

T.2. Tankers "ESSO BRETAGNE"
"ESSO NORMANDIE"

The greater part of a Special Survey was carried out at Marseilles on the "ESSO BRETAGNE" in February last, and on that occasion crack arrestors were fitted to the side shell plating, together with additional stiffening to web frames in cargo tanks. At the Owners' request, however, the reinforcement of the structure in way of cargo tanks was postponed until the end of the present month.

In the case of the "ESSO NORMANDIE", a special structural examination was carried out at Nantes in April last, and as a result the Committee agreed to the Owners' proposal to defer fitting of additional stiffening until the end of last month, on definite understanding that this work would be carried out then for continuance of class.

In each case the Owners have recently stated that owing to their commitments it was not possible to carry out the necessary stiffening by the times previously agreed, but they proposed dealing with the "ESSO NORMANDIE" in November and the "ESSO BRETAGNE" in December.

Before submitting these proposals to the Committee, however, the Owners were requested to state the services on which the ships would be engaged in the meantime, and were advised it was considered unlikely that the Committee would agree to a postponement unless the ships were engaged in some very restricted trade.

It has now been ascertained that both vessels will be confined to voyages Persian Gulf/Havre, and the Chief Ship Surveyors Department therefore submit that the desired postponement of stiffening in each case might be granted, provided the details of the proposed loading are forwarded to this Office and approved.

C.G.H.

6th October, 1953.

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Deferred

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*discussed with Mr. Sturges
& agreed. Shipping instructions
off Company not to be made in these
cases. 10/10/53*

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