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Dated via electronic signature below

LeAnn Jensen Regional Judicial Officer U.S. EPA, Region 1 (Mail Code 4-MI) 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912 Jensen.LeAnn@epa.gov

Re: In the matter of Maritime International, Inc. and Connecticut

Freezers, Inc., Docket Nos. CAA-01-2023-0007, EPCRA-01-2023-0008

Dear Ms. Jensen:

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2), enclosed please find a Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO") settling the above-referenced action. The Consent Agreement has been signed by the parties and is now being submitted to you for approval.

If signed by you, the CAFO will resolve administrative civil penalty liability of the Respondents, Maritime International, Inc. and Connecticut Freezers, Inc., for alleged violations of Section 112(r)(1) of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(1), also known as the "General Duty Clause," and Section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act ("EPCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 11022. The alleged violations occurred at Respondents' facility located at 241 Park Avenue, East Hartford, Connecticut.

The proposed CAFO requires the Respondents to pay a penalty of \$149,000 and to perform Supplemental Environmental Projects ("SEPs") described in paragraphs 71-84 and Appendix B of the CAFO. The penalty amount is consistent with the penalty factors set forth in the CAA and EPCRA, the Combined Enforcement Policy for Clean Air Act Sections 112(r)(1), 112(r)(7), and Part 68 (June 20, 2012) ("CAA penalty policy"), the Enforcement Response Policy for Sections 304, 311, and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act and Section 103 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (September 30, 1999) ("EPCRA penalty policy"), and the 2015 Update to the 1998 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Supplemental Environmental Projects Policy ("SEP policy").

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Once the Final Order has been signed, I will file the fully executed CAFO with the Regional Hearing Clerk. Respondents chose to use a "wet" signature, and EPA's official signed electronically. Accordingly, I am submitting a PDF of the executed CAFO and will file Respondents' original signature page with the Regional Hearing Clerk when I am next in the office. The Parties' consent to the use of digital signatures (as well as Respondent's consent to electronic service of the CAFO, once filed) is included in the CAFO. This settlement does not have any public notice requirements.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-918-1148 or Berry.Laura.J@epa.gov and Respondents' attorneys, Joseph A. Farside, Jr. at 401-455-7648 or Joseph.Farside@lockelord.com or Krystle Tadesse at 401-528-5873 or Krystle.Tadesse@lockelord.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Berry Enforcement Counsel

Enclosures:

- 1. Proposed Consent Agreement and Final Order
- 2. Proposed Certificate of Service

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