

M.S. "PUKEKO" No. 82019 in the R.B.

This vessel was built in 1928 by the Goole Shipbuilding Co. She has now been under survey at Auckland, New Zealand, and new oil machinery has been fitted, the existing boiler being removed and a new donkey boiler fitted. The present boiler room and bunkers have been cleared and a new transverse bulkhead fitted on frame 40 forming an additional cargo hold compartment. This new bulkhead separates the machinery from the cargo space, and it is therefore required by the Rules that this bulkhead should be watertight and stiffened accordingly. The Surveyors give the sizes of stiffeners, but no particulars of the spacing, nor does he state whether any horizontal stiffening is provided.

In these circumstances it is submitted the Surveyor be informed that it is concluded that the new bulkhead on frame 40 has been stiffened equivalent to the Rules for watertight bulkheads, but he should confirm that this is the case, and on the receipt of this information the reference in the Register Book in respect of the number of watertight bulkheads should be amended accordingly.

It is also concluded that the Surveyor has satisfied himself in respect of the construction of the seatings under the motor engines, but he should state if this is so.

At the same time the Surveyor should be informed that it is considered desirable in cases of this character that plans should be submitted for approval before alterations are commenced. A cable would be sent intimating approval or otherwise of the proposed arrangements.

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