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Non-propelling Steel Barge "SERVICE SHELL VI".

Class:- 100A1 "Barge" "Carrying Oil Fuel in Bulk, Flash Point above 150° F." "For River and Estuary Services".

Rule Dimensions:- 129' x 25.5' x 11.5'

A letter has been received from the Paris Surveyor enclosing a copy of one from the Owners, in which they state that they desire to engage this barge in a trade between Havre and Port-en-Bessin, which latter port is situated on the Normandie Coast, 100 Kilometres (about 63 miles) West of the former port, and desire to know whether the Society could grant a certificate for such voyages, which would be five or seven in number annually.

This is a flush deck steel dumb barge, having no erections, except a raised casing and house aft. Three oil tanks are fitted divided by a centre line bulkhead. Plate bulwarks are fitted extending the full length of the vessel. Expansion trunks 2'-6" high are fitted in way of the hatches only.

The scantlings and arrangements are generally similar to those approved in this Office on the 8th August 1928 for a similar barge classed 100A1 "Barge" "Carrying Petroleum in Bulk" "For Service at Cape Verde Islands," or similar service, and it is submitted that the class of the vessel under consideration be amended as follows:- 100A1 "Barge" "Carrying Oil Fuel in Bulk, Flash Point above 150° F." "For Harbour and Estuary Service and for ~~Coasting~~ Service from Havre ^{and} Port-en-Bessin". *between*

As the Owners desire to commence this service on the 10th instant, they request that a wire should be sent informing them of the Society's decision.

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