

S.S. "ETNA", No. 69347 in the Register Book.

This steamer was built in 1918 to class with the Norske Veritas, and is now under survey at Gothenburg with a view to classification with this Society.

As the panting arrangements forward were not equivalent to the requirements of the Society, some additional strengthening was required, when dealing with the plans, in the form of hold beams.

Letters have <sup>now</sup> been received from Mr. B. Ingelsson, the Owner (and a Member of the Swedish Committee), and Mr. Bulow with regard to these requirements.

The Owner particularly desires that the requirements relating to additional strengthening forward might be waived, and points out that in similar unclassified vessels the panting arrangements have proved satisfactory.

The main panting frames forward are 35% deficient in strength from those required by the Rules, but intermediate angle frames are fitted. As these latter, however, only extend from above the uppermost side stringer to below the lowermost side stringer, and are unconnected at their ends, they do not add appreciably to the strength of the vessel in the panting region. The shell plating, however, is about 50% in excess of the requirements of the Rules.

In view of this, and in order to meet the Owner's wishes, it is submitted that the additional strengthening forward <sup>might</sup> ~~need~~ not be required in the meantime, but that after the vessel is classed the Surveyors should <sup>for a time,</sup> at ~~each~~ convenient opportunity, make a special examination at this part, and report the same to this Office, when, if necessary, additional strengthening could be introduced. The Owner states that he would be willing to fit such additional strengthening if required.

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