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Subject: QUALSHIP 21 Enrollment

TO: ALL OWNERS/OPERATORS AND MASTERS OF LIBERIAN FLAGGED VESSELS

Dear Shipowner/Operator:

The Liberian Registry has been admitted to the United States Coast Guard's QUALSHIP 21 (QS21) program for 2019-2020. QS21 recognizes vessels and flag States which have successfully met specified safety, regulatory, and quality requirements when calling ports in the United States.

The QS21 program is a quality recognition program to which only a small percentage of vessels calling at US ports are admitted based on the excellence of their port state control record. The USCG developed QS21 to provide recognition for well-run, quality vessels, operator, and registries.

“A quality vessel is associated with a well-run company, is classed by an organization with a quality track record, is registered with a Flag Administration with a superior Port State Control record, and has an outstanding Port State Control history in U.S. waters.” ([Qualship 21- Frequently Asked Questions](#))

Operators may begin to apply for the QS21 program starting on 01 July 2019. Applications should be sent to the US Coast Guard Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance. Details on the format and content of the application can be found on here on the [USCG Qualship21 webpage](#).

Please contact the Safety Department at safety@liscr.com if you have any questions about or need assistance with the USCG QUALSHIP 21 program or application process.

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