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The Secretary,
LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING
71, Fenchurch St., E.C. 3.

Sirs,

I have the honour to inform you that in my capacity as Shipping and Transport Manager of the Sabeen Utility Corporation, Ltd., of Addis Ababa and also as Acting Superintendent, Imperial Ethiopian Mercantile Marine, I have contracted for m.s. "ADULIS" to carry a cargo of bagged beans from Assab and Massawa. This voyage commences approximately on today's date and one can reasonably expect that she will be at the head of the canal area on about Christmas Day. The matter, therefore, is of extreme urgency and was explained to you over the telephone by Mr. Samson of Smson, Menzies, Ltd., this morning.

The proposed voyage is from Massawa, up the Red Sea through the Canal to Beirut, where she despatches this cargo. After this, she was to pick up a cargo of Egyptian Sugar at Alexandria and convey it to Massawa.

The bagged beans and subsequently the bagged wheat come from the Ethiopian plateau and the seasons extends from this time of year till next June. I am, therefore, asking for an extension for the vessels of this class, i.e. "ADULIS", and "BAHR NEUASH" (and later "WAL WAL") for trading from Djibouti, Assab or Massawa to the Levant as far north as Alexandretta across to Cyprus, down to Alexandria and back via the Canal to Red Sea Ports.

Yours &c....