

19th November, 1948.

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Dear Sir,

With reference to your First Entry Report No.1362 on the hull of the Steamer "FIRISHTA", I have to say that before this case is placed before the Committee, you should forward your report on form 8 on the Special Survey for Classification, and at the same time furnish particulars of the conversion work carried out. (1) You should also verify the spacing of the rivets in the seams and butts of the shell plating, reported as being 3.6", which exceeds that specified by the Admiralty for these vessels.

At the same time I have to request you will furnish the diameter of the chain cable and verify the particulars of tests applied, stated in the First Entry Report as "Statutory Test 15 tons and Breaking Test 8 tons" because if these are correct, the chain cables which broke under a test load of 8 tons are not acceptable, apart from the fact that the Statutory Test load should have been 18 tons as required by my letter of the 13th August 1947. (2) It is concluded an alternative means of steering is provided which is entirely independent of the main steering gear, but this should be confirmed and particulars furnished.

I have further to point out that machinery reports on this case are still awaited.

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Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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