The Law of the Sea Section (Legal Advisers) of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office presents its compliments to the United States of America embassy and has the honour to refer to the United States of America embassy’s application requesting permission to undertake a research cruises by the Roger Revelle.

The appropriate United Kingdom authorities have been informed of the research cruises Roger Revelle from 27/02/2009 to 04/03/2009 given clearance for the cruise subject to the following conditions.

Crown Estate consent is required for research cruises involving intrusive works within the 12-mile territorial limit. Where a small number of samples, boreholes or coring is undertaken, defined as less than 50 samples or a cruise of no more than a month in duration, a written consent will be issued. A “registration fee” of £350 is charged to cover the cost of considering the application, giving consent in respect of the Crown’s interests in the area concerned and modifying records. For self-funded research Crown Estate will abate this fee. For cruises, which involve more than 50 samples, research bodies must contact The Crown Estate to discuss the works involved and permission will be granted (with an appropriate fee) on the basis of the information provided. The contact number for Crown Estate is Tel: - 020 7210 4817 Fax: - 020 7839 7847.

It is requested that the vessel should at all times comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (as amended) as set out in the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1989 (SI 1989 No 1798). In particular, the vessel should comply with the requirements of Rule 10 of the Collision Regulations when operating within the vicinity of traffic separation schemes approved by the IMO. In this connection, the Embassy’s attention is drawn to the Admiralty Notice to Mariners No 17 of 99 and Merchant Shipping Notice M1448.

Attention is also drawn to: a) the safety zone established in accordance with international law and extending to 500 metres around all water off-shore installations (it is an offence to enter such safety zones without permission from the Minister of State for Energy (Part III of the Petroleum Act 1987) and b) oil and gas Development Areas which are marked on Admiralty Charts.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs would like the following to be brought to the Embassy’s attention. The master of the cruise vessel must be made aware of the possibility of encountering fixed, poorly lit and marked, fixed fishing gear. Care should be taken not to interfere with the activities of commercial fishing vessels when undertaking scientific trials. In the event of any fouling the vessel should report details direct to the Marine Fisheries Agency at the earliest opportunity.
The cruise is planned in an area of possible live cables. The master should obtain the latest Cable Awareness charts from www.kisca.org.uk and should not bottom trawl within 500m of any in-use cables.

In addition to the usual distribution of cruise reports, please provide copies, in digital format if possible, to:

- Ministry of Defence: Lt Cdr P R Newell RN, DI ICSP MARPLANS02, Room 252, Old War Office Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2EU / colin.thomson223@mod.uk (please also provide all raw and processed data and resulting research within the UK Exclusive Economic Zone).
- Director of the Fisheries Research Services, Marine Laboratory, 101 Victoria Road, Torry, Aberdeen AB9 8DB / James.Hepburn@marlab.ac.uk
- UK Hydrographic Office: Nick.Weaver@UKHO.gov.uk / Head of MEIC, UK Hydrographic Office, Taunton, Somerset TA1 2DN (please also provide all raw and processed data and resulting research).
- British Oceanographic Data Centre: easy@bodc.ac.uk / Dr Gaynor L Evans, Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory, Joseph Proudman Building, 6 Brownlow Street, Liverpool L3 5DA.
- Jane Thompson, RSU Operations, NERC Research Ship Unit, National Oceanographic Centre, Empress Dock, Southampton SO14 3ZH / rsoops@sea.noc.soton.ac.uk
- As a condition of entry, in accordance with article 249 of UNCLOS, the Joint Nature Conservation Committee requests that access to all data collected from within waters under UK jurisdiction is granted. Pre-reports should be forwarded to the Joint Nature Conservation Committee when they are immediately ready. In addition, the scientist in charge of that part of the expedition taking place within waters under UK jurisdiction will submit to the JNCC Offshore Survey Programme Manager, JNCC, Monkstone House, City Road, Peterborough, PE1 1JY, UK when it is immediately ready, 2 copies of a short expedition narrative describing the expedition and its preliminary results and the ships expedition track chart (Latitude and Longitude positions to be supplied as MS Excel spreadsheet or ArcGIS shapefile). Subsequently, 2 copies of the full expedition report including an assessment of the results of the expedition and two copies of all publications arising out of the expedition should be provided to: - JNCC Offshore Survey Programme Manager, JNCC, Monkstone House, City Road, Peterborough, PE1 1JY.

The Law of the Sea Section avails itself of this opportunity to express to the United States of America embassy assurances of its highest consideration.

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10 December 2008

Dear Mrs Brenner and Mr Dufour,

Permit for the RV ROGER REVELLE research and passage within the South Georgia and South Sandwich Island (SGSSI) Maritime Zone

Thank you for your notification of the RV ROGER REVELLE’s possible proposed passage through the SGSSI Maritime Zone during the period between the 26 February and 14 March 2009.

Noting the particulars of methods and scientific instruments listed, I am pleased to grant you permission for any research which may possibly be undertaken within the Maritime Zone, but I would draw your attention to the following points.

i. Please report your entry and exit of the SGSSI Maritime Zone to the Government Officer at King Edward Point (KEP), South Georgia. Government Officer: [go@gov.gs +870 382359 033 / 034 phone/fax]

ii. This period may coincide with licensed squid trawler activity within the SGSSI. The Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands would be very grateful if the Master of the RV ROGER REVELLE could report any fishing vessel sightings (within or close to the edge of the SGSSI MZ) to the Government Officer at KEP.

I wish you every success with next year’s research cruise and I would be grateful if you could ensure that copies of all resulting articles and papers are sent to my office.

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