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Scott Robinson
Savage Bahia Operations, LLC
2719 Causeway Center Drive
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Dear Mr. Robinson:

This is in response to your email of April 28, 2026, wherein you provided documentation supporting the detail accounting for the total amount of steel replaced on the tank barge known as BAHIA DE TAMPA (O/N 514966), performed in a Mexican shipyard, and subject to the coastwise eligibility of the subject vessel under 46 C.F.R. § 67.97.

Consistent with National Vessel Documentation Center ("NVDC") past practices, NVDC requested a review and analysis of the information and supplemental materials by the Coast Guard's Naval Architecture Division ("NAD").

Upon review, NAD concluded that the latest repairs' cumulative total of foreign steel replacements, which included the steel work in the Mexican shipyard and involved replacing localized areas of plating and stiffeners in ballast tanks, and valve replacement in two sea chests, amounted to a total steel weight of 97.85 Ltons (99.63 Mtons).

NAD concluded that, based upon the previous determination's discounted steel weight of 5,604.85 Ltons (5706.76 Mtons), the 7.5 percent foreign steel weight limit for the BAHIA DE TAMPA is 420.36 Ltons (428.00 Mtons), which is the service life total for the vessel. Further, NAD identified the maximum 1.5 percent major component weight limit as being 84.07 Ltons (85.6 Mtons), constant throughout the BAHIA DE TAMPA's service life. Next, NAD observed that the total Mexican steel repairs in 2024 were 74.76 Ltons. As such, the cumulative total is 172.60 Ltons and no individual component was more than 5.3 Ltons, within allowable limits. Finally, NAD determined that, with regard to future foreign repairs (if any), the total remaining steel weight margin is 345.60 Ltons (351.88 Mtons).

In light of the foregoing, and based upon the information provided, I confirm that the repairs performed in a Mexican shipyard, as noted, have not adversely affected the U.S. build status of, and eligibility to operate in the coastwise trades of the United States upon completion, the BAHIA DE TAMPA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christina G. Washburn".

Christina G. Washburn
Director