

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

MEIKAI BUILDING
No. 32, AKASHI MACHI,

KOBE, 19th April, 1926.

the Secretary,
LONDON.

LLOYD'S REGISTER
Recd. 20 MAY. 1926
LONDON

S.S. "KUMANO MARU"

Dear Sir,

In accordance with their usual practice Messrs. Nippon Yusen Kaisha sent me a copy of their letter to you of the 10th March, requesting the withdrawal of the above vessel's classification.

When in Tokio a few days later I called upon Mr. Ohtani, Managing Director of the Company, to ascertain their reasons for the change and he informed me that she has now been fitted with insulated chambers, and will in future be engaged in the frozen meat trade between China and Japan, and for this trade they did not consider classification necessary.

I suggested to him the desirability of the Society's R.M.C. Certificate and pointed out the fact that the vessel had passed her 2nd. Special Survey No. 3 so recently as March of last year, and would not become due for another Special Survey until 1929.

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He then said that they would reconsider the question of withdrawing from the Society's classification, and after some further correspondence I have now received a letter from their up-keep department in which they state that they are not yet in a position to decide as to the classification, but will advise me as soon as it is settled.

Under the circumstances I thought it better to cable to you today as per translation attached, and if my cablegram is received in time to defer action by the Committee, I shall cable again as soon as I hear definitely from the Company.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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referred to the Chief ~~Ship~~ Surveyor,
and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

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It is submitted
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