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Lloyd's Register of Shipping

7th April, 1925.

Dear Mr. Herbert,

We wired you this morning the freeboards which have been assigned to the S.S. "JORDAENS".

In checking over your report we find that you have added the tonnage of the fore peak to the under deck tonnage in order to get the tonnage for freeboard purposes. We have not altered this figure, although it is not in accordance with British practice, and we were always under the impression that the Belgian regulations were similar to the British.

In all vessels built in this Country after 1907, the under deck tonnage includes all spaces from the sternpost to the stem, and if for any reason the fore peak is to be exempted from measurement it is deducted from the official under deck tonnage. Under such circumstances it would be incorrect to add the tonnage of the fore peak.

I shall be glad to know the exact interpretation of the Belgian Law in this respect.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

G.O. Herbert, Esq.,

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