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Subj: GYRE, O.N. 1179574
VESSEL SECURITY PLAN APPROVAL

Ref: (a) Your letter dated May 04, 2006
(b) Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 104
(c) International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS)

Dear Ms. MacDonald:

We have conducted a review of the Vessel Security Plan (VSP) submitted with reference (a) in accordance with references (b) and (c) and have marked it "**Approved.**"

Your vessel must operate in compliance with this approved VSP and the requirements contained in references (b) and (c). You are reminded that any deviation from this approved plan requires you to immediately report it to the local Captain of the Port (COTP)/Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI). Your VSP is sensitive security information and must be protected in accordance with 49 CFR Part 1520.

This approval will remain valid until five years from the date of this letter unless rescinded in writing by the local COTP/OCMI. You must review your plans annually and submit any amendments to this office for re-approval. Please ensure that a copy of the VSP is maintained on board manned vessels or, for unmanned vessels, at a suitable secure location that is readily available during an emergency or security incident. You shall make available to the Coast Guard, upon request, this letter, the VSP and any information related to the implementation of the VSP.

Vessels on international voyages may also be required to comply with the following new changes to SOLAS: Ship Identification Number, Automatic Identification System, Continuous Synopsis Record, International Ship Security Certificate, and Ship Security Alert System (SSAS). Of these changes, only the installation of a SSAS requires an amendment to your VSP. Vessel specific details of each SSAS will be reviewed and approved by the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center (MSC). The SSAS information should be submitted to the MSC at least 30 days before the SOLAS applicability date. For additional information on the SSAS requirements, please refer to Coast Guard NVIC 04-03 (ch-1) at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mp/nvic.html> and <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/msc/security/vsp1.htm>. For security purposes, the details and procedures for an SSAS installed on board a vessel should be contained in a separate annex or supplement to the Vessel Security Plan and stored separately from the plan to limit access to its details. Access to this annex should be limited to the master, vessel security officer, and other senior personnel designated by the shipping company. If a vessel has an approved Plan, only the annex covering the SSAS needs to be submitted for review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. M. NGUYEN".

H. M. NGUYEN
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
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