To whom it may concern

Thank you for choosing Universal Maritime as your preferred sea delivery company.

Recently the Maritime & Coastguard agency have been undertaking enforcement work with vessels being delivered by sea following recommendations by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MIAB).

You now hold joint responsibility under the Merchant Shipping Act to ensure the safe passage and operation of the vessel in accordance with relevant legislation, whether operating commercially or as a pleasure vessel. Whilst the applicable rules have not changed, the enforcement has strengthened.

Universal Maritime complies with all relevant provisions and guidance under UK and applicable International law (IMO), promoting responsible and safe operation of the vessels under our care.

This is conducted within an MCA approved ISM framework for the proper development, implementation and assessment of safety and pollution prevention management. Our primary objectives are to deliver vessels efficiently, to ensure safety on board, to prevent human injury or loss of life, and to avoid damage to the marine environment.

Voyages undertaken that do not comply to the 'pleasure vessel' definition (within SI 1998/2771) should be considered to be 'commercial' prima facie and the relevant codes of practice referenced. For yachts under 24mtrs, this would be MGN 280 and the Large Yacht Code (LY3) for vessels over 24mtrs. If a vessel is deemed 'commercial' it will need a UK Load Line Exemption Certificate issued by the MCA or delivered under our own General Exemption Certificate.

To protect both Universal Maritime, you, and/or your own Company from Corporate Liability regards to identifying the vessels status under the Merchant Shipping Act please complete the following declaration:

Vessel:			
Delivery voyage (from / to):			
Ownership Status		✓ or ✗	**Load Line Certificate Status**
The vessel is owned by?	Private Individual		Not required
	Distributor or Broker		Required
	Manufacturer		Required
Signed & Name:		Date:	
Company:			