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BRITISH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT,
c/o Naval Party 1749,
G.P.O. London.

Hamburg 10th March, 1947.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
HAMBURG.

Dear Sir,

M.V. "EMPIRE ALDE" ex "PELIKAN".

We have to inform you that the above named vessel has now left this port for London where, it is stated, she is to be completed and where all outstanding survey requirements will be dealt with.

This vessel has been under Survey since 28th January 1946 with a view to classification with Lloyd's Register of Shipping. She has been twice examined in drydock, the last occasion being in October 1946.

The following is a resume of the present position regarding the surveys held or being held for the purpose stated in the preceding paragraph:-

Hull:- Survey complete - reports will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Hull alterations and additions - as per approved drawings-work completed.

Machinery:- Survey complete - reports will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Freeboard Assignment:- Reports C 11, and C 11 (Comp) will not be completed at this port, but the partially completed reports will be forwarded to London during the course of the next two weeks.

Refrigerating machinery and appliances:- The vessel has been reinsulated in accordance with approved plans and Secretary's letters. The insulation has been completed under survey. A section of insulation will need to be removed in the starboard forward end of No.3 lower tween deck also the insulation of the refrigerator evaporators in the main propelling machinery space, for access to fire damaged parts.

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The refrigerating machinery has been completely opened up and reconditioned, the evaporator coils tested in place and the condenser coils removed and tested. The evaporator shells were first tested for Rule Requirements, then again tested as a result of a fire in the vicinity. A further fire occurred in the same position, but upon examination it was not considered necessary to re-test the evaporator shells. All gas lines have been tested in place and all stop valves opened up, examined and found or placed in good condition.

To complete the survey of Refrigerating Machinery and appliances the brine batteries and cooler fans require to be installed and the whole of the Refrigerating Machinery and appliances including the insulated spaces require to be tested under working conditions.

Electrical:-

The electrical circuits installed in the newly built crew's accommodation in the poop space are not in accordance with Rule Requirements.

The cable used is such as was approved as a war time measure by Germanischer Lloyd and the appropriate German Government Department, but it is recommended that the new installation be further examined and dealt with as found necessary upon the vessel's arrival in the U.K.

Every endeavour will be made to forward all outstanding reports in the case of this vessel, as soon as possible, but present commitments and prevailing conditions make this a somewhat indefinite statement, hence the foregoing resume.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
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