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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

1st December, 1936.

Dear Sirs,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo forwarding a copy of a communication which Messrs. Mahskov Skibsvaerft have received from Messrs. Cie. Maritime Belge in connexion with their Yard No. 80, and in reply have to inform you that the question of scuppers from shelter tween deck spaces has now been discussed with the Board of Trade. The matter has been under consideration by the Board for some time, but no amended instructions have been issued by them although they hope to do so soon.

Meantime, the practice is that when any of the Assigning Bodies consider that it is necessary or desirable that overboard scuppers and/or freeing ports should be dispensed with in order to secure the safety of the ship, such scuppers and/or freeing ports may be dispensed with, provided:-

1. A screw down non-return valve not less than 5" in diameter be fitted on each side of the ship in the tonnage well, and capable of being operated from above the shelter deck, and
2. The remainder of the tonnage exempted shelter tween deck space be drained to the engine room bilges in positions which are always accessible, but not to any of the hold bilges.

The Surveyors,

Yours faithfully,