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Copy of a letter received from the Rotterdam Surveyors
dated 12th August 1947.

Re. S.S. "MARINIER" & "MARLEEN"

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant referring to that of the 6th June last about S.S. "Marinier", "Marleen" and others. In reply I may say that we are not yet in a position to give definite information about trading limits. Developments have been as follows.

The contents of your letter of the 30th December 1946 have been brought to the attention of the Netherlands Assigning Authorities and discussed in detail. Official reply was received from the Authorities 19th June 1947 stating that a certificate could be issued for Black Sea, Red Sea, European and North West African Coasting Services, including the Azores when the following items dealt with (with a freeboard of 183 centimetres identical to the freeboard assigned by you).

- 1) A reverse frame angle 100 x 75 x 9 every fifth frame in lower holds to be fitted.
- 2) Close cargo doors and tonnage opening by means of electric welding. Is already done.
- 3) Fit knees to lower ends of intermediate frames in tweendeck. Is already done.
- 4) Wood hatchcovers to be replaced by 2½ inch hatches.

In case clause 4) would not be complied with for the present, the geographical limits will be narrowed for a period of 2 years to Baltic, North Sea, Channel, Irish Sea. Upon termination of the 2 years the hatchcovers will have (anyhow) to be made 2½ inches, when the greater geographical area will be granted.

The Amsterdam Surveyor reported the 8th instant that items 1 and 2 will now be dealt with in S.S. "MARLEEN" actually under damage repairs at Harlingen.

The Groningen Surveyor had been advised. They also state that S.S. "MARINIER" will be shortly submitted for the same repairs (1 & 4).

These arrangements necessitated an interim measure and, as reported by Mr. Lodder in his F letter of the 5th inst. to you, the Netherlands authorities have issued a provisional certificate for service between Gothenburg and Holland until end of August 1947. The Amsterdam Surveyors have forwarded forms C.12(a) to you.

As soon as items 1) and 4) (alternatively 1) have been dealt with we shall advise you further, but in the meantime I shall be glad to learn whether the structural amendments and restricted services ultimately proposed, can receive your approval.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
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