

DESCRIPTIVE NOTATION IN REGISTER BOOK AND
NOTATION OF CLASS FOR VESSELS FITTED WITH
CYLINDRICAL TANKS

In June last the plans of a Motor Tanker were approved for Messrs. Deutsch Schiff und Maschinenbau A.G. (Vulcan Werke, Hamburg), Yard No.218, to the design of Messrs. Sir Joseph W. Isherwood & Co. Ltd. The arrangements in this vessel shewed 10 round tanks of relatively small diameter and 12 rectangular tanks, all intended to carry various grades of lubricating oil. The class assigned, in accordance with the Committee's practice, was 100A1 "Carrying Petroleum in Bulk, partly in Cylindrical Tanks", "Longitudinal Framing".

At a subsequent date the question of the notation to be given was raised by Sir Joseph Isherwood, and it was agreed that this should be amended to the following:-

"Carrying lubricating oil in bulk. 12 rectangular compartments and 5 pairs of round tanks of small diameter". "Longitudinal Framing".

The Owners of this vessel ^{are interested in} have another ship, the "GENERAL GASSOUIN", classed with the Bureau Veritas, which has a somewhat similar arrangement of tanks. This vessel is described in the Society's Register Book as follows:-

"Carrying petroleum in cylindrical tanks"
"Longitudinal Framing".

The Owners, together with Sir Joseph Isherwood, took up the matter of the notation of class for the "GENERAL GASSOUIN" with the Bureau Veritas, who have agreed to the notation in the next issue of the Bureau Veritas Register being made as follows:-

In Column 4:- "Oil in Bulk and specially arranged for
"bulk lubricating oil";

In Column 16:- "Long.Frmg. 14 Comp. and 14 round tanks";

and the Owners desire that a description corresponding to the above notation be inserted in the Society's Register Book in the case of the "GENERAL GASSOUIN".

No objection is seen to this being done.

In addition to the above, however, it appears that the Owners desire a similar alteration to be made to the notation of class for the S.S. "STANASFALT", Messrs. Palmers' No. 989. This vessel was recently completed to this Society's classification, and has been arranged to carry asphalt in four circular tanks of large diameter. The notation assigned by the Committee is:-

"Carrying Liquid Asphalt or Oil in Bulk F.P. above 150°F. in Cylindrical Tanks".

In the two former cases referred to above, the arrangements are substantially different from the arrangements which are ordinarily met with in Cylindrical Tank steamers, but in the case of the "STANASFALT" the arrangements are almost precisely similar to those which have been fitted in previous vessels of this kind. In other words, the case of the "STANASFALT" is analagous to that of other Cylindrical Tankers classed by the Society, while the cases of the "GENERAL GASSOUIN" and the Deutsch Schiff und Maschinenbau's No. 218 exhibit substantial differences from the arrangements of such vessels.

In these circumstances it is not seen how the notation assigned to the "STANASFALT" can be amended in the sense desired, without implying a distinction which does not exist between this vessel and others of ~~similar~~ similar construction.

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