

s.s. "LONDON TRADER"

A letter has been received from the Newcastle Surveyors returning the classification certificate of the above vessel and stating that, at the special request of the Owners, the Builders desire that new certificates be issued omitting the notation "Carrying oil fuel flash point above 150°F. in deep tank aft" or for a new certificate worded differently omitting the reference to oil fuel. Exception would not be taken to the notation of lubricating oil or vegetable oil.

It appears that the Owners have made a definite statement to the Board of Trade that this vessel will not carry fuel oil, with a view to eliminating some requirements which affected the crew space (cofferdam, air space etc. on after side) and for which room could not be found.

Section 20A of the Rules states that :-

"Where it is desired that a special notation be made in the "Register Book indicating that a deep tank or a peak tank is "considered to be structurally suitable for the carriage of oil "as cargo, the following requirements are to be complied "with

As it appears the Owners do not desire to carry fuel oil in this tank, it is submitted that in the circumstances there would be no objection to the notation "Carrying oil fuel flash point above 150°F. in deep tank aft" might be deleted from the posting of the Register Book, and the classification certificate.



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It is concluded the thickness of the frames in the tank is as approved but the Surveyor has recommended that it is also to be forwarded particulars of length & capacity