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TONNAGE OF SHELTER DECK SHIPS.

NOTE TO OUR SHIPBUILDERS AND SURVEYORS.

We are informed by the Inspection Maritime Belge that the British Tonnage law and the corresponding Belgian law have been altered as regards the shelter deck ships, as follows:-

In the Board of Trade instructions as to the tonnage measurements of ships, which - except for the deduction of machinery - are also of application in Belgium the old wording on page 14, 2nd alinea of art. 35, reads as follows:

- " There must also be on each side at least one freeing port
- " of good size abreast the deck opening, and a suitable number
- " of scuppers not less than 3½ inches diameter distributed
- " through-out the space.

This wording has been suppressed and replaced by the following:-

- " A screw-down non-return valve of not less than 5" diameter,
- " geared to the shelter deck should be fitted on each side of
- " the upper deck in way of the permanent deck opening."

The consequence of this is, firstly, that no freeing ports are any longer necessary abreast of the tonnage opening; secondly, no outside scuppers are any longer required in the shelter deck space, ordinary scuppers draining into the vessels bilges are allowed instead.

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Signature.



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for Tropical freeboard and addition for
inter freeboard = $\frac{d}{4}$ inches = $6.45 = 6\frac{1}{2}$

Deduction = $\frac{\Delta}{40T}$ inches
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Round of Beam correction...
Correction for Thickness of Deck amidships