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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

FRENCH.

22nd October, 1919.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acquaint you that your letter of the 9th instant addressed to the Society's Office in Paris regarding the Steam Trawler "SERIEUX" has been forwarded to me, and that the circumstances as regards the vessel's classification have been carefully considered by the Committee.

In reply, I have to point out that the Special Survey No. 3 prescribed by the Society's Rules has been partly held on the steamer, but that it appeared that the centre portion of the watertight bulkhead at the forward end of the cross bunker had been removed by the preceding Owners, in order to admit of wine barrels being carried in the cross bunker. The watertight bulkhead is necessary under the Society's Rules to admit of the vessel retaining her class, and I have to explain that either the plates removed from the bulkhead should be replaced and the bulkhead be made watertight as before, or as an alternative arrangement the existing non-watertight bulkhead at the after end of cross bunker should be made into a watertight bulkhead, and I have to add that unless one or other of these courses be adopted before the vessel is again put into service, there will be no option but for her to lose her class in the Society's Register Book.

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In view of the fact that the steamer is at present for  
le, the Committee consider it right to call special attention  
the above circumstances, as they have no doubt that you  
all desire to apprise intending purchasers of the conditions  
der which the steamer retains her class.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

the Minister of Marine,  
PARIS.



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