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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,

Westerkade 5 b,

ROTTERDAM, 13th September, 1949.
(Postbox 701).

URGENT.

B.C. Classed converted Landing Crafts

Dear Sir,

With reference to your F-letter of the 22nd of June on B.C. coaster "MARVIC" ex L.C.T. Landing Craft, in reply to my letter of the 11th of June, I beg to inform you as follows:

The Motor vessel "ORCA" under survey at Harlingen (Groningen) and referred to in my letter is having trials today. The Dutch Shipping Inspection are prepared to give her the restricted class "E" until the 1st of November and during the winter the class "C", which is only the Baltic to the line Gothenburg-Frederikshaven and the East Coast of the North Sea from Calais to Agger canal, this on account of her excessive L/D and very short bridge. The alterations suggested by me in April have not been further considered.

This ship was approved in Glasgow for B.S. Coasting Service, subject to various requirements, which have been complied with.

I am inclined to share the opinion of the Dutch Shipping Inspection that she is not fit for unrestricted coasting service and with due regard to our previous correspondence I shall be glad if you would kindly consider this matter and let me know your conclusion. In case your conclusions would concur with those of the Dutch Shipping Inspection I think it would be wise to follow their action and restrict class and freeboard zones.

I have instructed the Groningen Surveyors not to issue Interim Certificates unless pressed and then they should refer the matter to me. It is anticipated something may delay issue of certificates until I receive your reply. If pressed for certificates I would not go beyond the wording "B.S. for service in the Baltic, North Sea up to 61° North, English Channel and Irish Sea during Loadline Convention summer".

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(signed) P. H. v. d. Weel.