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TO: Trinidad Tobago Port State  
FM: VMSL-NY

Subject: Regulatory Scheme for Tonnage Measurement for Certain Ships (MV GYRE -  
IMO 7318999; VMSL ON: 2341)

Dear Sir;

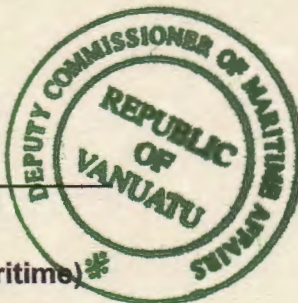
Vanuatu Maritime Services, Ltd ("VMSL") is the Administrator for the International Ship Registry for the Republic of Vanuatu. We have been advised that your office does not recognize the use of a National Tonnage Scheme in lieu of the ITC. With that in mind, we respectfully direct your attention to IMO MSC/Circ. 635 dated 15 June 1994 and Resolution A.494 (XII) adopted on 19 November 1981. As you may recall the ITC 1969 came into force on 18 July 1982. This above cited Circular and Resolution allows vessels built prior to 31 December 1985 to remain under the National Scheme. The above subject vessel was built in 1973 under the United States of America Regulatory Tonnage Scheme.

As such, VMSL respectfully request that your PSC officers give weight to the above IMO Resolution and recognize that this Administration has granted the owners' request to remain under the National Tonnage Scheme and be govern under all of the IMO Conventions and ILO Conventions as such. We have enclosed a copy of a Reconciliation Letter (Certificate No.: 14-1757) issued to the vessel to support this Administration's position on this matter.

If PSC has any questions with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Captain Patrick Michael DeCharles II  
Executive Vice President  
Attorney-at -Law (Admiralty and Maritime)





# THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

Port Vila, Vanuatu

Certificate Number 14-1757

IMO Number: IMO7318999

## RECONCILIATION OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGULATORY TONNAGES

<u>NAME OF VESSEL</u>	<u>O. N.</u>	<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>PORT OF REGISTRY</u>	<u>REGULATORY GROSS TONS</u>
GYRE	2341	YJTX5	PORT VILA, VANUATU	291

I, the undersigned, certify that the above mentioned ship, built in 1973, has been measured in accordance with national rules in effect prior to the coming into effect of the International Tonnage Convention, 1969, and that accordingly, these national rules continue to apply to the vessel in accordance with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) MSC/Circ.635 dated 15 June 1994, and IMO Resolutions on the subject, specifically, IMO Resolution A.494(XII) regarding Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS).

The tonnage measured under the International Tonnage Convention, 1969, as evidenced by the ITC 69 tonnage certificate for this vessel, shall not apply to this vessel for regulatory purposes. For SOLAS (including SOLAS regulation XI-2/6.) purposes this vessel is considered **less than** 500 grt; for MARPOL purposes this vessel is considered **less than** 400 grt. Accordingly, this vessel **is not required** by the International Conventions or this Administration to carry any of the following certificates: **Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate, Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate, IOPP AND AN IAPP**, although the vessel may voluntarily comply and carry any of the above mentioned certificates if surveyed accordingly. The vessel **must carry** a Load Line Certificate, a 1969 Tonnage Certificate, and ISM Certificate and an ISSC Certificate.

This certificate is issued under the authority of the Government of the REPUBLIC OF VANUATU. It will remain in force until revoked or amended.

This certificate shall be presented to any duly authorized flag state or port state official who may have an interest.

Issued at the Port of New York on **15 July 2014**

The undersigned declares that he is duly authorized by the said Government to issue this certificate.

Patrick Michael DeCharles II  
by the direction of the  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF MARITIME AFFAIRS  
The Republic of Vanuatu

