

RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION OF PASSENGER VESSELS

Exchange of notes at Washington June 1 and August 5 and 17, 1931

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The Acting Secretary of State to the Italian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, June 1, 1931

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to previous correspondence with the Italian Embassy concerning an agreement between the United States and Italy for the reciprocal recognition of certificates of inspection of vessels assigned to the transportation of passengers. Particular reference is made to the Embassy's note of October 1, 1930, submitting additional data relating to the Italian laws and regulations, regarding the building and classification of vessels and the inspection of their structure and machinery. The laws and regulations of Italy have been found to approximate those of the United States on the subjects mentioned.

Accordingly, I have the honor to inform you that, in consideration of a like courtesy being extended to vessels of the United States in Italian ports, the appropriate agency of this Government will recognize in United States ports the unexpired certificates of inspection of passenger vessels of Italy issued and determined pursuant to the laws of Italy as fulfilling the requirements of the steamboat inspection laws and regulations of the United States, and that it will not be necessary in this regard for vessels of Italy to be reinspected at any port of the United States.

I shall be glad to be informed when appropriate steps under Italian laws and regulations have been taken to give effect to a reciprocal exemption in favor of vessels of the United States.

¹ TS 910, *ante*, vol. 2, p. 782.