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It is submitted a copy of the freeboard report and computation be sent to the Copenhagen Surveyors for issue to the Danish Authorities, with a view to the assignment of freeboards.

A copy of the computation form for timber deck cargo freeboards should also be sent, together with a ~~print~~ <sup>copy</sup> of the ~~plan~~ <sup>sketch</sup> showing permanent provision made for securing the timber deck cargo.

They should inform the Danish Authorities that the strength of the vessel is considered to be suitable for the deeper loading permitted. It is concluded, however, that when carrying timber deck cargoes all necessary precautions will be taken to see that the deck of the vessel will be efficiently supported in relation to the load to be carried.

They should also call the attention of the Danish authorities to the following:-

(1) [The air pipe on the poop deck having a height to the opening of 14"] and that on the bridge deck having a height of 11½" are lower than as required by the Regulations. *(not carried out Gen Letter 7/5/32)*

(2) Two-thirds of the freeing port area is not provided in the midship half of the wells as required by the regulations.

(3) No lifelines or gangways as required by the regulations are provided.

#### TIMBER DECK CARGOES.

(4) Special protection is not afforded to the steering posts and chains.

(5) Eyeplates are not provided for the lashings as required by the Regulations.

(6) The introduction of a length of hemp between the lashings (to facilitate the jettisoning of the cargo) is not in accordance with Rule LXXXIX which requires the lashings



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to be of steel<sup>wire</sup>.

The Surveyors should also advise the Owners as above.

When freeboard certificates have been issued by the Danish Authorities the Surveyors should forward a verification of marking form C 12(b) in order that the records in the Register Book may be amended and should forward full particulars of the alterations, if any, which have been made in order to comply with the Convention requirements.

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