

From L. S. "Winston"

With reference to the Hartlepool Surveyors report No. 10374 it is submitted the Surveyors should be informed that this report received the consideration of the Licensing Committee at their meeting, to-day when in view of the Surveyors statement that "The cargo battens" have not been replaced in holds as the Owners "state the vessel will be engaged exclusively" in the Baltic trade (coal and deals), they decided to refer the case for the consideration of the General Committee on Thursday next.

As the rules ~~do not~~ provide for dispensing with cargo battens only in the case of a vessel engaged exclusively in the coal trade, the Surveyor should state whether he ascertained from the Owners that this condition applied in this case, and that it was at their own request the cargo battens were not replaced. If the vessel is to be engaged exclusively in the carrying of coals and deals the Owners statement to this effect should be submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

An early reply should be requested in order that the case may be placed before the Committee at their meeting on Thursday next.

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