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Clerk to the  
Classification Committee

11th February, 1948.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your report No. 12323 of partial classification survey on the steamer "CIARA", it is noted on your machinery report that the additional bilge suction to the starboard side of the machinery space required by R. Department letter of the 6th June last, has not been fitted and that the Owners have requested that this suction might be dispensed with.

There is at present only one bilge suction on this side of the engine room and, in order to comply with the Rules, an additional bilge suction on this side is necessary.

The Owners' request to dispense with it cannot therefore be granted and its early fitment must be made a condition of class and should have been entered as such on your Rpt. 9.

Please discuss the matter with the Owners and let me know what arrangements they propose making to comply with this requirement. Your reply is awaited before submitting the case to the Classing Committee.

You should at the same time confirm that the ballast pump has an independent direct suction from the engine room bilges, in addition to, and distinct from the circulating pump bilge injection.

The Surveyors,

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