

S. S. "TAARNHOLM"

Mr. Buchanan telephoned from Copenhagen in connection with this case and in reply to our cablegram of the 15th instant.

The position is that a comprehensive general examination has been carried out at Copenhagen at the present time and in consequence the Surveyors recommend that the ship be allowed to operate for one month after the due date of the Special Survey, i.e., until the end of September, in any service and that for the ensuing three months, i.e., from the end of September to the end of the year, she be limited to the Mediterranean. Mr. Buchanan proposes to issue a short term Loadline Certificate valid for one month to enable the ship to proceed pending this matter being finally settled.

It may be added that the ship at present has a Danish Freeboard Certificate valid until 1953 and the question of freeboard arises only on account of the change of flag as a result of sale to Italian Owners.

The ship is to leave Copenhagen tonight and a short term Freeboard Certificate is essential to enable her to proceed but it was stressed to Mr. Buchanan that the proposal to postpone the Special Survey until the end of the year still remains to be approved by the Committee and that he should make this clear to interested parties.

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