

SHIP MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES

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The Panamanian Minister to the Secretary of State

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LEGATION OF PANAMA
Washington, August 17, 1937

MR. SECRETARY:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's note of March 17, 1937, and to previous correspondence concerning the reciprocal exemption of vessels of the Republic of Panama and of the United States of America from readmeasurement for tonnage in the ports of the respective countries.

The Government of Panama adopted the laws and regulations of the United States for the admeasurement of vessels for registry by its Resolution No. 1 of January 5, 1937, establishing tonnage regulations (*see Gaceta Oficial* of Panama of January 8, 1937). This information was duly communicated to Your Excellency in my note No. D-21 of January 22, 1937, and in reply Your Excellency requested to be informed of the views of my Government with regard to a proposed reciprocal arrangement for the acceptance of certificates of registry and the special tonnage appendix in the ports of the two countries.

On instructions from my Government, I now have the honor to advise you that vessels of the United States carrying certificates of registry or other national papers showing their net tonnage measurements and issued in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States shall be exempted from readmeasurement in all ports of the Republic of Panama, provided that vessels of Panamanian registry which have been measured in accordance with the aforesaid resolution and which carry certificates of registry or other national papers showing their net tonnage measurements as thus ascertained shall be reciprocally exempted from readmeasurement in all ports of the United States.

It is further understood that passenger vessels of Panama and of the United States shall carry a Special Tonnage Appendix to each of their