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Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to congratulate Norway on its qualification for continuance in the United States Coast Guard's Quality Shipping for the 21st Century (QUALSHIP 21) Program. Your commitment to quality shipping was evident as merchant vessels flagged by your registry that called on U.S. ports have compiled an excellent Port State Control record in the past three calendar years. As a result, your Administration's three-year detention percentage is below the 1.0% threshold that is required for inclusion into the QUALSHIP 21 program.

We note that you have previously provided us your International Maritime Organization (IMO) Self Assessment Form and your IMO Voluntary Member State Audit Scheme (VMSAS). We recognize the sensitivity of these documents and want to assure you that they will be kept confidential and protected in a secure location.

Once again, congratulations for your exceptional commitment to quality. Please find enclosed two certificates recognizing your achievement. If you have any questions in regards to the program, please contact my QUALSHIP 21 Coordinator, Mrs. Makeda Starkey at the above e-mail address or telephone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian M. Hall".

Brian M. Hall, CDR  
Chief, Port State Control Division  
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By direction

Encl: QUALSHIP 21 Certificate