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Reederei Harmstorf & Co. and MV "Hélène" recognized by U.S. Coast Guard

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The office of the United States Coast Guard, as part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, has received a request for the review of several vessels owned, operated or managed by Reederei Harmstorf & Co. Thomas Meier-Hedde GmbH & Co. KG in order to assess the eligibility for the Qualship 21 Program (Quality Shipping in the Twenty First Century). After the review had been completed, the U.S. Coast Guard congratulated Reederei Harmstorf & Co. Thomas Meier-Hedde GmbH & Co. KG on the approval of MV "Hélène" for entry into their quality shipping program.

Less than ten percent of all foreign-flagged ships that operate in the United States meet the eligibility requirements of this program, putting the qualified vessel in an elite class. This is a remarkable accomplishment and the efforts of the organization and the master and crew of the qualified vessel are applauded by the U.S. Coast Guard for setting such a high standard of excellence. In recognition of this superior achievement, the U.S. Coast Guard has provided a Qualship 21 certificate to Reederei Harmstorf & Co. Thomas Meier-Hedde GmbH & Co. KG.

Other vessels that are currently flying a flag outside of the Qualship 21 parameters cannot be considered.

Further information on the Qualship 21 Program, including the eligibility criteria, can be found on the following website: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Inspections-Compliance-CG-5PC-/Commercial-Vessel-Compliance/Foreign-Offshore-Compliance-Division/Port-State-Control/QS21/>

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