

Transversely Framed Tanker "BRITAMSEA"

(Category A)

The special detailed inspection called for in Circular Letter dated 28th May last was carried out on this ship in October at New York in conjunction with a General Examination for postponement of the Special Survey, which became due in September.

In view of the state of the structure as ascertained on that occasion, the Committee agreed to the Owners' proposal to postpone the Special Survey until June, but it was impressed upon the Owners that, in view of the design of the ship, the Committee were strongly of the opinion that it would be judicious to fit two rows of underdeck intercostal girders (port and starboard) extending over the midship half length. It was felt that as a prudent measure this stiffening should be fitted at once, but, in the event of the Owners not agreeing with this recommendation, not later than the Special Survey.

Whilst awaiting the Committee's decision, the New York Surveyors received information to the effect that a Norske Veritas Surveyor was attending, and they understood the Owners were apparently contemplating transfer of class to that Society due to the uncertainty regarding stiffening.

When the New York Surveyors' report was received it appeared that, although strengthening was not fitted on that occasion owing to the vessel's cargo commitments, it was the Owners' intention to carry out the necessary work at the Special Survey. The Owners now state, however, that the vessel's class has been transferred to the Norske Veritas.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

*Mr Cook, Thursday 29 Jan'y 1953.*

*The Chairman would like*

*to discuss this case with the Chairman of Class, but may beat a meeting this time.*

19th January, 1953.

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