

Messrs. Cammell Laird & Company's 1053/4

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Tankers building under the Emergency S.B. Programme  
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The Liverpool Surveyors forward a letter from the Builders in which the latter state that the standard specification issued by the Admiralty (M.O.S. Branch) calls for 3 bower anchors only, the stream anchor being deleted, also that a further reduction has since been made, on instructions of the Controller, to the effect that the spare bower anchor may also be deleted, so that the anchor equipment is now reduced to 2 bower anchors only.

They desire confirmation that this reduction meets with the Society's approval. In February of this year the Admiralty (M.O.S. Branch) proposed as a war emergency measure that the third bower anchor be dispensed with in vessels building, or licensed to be built, on their behalf. This proposal was approved by the Committee on the understanding that if and when the ships engaged in ordinary peaceful merchant pursuits the equipment would be made in accordance with the requirements of the Rules. No submission has, however, been made to the Committee to dispense with the stream anchor.

Mr. Butterwick, the Assistant Director of Merchant Shipbuilding and Repairs, has therefore been communicated with by telephone, and he states that while it has been agreed that the spare bower anchor shall be dispensed with, it is desired that a stream anchor of the Rule weight and test should in all cases be supplied, and he is informing the representatives of the tanker Owners, who are seeing that the requirements of the specification are carried out, to this effect.

It is submitted the Liverpool Surveyors be informed accordingly.

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