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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

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Dear Sir,

M. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant respecting the re-assignment of freeboard to the motor tanker "JOSIAH MACY", and the sister vessel "SVITHIOD", in relation to the interpretation of Rule C, page 126, of the International Load Line Convention, which reads as follows :-

"ships with bulwarks are to have open rails fitted for at least half the length of the exposed portion of the weather deck, or other effective freeing arrangements.

In reply thereto I am directed to inform you that, as will be seen from the above quotation, while the Convention requires open rails to be fitted for half the length of the well when there is no trunk between the detached superstructures, it also provides, as an alternative, that other effective freeing arrangements be fitted; and in all cases, the Regulations as applied to existing vessels have to be complied with in so far as they may be found to be reasonable and practicable.

The question of the substitution of freeing ports for open rails in existing vessels of this type has been discussed by Representatives of the Board of Trade and of the assigning

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Bodies in this country, and a provisional arrangement was arrived at to the effect that a freeing port area equal to 25% of the area of the bulwarks might be approved, provided efficient drainage was arranged at the ends of the wells, and an efficient arrangement of overboard scuppers be fitted. In the case of the "SVITHIOD", the freeing port area in the after and forward wells was 37% and 34% respectively. In dealing with these cases in this country, therefore, it is considered that effect will be given to the above arrangement.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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