

17 AUG 1955

Chief Ship Surveyor

Received from Chief Ship Surveyor

NAME "ESSO BACAQUERO" REPORT Aru. No.1687

The remarks of the Chief Ship Surveyor are desired on this case for the consideration of the Classing Committee.

(The endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case, so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement.—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/52.)

The class is subject to permanent repairs to No.2 keel plates and shell plates C.2 (s.s.), E.3 (p.s.) and to internal structure (wastage) in way of Nos.1 (p & s) wing cargo tanks being specially examined and dealt with as necessary by the Special Survey.

ACTION is DEFERRED for Special Survey by 2,55.

A cable dated 25.2.55 has been received from the Owners requesting further postponement of the Special Survey until 6,55 (one month beyond the year of grace), and this extension has been approved by the Committee provided the Surveyor is satisfied with the ship's condition when holding the survey for the extension of the loadline certificate.

The ARUBA Surveyor now reports (5,55) the ship examined afloat at La Salina, Venezuela when the port & starboard rudderstocks were found to be badly wasted and bent. Temporary repairs were effected to allow the ship to proceed to Curacao for the renewal of both these stocks.

The ship was examined for renewal of the loadline certificate, but owing to numerous repairs required, the certificate was withheld pending satisfactory repairs being effected.

The Owners' Representative at Caracas is reported to have stated at the time of the survey that no arrangements had been made for the above repairs to be effected or for the Special Survey to be carried out.

The ARUBA Surveyor subsequently states in letter dated 20.7.55 that the ship is now laid up at Amuay Bay and that the Owners' Representatives have again stated that no arrangements have been made to carry out the Special Survey.

In the circumstances, and in view of the fact that the year of grace expired in May, 1955, this case is SUBMITTED for the consideration of the Committee.



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