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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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U.S. Customs & Border Protection
Regulations and Rulings
Office of Trade
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Burley:

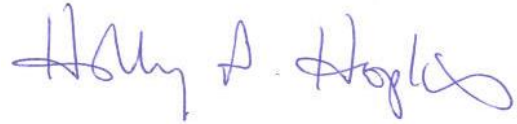
Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security regulations implementing FOIA, the American Petroleum Institute ("API") respectfully requests the following agency records:

All communications (whether by letter, e-mail or otherwise, but not including formal ruling letters) between U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") Headquarters and any entity outside the federal executive branch from January 1, 2013, to the present discussing the definition, interpretation, or application of the term "merchandise" as used in 46 U.S.C. § 55102 (formerly 46 U.S.C. App. 883 and popularly known as the "Jones Act"), or the term "vessel equipment" or similar terms such as "vessel machinery" (as distinguished from "merchandise") as used with respect to the Jones Act, or as those terms are used in CBP rulings interpreting the Jones Act, including in the rulings listed in CBP's Notice of Proposed Modification and Revocation of Ruling Letters Relating to Customs Application of the Jones Act dated January 10, 2017.

Please provide these records to either the mailing address above or hopkinsh@api.org. API agrees to pay the reasonable costs incurred by CBP in response to this request, not to exceed \$500. We ask that

you contact API if the expected costs exceed \$500. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at hopkinsh@api.org or 202-682-8439.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Holly A. Hopkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "H".

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cc: Glen Vereb, Director, Border Security and Trade Compliance Division