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**WARNING LETTER**

**FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. John Clancey, President and CEO  
Sealand Services, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Clancey:

During an inspection of your vessel, Sealand Quality, 1515 East Barbours Cut, La Porte, Texas, on July 8, 1997, our investigator documented deviations from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1250. Therefore, the Certificate of Sanitation was removed from the Sealand Quality by the investigator and this vessel is now operating without a certificate.

Our investigation revealed significant insanitary conditions, including:

1. Potentially hazardous food failed to meet the temperature requirements during storage and while on display.
2. Thermometers were not provided for refrigerators and freezers in the galley and officers' mess hall.
3. Foods and food related items were not being stored properly.
4. Food equipment and cleaning utensils were not properly maintained and stored.
5. The final rinse water in the automatic dishwasher did not meet the required temperature for sanitation.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies on your vessel and it is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the regulations. You

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should assure that all vessels are in compliance with the regulations. Your firm was previously sent a Warning Letter on June 2, 1997, regarding the Sealand Integrity vessel at the same port. We have not received a written response to the June letter and you were provided a fifteen-day response time.

A list of Inspectional Observations (FDA-483) was issued to and discussed with Captain Alan G. Putnam. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed for your reference and you should respond to each item listed. Please review the observations noted by the investigator on your vessel, Sealand Quality. You should take prompt action to correct these deviations and ensure that future violations do not recur. Failure to correct these critical violations can result in further action by FDA.

You should notify this office in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter, stating the specific steps you have taken to correct the aforementioned violations. Your reply should be directed to Gwen Gilbreath, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,



for

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Dallas District Director

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