

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

"Hertzia," Packhusplatsen 2,

Gothenburg, 21st December 1921.

Enclosures.

Secretary,

London.

Sir,

*Handed in
H. J.*

With reference to your freeboard assignment letter dated 11th October 1919 on the S.S. "ELFSBORG" now named "VOLMENGRÅ", No. 18625 in the Register Book, I have to state that the remaining survey requirements are at present being carried out at this Port with a view to having the class of the vessel transferred from the Germanischer Lloyd to this society.

It has been ascertained that the freeboard assigned by the Germanischer Lloyd is, after making due allowance for the different position of the deck line, 2' - 1" which is $1\frac{1}{2}'$ less than that stated in your assignment letter.

It is thought that this difference is probably due to the allowance given by the Germanischer Lloyd for the trunk which is fitted in both wells and which was not mentioned in the freeboard report forwarded from this office.

This trunk is 101 feet long x 18'-6" broad x 36" high in the forward well and 59 feet long x 18'-6" broad x 31" high in the after well.

In both wells the hatchways are built above the trunk
with coamings 13" in height.

I shall be glad to learn that, in view of this trunk,
the freeboard could be reduced to at least that assigned by
the Germanischer Lloyd.

I have also to point out that, since the freeboard
report was forwarded to you, openings have been cut in the
large front bulkhead and a sketch is forwarded herewith
showing the position and method of fastening the doors.

The stiffening of this bulkhead is also somewhat
different from that stated in the report and this is now
clearly shown in the sketch.

It is considered that, in view of the support afforded
the trunk, the web at the centre line and the brackets and
horizontal stiffener at the ships sides, the stiffening
of the bulkhead is equivalent to the Rule requirements.

With regard to the hatch webs I have to state that
brackets have been fitted at the ends of the webs since they
were reported as shown in sketch now forwarded, and the Owners
stated that they now comply with the Rules in view of the fact
the hatchways are 2' - 3' higher than required.

I shall be pleased to be instructed as to the reply
to be addressed to the Owners regarding these matters.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

H. Thomson