

Motor Tanker "SOLHEIM"

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This vessel was built and completed by the Nakskov Skibsvaerft, Nakskov, Denmark, for the Hvalfangerselskabet "Norge" (Messrs. Chr.Nielsen & Co., Managers), and when the First Entry Report was received in this Office it was observed that two departures from the plans as submitted and approved had been made, the one in respect of the thickness of part of the plating of the longitudinal bulkheads, and the other in respect of the riveting of the butts of three strakes of side shell plating.

In sending this case forward, the following note appears on the endorsement:-

"It is concluded that the longitudinal bulkhead plating in the cargo tanks and the riveting of the butts of the side shell plating are as approved, but the Surveyors should state if this is so."

In reply, the Surveyors stated that the longitudinal bulkhead plating in the cargo tanks was as approved, but unfortunately a mistake had been made in respect of the riveting of the three strakes of side shell plating above mentioned, which had been completed with three rows of rivets in the joints instead of four.

In the interval, this case was considered by the Classing Committee, and the class +100A1 "Carrying Petroleum in Bulk", without condition, was assigned.

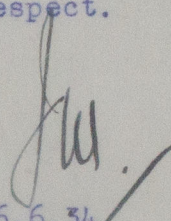
The vessel is now at sea, and the circumstances of the case have been explained in this Office by Mr.Berg, the Managing Director of the Shipyard.


The procedure which has been followed in this case is, it is understood, the usual procedure. That is to say, in order to avoid delay in dealing with the First Entry Report, the case was presented to the Classing Committee before the reply of the Surveyors had been received.



The reason for this procedure is that, in the great majority of cases, the mistakes found in First Entry Reports are clerical errors, and to defer consideration of these Reports until these matters of minor import have been cleared up would be to create a considerable delay in the assignment of class and issue of certificates.

It is submitted for consideration what action, if any, should be taken in future in this respect.

  
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