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Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

High Close, Wokingham, Berks.

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Dear Mr. Bennett,

S. I have been asked to draw your attention to the unusual recommendations made by the Galveston Surveyors in their reports Nos. 4397 and 4398 on the oil barges "PETROLEUM 4 NO. 4" and "PETROLEUM NO. 6". Therein they recommend the assignment of an "Examined" record with a validity of two years which is in direct conflict with Circular No. 1772 which, with its forerunner No. 1764, limits the period of class maintenance under the scheme to twelve months.

It is appreciated that in the cases under review all the cargo tanks of the barges were examined internally and afterwards tested, and it is concluded that the extent of repair was limited to two years as against the normal Special Survey validity of four years.

The American Committee have apparently concurred in the Surveyor's recommendation and indeed were forestalled by the interim certificate issued by Mr. Rennie stating that he had recommended continuance of class for two years.

We have had one or two cases like it here but instead of assigning an "Examined" record we have held what is called a "Modified Special Survey" and given a two year validity.

Perhaps you would be so good as to investigate the cases and let me know in what circumstances the unusual recommendation was made and whether, in your opinion, the limiting validity mentioned in the Circulars above referred to, might be waived in this instance, or whether it would not be better to amend the Minute to one of "Modified Special Survey" as we have done here on one or two occasions.

You will understand of course that the period of validity of an "Examined" record only appears on the certificate of class and the general public using the Register Book normally assume it is for 12 months and certainly not for any longer period.

Yours sincerely,

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