

S.S. "SIMON BOLIVAR"

It is submitted the Rotterdam Surveyors be informed that it is observed from the amended report now received that a watertight bulkhead is fitted between the upper and second decks immediately abaft the openings in the vessel's sides forward.

In view of this bulkhead being fitted and the fact that the difference in freeboard between Table C and a vessel of well deck type having a well 17'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in length is only about 4", it is considered that provided hinged steel covers be fitted to the openings as approved in the Secretary's letter of the 23rd ultimo, the same could be approved for Table C freeboard, i.e. 12'-7" from upper surface of wood upper deck at side, without any marginal endorsement on the certificates, it being understood that the openings are for use in fine weather only and they are always accessible from inside.

The Surveyors should be reminded that a copy of their freeboard report has to be sent to the Dutch Commission, and therefore the report should be complete in itself without reference being made to approved plans. Full particulars of openings, closing appliances, scuppers and positions of bulkheads between upper and second decks as actually fitted in the ship should be forwarded on an amended report form //c in order that complete information regarding the case may be sent for issue to the Dutch Commission.

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