

COPY OF AIR LETTER

Reference 'H & F'

10th May, 1949.

Dear Sirs,

S.S. "INCHMAY" and S.S. "INCHKEITH"

I have to inform you that on the 19th March last Mr. A.W. Black, the B.C. Surveyor at Hong Kong, forwarded to the B.C. Office at Glasgow a copy of a letter dated the 21st February received from the Owners of these vessels, in which they stated that the question of the overdue Special Surveys would be considered by Mr. Williamson during his visit to Sydney. The Owners promised to give further advice in due course as to the arrangements made.

No further information has been received here, and I shall therefore be glad if you will ascertain and let me know what steps have been taken for the outstanding matters of survey to receive attention.

According to the records here, the survey position is as follows:-

INCHMAY Special Survey, Type 4, due 8.45
Load Line Certificate expired 28.4.49.
Boiler Survey due 7.49.

INCHKEITH Special Survey, Type 4, due 2.46, partly held.
To Complete Survey:-
HULL Ship to be drydocked for examination of bottom and rudder; shell and deck plating to be drilled; holds, 'tween decks, bilges, fore and aft peak tanks, bunkers, all D.B. tanks except No.3, masts, windlass, air and sounding pipes, storm valves, hand pump and hawse pipes to examine; fore and aft peak tanks to test. Annual Survey requirements to be carried out.
MACHINERY All requirements including testing of Main steam pipes to be carried out with exception of examination of HP, IP and LP cylinders, piston and valves and main condenser.
Load Line Certificate expires 22.5.49.
Boiler Survey due 2.49.

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,
HONG KONG.

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