

Reference: USDGP No. 175; Proc. C.2.b)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Lisbon and, with reference to Diplomatic Note No. 2008-047 of April 3, has the honor to inform that the appropriate Portuguese authorities have no objection to the research mission to be carried out by research vessel ROGER REVELLE during the period of June 28 to August 15, 2008.

The scientific research vessel in question plans to conduct marine scientific research under the KNOX EXPEDITION oceanographic project.

The operation will take place in the Azorean Exclusive Economic Zone (ZEE), under one geographic position - 3717.50N - 03216.60W - affecting the usual areas of submarine transit.

It is believed that this mission may cause potential danger to international submarine navigation so it is imperative that information regarding planned movements (subnote format) and placement of equipment in the water be provided with at least 72-hour notice.

While operating at sea, the vessel must contact COMNAV on a daily basis (fax: 351-21-440-1954; telex: 404-60747 and e-mail: comnav@netc.pt) with the following data:

1. Vessel identification ;
2. Position/bearing/1200Z velocity;
3. Activities underway/position of anchored equipment;
4. Plans for the following 72 hours;
5. Vessel's telex/INMARSAT fax and telephone numbers and e-mail address.

Whenever the planning data is altered, the vessel must inform the appropriate Portuguese authorities with 72 hours notice or, under exceptional circumstances, within 24 hours.

The vessel's movements must also be reported to the Hydrographic Institute (IH) and the respective navigation notice, when appropriate, must be sent to the following e-mail address: avisos.navegacao@hidrografico.pt

Given that the data collected are of great importance, it is requested that these be provided to the Portuguese Navy/IH, as well as the technical/scientific reports, in digital format,

and the final report obtained in waters under Portuguese sovereignty and jurisdiction.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Lisbon, June 18, 2008

To the Embassy of the United States of America in Lisbon