

s.s. "GUERNICA".

It is submitted the report form and computation be sent to Mr. Beraza, and he be requested to translate all the information thereon into the Spanish language and to insert it on a Spanish form Cl1. He should be requested to transmit the latter to the Spanish Authorities, informing them that it is considered the following should be done to comply with the requirements of the Convention:-

1. The wood fore and after in the poop deck hatchway should be shod with steel at the bearing surfaces, if this is not already the case.

2. Suitable provision should be made for rigging lifelines which should be available for use in any part of the ship which might have to be used by the crew in the regular working thereof.

3. The locks and doors on the forecastle bulkhead should be repaired to the Surveyors' satisfaction.

He should also inform the Spanish Authorities that as the freeboards computed under the Convention Regulations are less favourable than the existing freeboards, it is concluded that the latter will be re-assigned.

Mr. Beraza should be advised that it is understood the survey will be completed at Bilbao about the middle of February, when the steamer will be drydocked for annual overhaul. He should request the Spanish Authorities to advise this Office and the Bilbao Surveyors regarding the freeboards approved, and the conditions of assignment, in order that the freeboards may be marked and the certificates issued.

The original freeboard report should be returned to this Office as soon as possible.

When the conditions of assignment have been complied with and the freeboards marked and verified, Mr. Beraza should forward full particulars to this Office on form Cl2(a) for the issue of Convention freeboard certificates.

A photostat copy of the report form should be retained in this Office.

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