REVISED VESSEL INSPECTION AGREEMENT
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE/U.S. COAST GUARD
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1. Request for Inspection. The NMFS, upon selecting a U.S. commercial fishing vessel for award of a charter, will notify the Commandant (G-MVI), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. and provide the following information:

a) Name of vessel
b) Official number
c) Geographical area of operation
d) Mission
e) Charter period
f) Vessel owner, address, and phone number
g) Vessel's location for inspection
h) NMFS field contact
i) NMFS contract officer

Upon receipt of this information the Coast Guard will notify the appropriate Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection in order that an inspection of the vessel may be made. Inspections of vessels under this agreement will not be made by the cognizant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection until notification is received from the Commandant as noted above.

2. Location for Inspection. The NMFS will make every effort to arrange vessel inspections at locations where Coast Guard marine inspectors are assigned. When this is not possible, the NMFS will provide a wide range of suggested dates for inspection. Should an inspection be necessary on short notice (seven days or less) or should an inspection be necessary in a location that is not routinely visited by Coast Guard marine inspectors in the course of their other duties, the NMFS will provide transportation for Coast Guard personnel to and from the inspection location.

3. Applicable Regulations. The vessel(s) to be chartered by the NMFS will be inspected for compliance with Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 24, 25, and 26 (Subchapter C - Uninspected Vessels) with the exception of those portions relating to the carriage of passengers for hire (not applicable) and the requirements for lifesaving equipment (Subpart 25.25) and fire extinquishing equipment (Subpart 25.30). In lieu of complying with the life-saving and fire extinquishing equipment requirements normally applicable to uninspected vessels, these vessels will comply with 46 CFR, Parts 180 and 181 (Subchapter T - Small Passenger Vessels - Under 100 Gross Tons) as may be applicable depending on the vessel's length and the intended operating route of the vessel while under charter.

4. Letter of Inspection. Vessels which have been inspected and found in compliance with the requirements set forth in paragraph 3 shall be issued a Letter of Inspection by the cognizant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection. The original Letter of Inspection shall be posted aboard the vessel and a copy will be maintained in the issuing office's file.

5. Seaworthiness Standards. The NMFS will make careful selection of the vessels they intend to charter to insure that they are basically seaworthy. The Coast Guard inspection is not considered an inspection for seaworthiness; however, a cursory examination of the vessel structure will be made. If any manifestly unsafe structural conditions are observed, this fact will be reported to the Commandant and a Letter of Inspection will not be issued. In the event the Letter of Inspection is not issued due to the existence of such unsafe structural conditions, it is understood that the NMFS will cancel the pending charter and locate another vessel.

6. Limitations of Agreement. This agreement only applies to vessels of less than 300 gross tons, engaged in oceanographic research as defined in 46 USC 441.

7. Modifications to Agreement. Modifications or supplements to this basic agreement may be made by mutual consent. Such modifications or supplements will be in the form of addendums to this basic agreement.

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