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Mr. Chris Fitzgerald  
Neoteric Hovercraft Inc.  
1649 Tippecanoe Street  
Terre Haute, IN 47807-2394

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

Enclosed is the Re-issuance of Grant of Exemption (CGB 91-002-7) you requested by letter dated on February 17, 2014.

The exemption lasts for a period of five years and will expire on March 14, 2019. At least three months prior to that date you should petition the Coast Guard to extend the provisions of the exemption for an additional three-year period. The petition should describe any changes in the boat described in the Grant of Exemption. In addition, if you decide to begin manufacturing other models, you must petition the Coast Guard for an amendment to the provisions of Grant of Exemption (CGB 91-002).

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact me at (202) 372-1072.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kerry L. Freese".

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Enclosure: RE-ISSUANCE OF GRANT OF EXEMPTION (CGB 91-002-7)

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RE-ISSUANCE TO GRANT OF EXEMPTION CGB 91-002, 46 U.S.C. 4305, DHS Delegation No. 170.1(92) CGB 91-002-7: NEOTERIC HOVERCRAFT INC. (1649 Tippecanoe Street; Terre Haute, Indiana; POC: Chris Fitzgerald), expired on 19 MAY 2013.

Date of request for re-issuance: 17 FEB 2014 by letter.

The Coast Guard exempts hovercraft manufactured by the petitioner from part 183 subparts B, C, I, J and K: Hovercrafts ride upon a cushion of air created by a large fan, which directs a large volume of air into a skirt beneath and around the perimeter of the hull, while a second large fan propels the craft forward. The hovercraft's hull does not come into contact with the water surface while underway. The petitioner states Neoteric Hovercraft Inc. continues to manufacture the same hovercraft described in the original grant of exemption.

*Subpart B – label displaying subpart C safe loading capacity.* Hovercraft capacity cannot reasonably be tested for compliance with subpart C.

*Subpart C – safe loading capacity.* Weight capacities determined under the safe loading standard do not reflect the safe load carrying capability of the hovercraft.

*Subpart I – electrical system fire/explosion safety.* Hovercraft electrical systems are exposed to the atmosphere and propeller wash disperses vapors before they can combust.

*Subpart J – fuel system vapor containment.* Hovercraft fuel systems are exposed to the atmosphere and propeller wash disperses vapors before they can combust.

*Subpart K – ventilation.* Hovercraft engine compartments are exposed to the atmosphere and propeller wash disperses vapors before they can combust.

DATE OF ISSUANCE: MAR 14 2014  
DATE OF EXPIRATION: MAR 14 2019

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PHILIP CAPPEL  
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