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Dear Mr. Waddell,

The New Shipbuilding Regulations

We have recently received from the Ministry of Labour a fresh statutory draft of these Regulations, which, it appears, cannot yet be treated as being necessarily in final form since, in a covering letter, the Ministry advise us of the procedure to be followed in raising any further points in connection with the present draft.

I am enclosing a copy of the revised draft with this letter. You will recall from the earlier correspondence with both Mr. Collins and Mr. Jones that we were generally satisfied with the form and wording of the 1959 draft so far as it would affect Group Companies, and it was then agreed that there were no further matters which were really worth taking up with the Ministry.

I think I can say that the position remains the same as regards the new draft. The Regulations with which we were specially concerned (referring to asbestos), i.e. Regulations 73 and 74, are now reproduced in exactly similar terms as Nos. 76 and 77.

We were also watching the previous Regulation 50, relating to the removal of dust and fumes, but here it was decided to raise no objection. The Regulation is now reproduced as Regulation 53 and refers to "any process carried on on board, in or on the outside of a vessel or part of a vessel" as opposed to the previous reference to "any process carried on in or on board a vessel". The Regulation is otherwise the same as before and I think you will agree that the present change is not material from our Companies' point of view.

The main alterations in this revised copy occur in Regulations 2 and 4 (allocation of responsibilities under the code) and in Part V by the insertion of new Regulations numbered 49, 50 and 51, concerning precautions against dangerous fumes. As regards the former no great changes are involved, and as to the latter they do not seem to be matters with which we are really actively concerned. Except, that is, in the context possibly of Polyurethane foams, and I should be glad if you would consider this problem generally since it is one that has only begun to concern us following publication of the last draft of the Regulations.

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I am sending a letter in similar terms to the above to Mr. Alderson with a copy of it for Mr. Clogg.

Yours faithfully,



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Assistant Secretary.