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The New Shipbuilding Regulations

Over a period there has been a good deal of correspondence on the matter of these Regulations and I am now writing to mention, if you do not indeed already know, that the formal Statutory Instrument, 1960 No.1932, has recently been passed by Parliament and that the new body of Regulations will come into force on 31st March 1961.

We have previously covered in letters the few sections of the Regulations that refer specifically to Asbestos (Nos.3, 76 and 77) and on which we were in touch with the Ministry at an earlier stage; these are now reproduced in the form in which they appeared in the later statutory drafts and there is nothing more to be said on them.

The Regulations do, however, introduce a new code for operations on board ship, and in that general connection, but these also have been under general discussion between us and, short of any specific points you now wish to raise, not a great deal can be usefully added to earlier letters. We believe that steps have already been taken to ensure that Area Managers and others concerned have a working knowledge of the new requirements.

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