

Motor Ships "HOEGH MERCHANT" and "HOEGH TRANSPORTER".  
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A deep tank of a capacity of about 1100 tons is fitted in these vessels forward of the engine room. The Owner proposes to use these tanks for the carriage of palm oil from Singapore to Bombay, and as these shipments only amount to about 450 tons it follows that the tanks will only be partially filled. The Owner desires to be informed if there is any objection to this.

The practice of the Committee in cases where tanks are to be used in the partially filled condition is to require the tanks to be subdivided as for an oil fuel bunker, i.e. by a centre line bulkhead and deep quarter wash plates.

In both cases an oiltight centre line bulkhead is fitted, and in the "HOEGH TRANSPORTER" quarter wash plates, 36" in depth, are also fitted, but in the "HOEGH MERCHANT" only normal deck girders are fitted.

In certain cases exception has been taken by Owners to deep quarter wash plates on account of their obstruction when the compartments are used for general cargo, and in these cases the quarter wash plates have been omitted provided additional stiffening is fitted.

In the vessels under consideration additional stiffening is provided by two horizontal girders which are fitted completely around the tanks.

It is submitted the Owner be informed that the scantlings and arrangements of these tanks have been examined and found to be such as could be accepted with the tanks partially filled.

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