

FREEBOARD REPORT on the "HOPESTAR".

It is submitted the Freeboards given on the accompanying form, being those required by the Tables, merit approval, the same to be marked on the vessel's sides, inserted in the certificate of classification, and recorded in the Register Book.

The freeboards assigned are subject to:-

- (1) The tonnage opening in the shelter deck, the freeing ports in the tonnage well and all overboard scuppers from the shelter 'tween decks, including those in the tonnage well, being permanently closed.
- (2) Any sanitary discharges from spaces below the shelter deck being fitted with screw-down, automatic, non-return valves controlled from the shelter deck.
- (3) Suitable provision being made for rigging lifelines which should be available in all parts of the ship which might have to be used by the crew in the regular working thereof.
- (4) The stiffening of the exposed machinery casings on the shelter deck being reinforced to the Surveyor's satisfaction.

The watertight bulkheads should be extended to the shelter deck. If this is not done, a notation will require to be made in the Register Book regarding their omission in the 'tween decks. The shelter 'tween decks should be drained by scupper pipes to the bilges. If the bulkheads are not extended to the shelter deck a scupper pipe fitted on each side of the ship at the forward and after ends of the machinery space will suffice, provided water can drain freely to these scupper pipes from all parts of the 'tween decks. If it is desired to retain the overboard scuppers from the crew space aft and the refrigerated stores these should be provided with screw-down, automatic, non-return valves controlled from the shelter deck.

The Newcastle Surveyors should satisfy themselves with the efficiency of the arrangements, particularly the appliances for closing hatchways and other openings in the shelter deck.

They should report full particulars of the alterations carried out on a Rpt.C11(Contd), placing a copy on board the ship.

They should give full particulars of the closing appliances of the openings in the forecastle bulkhead.

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