



### **Entering the USA with the ESTA registration**

Several shipping lines participate in the “Visa Waiver Program”, which allows entering the USA by freighter with the ESTA registration. In this case it is not necessary to have a US visa type B1/B2.

This registration has to be done at least 72 hours before entering the USA. We recommend applying for the registration 6 - 8 weeks prior to the sailing. The reason for travelling should always be done as a tourist even though the voyage will not end in the United States of America.

If you have been to one of the following countries after March 1, 2011, the ESTA registration will **not** be possible and you need a visa type B1/B2 for travelling to the USA: Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Yemen, Syria, Libya or Somalia.

The costs of the registration are 14\$ and have to be paid online by credit card.

The official link of the Government is as follows:

<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/application.html?execution=e1s1>