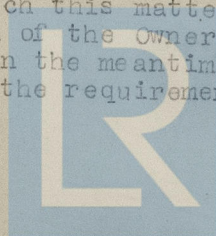
Two lengths of chain cable and starboard bower anchor had been sent for repairs, and the port bower anchor was in bad condition.

No test holes drilled in shell plating.

The SINGAPORE Surveyor later reports (2.48) this ship superficially examined afloat and found generally in a most unsatisfactory condition, quite unprepared for survey, and none of the work required for conditions of class (modified) has been carried out.

Since the Owner is in Norway the foregoing facts were brought to his local Representative's attention, and as the ship was expected to resume service in the N.E.I. waters, further survey has been left in obedience.

The Surveyor recommends, and it is accordingly SUBMITTED, that the unsatisfactory way in which this matter is being handled should be brought to the attention of the Owner's London Representatives, who should also be informed that in the meantime no action can be taken pending the carrying out of the requirements outlined in our letter to them dated 19.2.47.



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In view of the fact that this ship has not been surveyed since built in 1941, ~~use~~ as the conversion to a cargo ship has not been carried out under the supervision of a Surveyor to this Society, ~~and~~ since in her present arrangements she cannot be recommended for continuation of even the modified class required by the Owner, It is FURTHER SUBMITTED for consideration whether the class presently noted in the 'Ghost' Book should be removed therefrom and the name, with particulars, transferred to the Register Book as a dis-classed ship.



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