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Gentlemen:

The U. S. Coast Guard acknowledges that M/V GEOEXPLORER, O. N. D642135, of United States registry, has been issued an International Tonnage Certificate as required by the International Tonnage Convention of 1969.

Furthermore, we approve your request as owner of the referenced vessel, to use U. S. Regulatory Measurement System tonnage as the determinant of applicable international safety requirements in accordance with the following International Maritime Organization interim schemes:

IMO RESOLUTION A.494(XII)  
IMO RESOLUTION A.541(13)  
IMO RESOLUTION A.540(13)

SOLAS Interim Scheme  
MARPOL Interim Scheme  
STCW Interim Scheme

The U. S. Regulatory Measurement of 295 Gross Tons will be used to determine which of the International Convention requirements are applicable. This approval is predicated on the vessel being an Oceanographic Research Vessel under 500 gross tons, having a build date of March 26, 1982.

Sincerely,

  
PAUL F. THOMAS

Commander, U. S. Coast Guard  
By direction of the Officer In Charge,  
Marine Inspection