

9th March, 1949.

Dear Mr. Scott,

I have your letter of the 3rd instant regarding the overdue first entry reports, and feel I must be frank in replying that I do not understand why they are being kept back on the plea that in both cases the vessels left port without completing several items in connexion with the machinery and electrical installations.

The normal practice as laid down in the Instructions to Surveyors is that if a vessel leaves port before a survey is completed Surveyors should always forward their report of survey so far as held. This enables us to check and approve what is outstanding and to advise other ports should it be decided to complete the outstanding items there.

If we wait, as you suggest, until the vessel returns for completion, we may quite easily find one or two other items still requiring to be done and one or two queries to raise before we can submit the case to the Committee.

I feel sure that, upon reflection, you will agree we should not make an exception in Spanish cases, and in that event perhaps you will arrange for the "TIO PEPE" to be reported from Bilbao, and the "EXPLORADOR GRADIER" from Barcelona, at the earliest possible date.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

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