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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

High Close, Wiltshire Road,
Wokingham, Berks.

10th October, 1940.

Dear Sirs,

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I duly received your letter of the 8th instant respecting the case of the Danish steamer "MICHAEL JEBSON", and in reply have to say that from the correspondence in this Office it appears that in accordance with the cabled instructions from here, the Hong Kong Surveyors generally examined the vessel at that port in June last for the assignment of the special record "Examined, L.R. 6,40". This was done in accordance with the general instructions contained in my letter of the 30th April last, which outlined the procedure to be adopted in cases such as this of Danish vessels, formerly classed with the Germanischer Lloyd, being taken over by the Ministry.

The Hong Kong Surveyors reports have not yet come to hand but there is no question, however, of eventual classification with this Society, as the arrangement referred to above was specifically drawn up to suit the requirements of the Ministry for the maintenance of Danish vessels formerly classed with the Germanischer Lloyd.

The certificate issued at Hong Kong, therefore, is only valid until the end of December, so that if the Owners are contemplating a voyage which is likely to extend beyond that time it will be well for them to submit the vessel to a further general examination, as per Circular No. 1764, in order to entitle the vessel to another date of "Examined, L.R" record, which would, of course, not expire until six months from the date of survey.

As regards the freeboard the Hong Kong Surveyors were requested by cable on the 31st May last to hold an Annual Load Line Survey, amend the lettering on the ships sides for a British ship and issue a provisional Load Line certificate on Report 10 valid for six months. In this case also the Surveyors reports have not yet been received and nothing whatever is known of the certificate issued by the Government Marine Surveyor at Hong Kong at the request of the Government of Denmark. In the absence of the H.Kg. Surveyors report you should verify the freeboard on the ship's sides and forward particulars of the closing appliances fitted to the openings in the end bulkheads of the superstructures, in order

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that a British Load Line Certificate may be issued either valid until the 31st December or, if the Owners resubmit the vessel to general examination valid for a further period of six months from the completion of the survey.

Before forwarding the above particulars, however, you should ascertain whether the vessel is to be reregistered in the United Kingdom and remeasured for tonnage in order that the appropriate Load Line Certificate may be issued.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

The Surveyors,

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