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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

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Dear Sir,

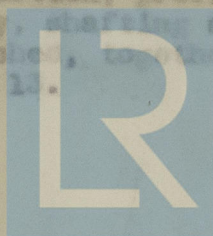
I enclose a copy of a letter received from the Society's Principal Surveyor at New York relative to the steamers "CHONG HSING" ex "Fairfax", "HAI NING" ex "Agwidale" and "CHONG HSING" ex "Agwidale", and with regard thereto I have to say that the "CHONG HSING" and "HAI NING" were built under Special Survey and classed "LOCAL". The classes were withdrawn at the Owners' request in 1932 and to permit the vessel to have their characters reinstated in the Register Book it will be necessary for the requirements of a Periodical Special Survey (Section B, as per Notice No.1840) to be complied with. This includes the drilling of the shell plating amidships, in the vicinity of the peaks, and such portions of the structure where signs of wastage are evident, as deemed necessary by you. Any major repairs which have been effected to the structure since the vessels were disclassed will require to be specially examined, in order to ascertain the character of the workmanship.

If the figure "1" is desired full particulars of the equipment on board will require to be furnished, together with details of any structural alterations which may have been effected since the classes lapsed.

Drilling sheets are enclosed for your guidance on which are indicated the original thicknesses of the shell plates amidships and at the ends of the vessels.

With regard to the "CHONG HSING", this vessel was built in 1926 and has not previously been classed with the Society.

In order to entitle her to classification it will be necessary for the requirements of the Rules for "Classification of vessels not built under survey" to be complied with. Any plans which may be available should be submitted for approval as soon as possible, but in any case plans of the midship section, profile and decks, main and auxiliary machinery, shafting and arrangements and boilers should be furnished, together with Port Entry Reports and Rpts. 6, 9, and 11.



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The requirements of a Periodical Special Survey (Section B as per Notice 1948), including the drilling of the shell plating and such parts of the structure as deemed necessary by you, should be complied with. The steel used for the renewals, if any, must be manufactured by the Siemens-Martin process and tested as required by the Society's Rules. If the figure "1" is desired full particulars of the equipment on board should be furnished.

I shall be glad if you will be guided accordingly and having regard to the importance of the inspection and the ages of these vessels, great care should be exercised by you in carrying out the surveys. If considerable deterioration of a general character is found the thickness of plating as ascertained by drilling should be forwarded to this office as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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