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Trawler "R.R.S."

No.

With reference to the Antwerp letter dated 20th instant enclosing original certificates of classification of the above vessel, together with a letter from the new Owner requesting that these may be endorsed for change of name, ownership and nationality, it is submitted the Antwerp Surveyors should be informed that the Society's Surveyors at Ipswich reported in November 1919 that she had been submitted there for Special Survey No.1, and some minor alterations had been carried out. As they further stated that the trawler was being employed in carrying general cargoes on the coast, they were informed that to entitle the vessel to have the full 100A class, the bulkhead at the fore end of machinery space would require to be strengthened, suitable hatchway coamings and supports provided, the pillaring throughout made in accordance with the Rules and the machinery casings to be made 7 feet in height above the deck. It was further considered that a forecastle should be fitted, and the equipment made up to the full requirements for cargo vessels.

In reply the Surveyors stated that the Owners did not wish to have the full 100A class, and were not prepared to carry out the structural alterations, and in the circumstances the Committee decided to withdraw the vessel's class from the Register Book and insert three dots (...) in lieu, indicating withdrawal of class at Owners' request.

It would be contrary to the Society's practice for the classification certificates in such circumstances to be endorsed with the new name, ownership, &c., unless the vessel is reclassified, and the Antwerp Surveyors should be requested to explain the facts as stated above to the new Owner and ascertain if he desires to submit the ship to survey for reclassification, in which case it would be necessary for the Special Survey No.2, which became due in March 1921, to be carried out, in addition to the requirements above set forth (if it is still proposed to use the vessel for cargo purposes).

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