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Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

10th January, 1939.

Dear Sirs,

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant respecting the Board of Trade Enquiry to be held into the loss of the s.s. "ITALIAN PRINCE", and with regard thereto I have to inform you that a steam smothering line in the Boiler Room was not required by the Society's Rules at the time when the plans for this vessel were approved, i.e. in September 1919. The Regulation requiring the steam smothering became obligatory in June 1921. The date of build of the vessel was May, 1921.

In these circumstances it was not necessary for the ship to be fitted with steam smothering in the Boiler Room to comply with the Society's Regulations, and the Society has no record indicating that on construction she was so fitted.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Middleton, Lewis & Clarke,
53, Leadenhall Street,
E.C.3.

Secretary.



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