

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,

RIO DE JANEIRO.

11th July, 1949.

Dear Sir,

"GUARARA", "GUARAPUAVA", "GUARAHU" & "GUARAREMA".

I have today received an intimation from the Empresa de Internacional de Transportes, the Owners of the above named vessels that it is their intention to withdraw the first three named from this Society's class. The "GUARAREMA" has, I understand been sunk off Santos, due to collision and has been written off as a "Constructive Total Loss".

The decision to withdraw from class has been taken in consequence of the extremely extensive repairs necessary to the decks and shell plating in the "GUARAPUAVA", which was Generally Examined recently for postponement of Special Survey, as per Rio Rpt. No.4551, and, to a greater extent, the extensive deck, shell, bulkhead, and main frame repairs necessary on the "GUARARA" which has been under Survey for a considerable period, in Santos and now in Rio de Janeiro, for Special Survey and the installation of new diesel machinery. In this latter connection I may state that considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining information regarding the new machinery parts and Air Receivers, Auxiliary Diesel, Compressors, Dynamos and Motors have been fitted seemingly without tests and definitely without Certificates covering the manufacture or other particulars of these parts. The wiring of the Electrical fittings and appliances is now in progress and does not conform in any way to the Society's requirements. In August last copious translations were made from the Steel Rules covering the altered parts of the Hull and machinery, and detailing plans to be submitted for approval, but to date the only plan submitted is for the new engine seating.

I understand that the Bureau Veritas Surveyor, a Brazilian non-exclusive Surveyor, has stated to the Owners that he is prepared to recommend the vessels for classification in that Society, as they are, without further repairs.

I regret having to forward this information, but at the same time I would emphasise that the vessels, as at present, are not an asset to the Society's prestige.

A translated copy of the Owners' letter is attached herewith.

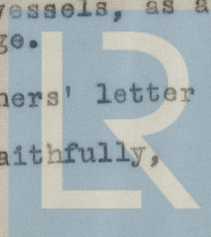
Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,

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