The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to the Embassy’s email of 14 January requesting an extension of permission for the R/V Roger Revelle a United States scientific research vessel, to conduct marine scientific research in the exclusive economic zone and territorial waters of New Zealand from 17 January to 22 January inclusive.

The Ministry is pleased to advise that approval has been given for the R/V Revelle to undertake scientific research as described in the application for extension, subject to the conditions specified below.

The Ministry would like to note that this approval is subject to the following conditions being met:

1. The following notifications will be provided to the Fisheries Communication Centre (FCC):
   (i) 24 hours prior notice of entry of the vessel to the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone (NZEEZ), including date and estimated time of arrival and position of entry to the nearest arc;
   (ii) 24 hours prior notice of any port call in New Zealand, including date, estimated time of arrival and name of port;
   (iii) notice of any port departure in New Zealand within two hours of departure;
(iv) daily position reports while the vessel is in the NZEEZ or the territorial sea, to be sent within two hours of noon, including position to the nearest minute of the arc; and

(v) prior notice of departure from the NZEEZ, including date and time of departure and position of departure to the nearest minute of the arc.

The FCC can be contacted by email at fcc@fish.govt.nz or fax +64 4 801 5381. All reports should include the name and international radio call signal of the vessel.

2. Copies of all data collected and reports prepared based on data collected in areas under New Zealand jurisdiction, or alternatively details of where such data and reports can be obtained, will be submitted to the New Zealand Government, in a form acceptable to New Zealand, as soon as possible, and within a 12 month period, after the conclusion of the cruise. This information will be treated as public information and may be made available to New Zealanders via the internet unless another arrangement is reached with the New Zealand Government.

The Ministry would like to draw the Embassy’s attention to the requirement for a New Zealand Customs Service Advance Notice of Arrival form. Details of this requirement can be found on the New Zealand Customs Service website (www.customs.govt.nz), in the Visiting Craft (Commercial Vessel Arrival) section. There are also additional legal requirements on a vessel arriving in New Zealand’s waters under New Zealand’s Biosecurity Act. The Ministry would like to refer the Embassy to the Biosecurity New Zealand website (www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/ships), which has further information on the legal requirements for a vessel prior to arrival.
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

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