

Eastern Cold Storage Ins. Co. when fitted Sept 1947

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AIR MAIL.

NEW YORK, 20th March, 1948.

The Secretary,
LONDON.

Dear Sir,

Steamer "FRANCES", "KATHRYN"
"ELIZABETH" & "BEATRICE".

I duly received your letter of the 1st instant regarding the Refrigerating Installations in these vessels and I note it is considered that the RUC records should be qualified by the words "For New York - Puerto Rico Service".

This has not yet been communicated directly to the Owners but judicious enquiries have been made and I think it well to state I have been informed that these Refrigerating Installations are dual-classed with the American Bureau of Shipping who have given unqualified certificates.

The Owners's Representatives are somewhat critical of this Society's attitude to these installations and have indicated the suggested qualification would not be acceptable and would result in dropping this Society's classification.

The Owners Representative points out that -

- (1) it is not logical to require two sections in the cold diffusers while there is a single line between the condenser and the cold diffuser,
- (2) with any refrigerant, except CO₂ a failure of a cold diffuser coil will spoil the refrigerated cargo by taint, and
- (3) with the low pressures in use with the Freon gases, there is not the same danger of a coil failure, particularly as Freon 12 is non-corrosive.

I shall be glad if this matter could be reconsidered, as the Pull Line is very favourably disposed towards this Society, and I feel that a notation such as is proposed in the case of these vessels would not foster good will towards this Society; if indeed as I have indicated, they did not decide to drop our classification.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Principal Surveyor,
U.S.A.

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