

"MADALE"24th February, 1941.

It is submitted the Adelaide Surveyor be advised that the loadline certificate which was issued in December, 1937 remains valid until the 28th December, 1942, and should therefore not have been withdrawn by him. He was not in order replacing it by a provisional certificate, and should be minded that in cases where it is necessary to issue a provisional certificate a date of limiting validity should be indicated thereon.

An annual loadline survey became due on the 28th December, 1940, and it is understood the Owners wrote to their agents in Adelaide requesting them to arrange for the survey to be carried out at that port. The survey was, however, carried out by the Wellington Surveyor before the vessel left for Adelaide, and the certificate was endorsed by the Wellington Surveyor. It should, therefore, have been apparent to the Adelaide Surveyor that the annual Loadline Survey had in fact been carried out, and he should have communicated with the Wellington Surveyor, or cabled to the Sydney Surveyors or the Wokingham Office, for instructions before proceeding further with the matter. He should arrange to return the fee charged by him to the Owners' Agents. [The Owners should be advised, and the certificate and copy returned to them for transmission to the Master of the ship. They should be requested to obtain the provisional certificate and return it to the Office for cancellation.]

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