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# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

1st March, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Steamers "FRANCES," "KATHRYN," ELIZABETH"  
and "BEATRICE"

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th January last, regarding the Refrigerating installations in these vessels and note the position.

With regard thereto I am desired to say that it is considered there should be uniformity of application of the Rules regarding air coolers, and as the Refrigerating installations in these cases do not fully comply with the Rules, it is felt they should have been the subject of special consideration by the Committee for a restricted service.

It is noted the ships are intended for service between Puerto Rico and New York, a run of about five days duration, and it is thought that this fact should be reflected in the notation assigned in the Register Book. I shall therefore be obliged if you will explain the position to the Owners with the suggestion that the following words be added to the notation assigned, namely "For New York - Puerto Rico Service" and let me know whether the American Committee are agreeable to the Minute being amended to this effect.

In explanation I would remark that the qualification of the RMC class suggested in these cases is in pursuance of the general policy now operating here to add such qualifications to the RMC record in all cases in which the full requirements of the Society's Rules have been ameliorated on account of a restricted trade.

I have to add that the capacity of the compressor claimed by the makers is noted, and the total ice-melting capacity shown on the Report will be amended to 32.8 tons.

Yours faithfully,

The Principal Surveyor,  
NEW YORK.

Clerk to the  
Classification Committee.

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