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I would like to know your opinion on whether it is possible to cut a passage opening in a vessel classed "Lumber Deck". The two deck opening ports in the tween decks present the same opening, situated in the tween deck, opening in tween deck bulkheads, etc. The same as is done in a "Lumber Deck", in order to reduce the gross tonnage of the vessel. It can be possible in the case of an "Lumber Deck", that class would the vessel vessel after having the all-optional completed.

The vessel I have in mind is the "CHINA MARU", the superstructure of which has been in this office several times during about this matter. Kindly let me have as full particulars on this as possible, as there may be several vessels affected.

Yours sincerely,  
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