

Messrs. Sociedad Espanola de Construccion Naval Yard No. 21.
("JUAN SEBASTIAN DEL CANO")

It is submitted the Bilbao Surveyors be requested to inform the Builders in reply to their letter of the 22nd instant, that while preliminary plans were submitted by them in accordance with Circular 1285, the design was so modified from time to time that in the Secretary's letter, dated 19th March 1923, they were informed that when the construction of the vessel was definitely decided upon and the design definitely fixed, plans showing details of the general arrangement of the ship should be submitted for approval.

As these plans have never been submitted it has been concluded that approval of the subdivision arrangements was not desired, and in consequence no steps have been taken to see that the requirements of Circular 1285 are complied with.

It should be pointed out, however, that as the Spanish Authorities have not introduced any subdivision regulations, compliance with Circular 1285 is not required. It is noted that the Builders do not intend to ask for a letter stating that the regulations have been complied with, and under these circumstances freeboards will be assigned solely in accordance with the freeboard regulations and without any regard to subdivision regulations, and the fee to be charged for such assignment will be on the basis of Section 32, page 8 of the Rules.

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