

11. Interfaces with SSANet users to determine the impact of new applications and workloads and supports user liaison and systems development activities of other SSA components in the resolution of network technical and operational problems.

12. Manages communications software changes to ensure compatibility with hardware modifications at Central Office and all remote network platform locations.

13. Directs the planning, analysis and design of specialized network software systems for providing information relevant to the development of existing and proposed data communications systems.

14. Responsible for all aspects of engineering, design, configuration, implementation and support of LAN Operating System (OS) software, telecommunications and connectivity service functions at SSA.

15. Responsible for telecommunications and connectivity projects, including acquisition, implementation, integration and control.

16. Develops, disseminates and enforces standards and policies relating to workstations, workstation configurations, peripherals, LANs, LAN OS, local bridges and routers and related customer support and service.

17. Works with SSA users to provide solutions to LAN telecommunications needs that are consistent with SSA-network architecture policies; determines network and interfacing hardware needs, implementing solutions, planning and expansion; and determines staff hardware training needs. It assists SSA telecommunications users in determining and refining services and support requirements, configuration and engineering solutions, planning for future needs, coordinating implementation and evaluating effectiveness.

18. Provides a full range of initial and followup telecommunications and connectivity services and support for SSA users in network requirements analysis, system design, LAN needs determination, engineering, implementation, network control, OS software support and training.

19. Develops and distributes research papers on applied technology and its relationship to existing and future telecommunications and connectivity requirements. It also develops alternate systems configurations to meet specific alternative requirements (non-traditional technology approaches).

20. Solves network problems by applying information on state-of-the-art OS, telecommunications and connectivity software and hardware currently available in the marketplace. It develops turn-key telecommunications systems and special menus to meet unusual customer requirements.

21. Responsible for all aspects of network design, network engineering, network connectivity, development and customization of network management processes/tools, network automation processes and network performance.

Dated: November 15, 1996.

Shirley S. Chater,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Secretary (OST).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 27, 1996 [FR 61, page 44118].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 10, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Weaver, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2811.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Maritime Administration

Title: Application for Construction Reserve Fund and Annual Statements.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0032.

Affected Public: U.S. citizens who own or operate one or more vessels in the foreign or domestic commerce of the United States and wish to receive benefits under the CRF program.

Abstract: The collection consists of an application required from all citizens

who own or operate vessels in the U.S. foreign or domestic commerce and desire "tax" benefits under the Construction Reserve Fund (CRF) program. The annual statements set forth a detailed analysis of the status of the CRF when each income tax return is filed. Checks for withdrawals from the CRF must be sent to MARAD for countersignature and return for effecting the withdrawal.

Need and Use of the Information: The application is required in order for MARAD to determine whether the applicant qualifies for the benefits and for the applicant to obtain benefits under the CRF program. The annual statements are required from each respondent in order for MARAD to assure that the requirements of the program are being satisfied.

Annual Burden: 54 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 6, 1997.

Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending January 3, 1997

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the

application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-96-2040.

Date filed: December 31, 1996.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: January 28, 1997.

Description: Application of Delta Air Lines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Sections 41102 and 41108, and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for renewal of its certificate of public convenience and necessity for Route 526, issued by Order 87-5-5, served May 8, 1987, and renewed by Order 92-6-21 (served June 12, 1992), authorizing Delta to engage in foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between the terminal points Cincinnati, Ohio and London (Gatwick), England.

Paulette V. Twine,

Chief, Documentary Services.

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Coast Guard

[CGD 96-071]

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). CTAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials in bulk on U.S. flag vessels and barges in U.S. ports and waterways.

DATES: Applications and any supporting information must be received on or before April 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Application forms may be obtained by writing Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling (202) 267-0087; or by faxing (202) 267-4570. Completed application forms must be submitted to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Kevin S. Cook, Executive Director of CTAC, or Lieutenant J.J. Plunkett, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-0087, fax (202) 267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) is a Federal advisory committee constituted under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection on matters relating to the safe transportation and handling of hazardous materials in bulk on U.S. flag vessels and barges in U.S. ports and waterways. The advice and recommendations of CTAC also assist the U.S. Coast Guard in formulating U.S. positions prior to meetings of the International Maritime Organization.

CTAC meets at least once a year at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

The Coast Guard will consider applications for ten positions that expire or become vacant in September 1997. To be eligible, applicants should have experience in chemical manufacturing, marine transportation of chemicals, occupational safety and health, or environmental protection issues associated with chemical transportation. Each member serves for a term of 3 years. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve at their own expense, and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the Department of Transportation's policy on ethnic and gender diversity, the Coast Guard is especially seeking applications from qualified women and minority group members.

Applicants may be required to complete an Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (SF 450).

Dated: January 3, 1997.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 96-106; Notice 2]

Decision That Nonconforming 1997 Mercedes-Benz Gelaendewagen Type 463 Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of decision by NHTSA that nonconforming 1997 Mercedes-Benz Gelaendewagen Type 463 multi-purpose passenger vehicles (MPVs) are eligible for importation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the decision by NHTSA that 1997 Mercedes-Benz Gelaendewagen Type 463 MPVs not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards are eligible for importation into the United States because they have safety features that comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all such standards.

DATES: The decision is effective January 10, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Entwistle, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5306).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards. Where there is no substantially similar U.S.-certified motor vehicle, 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(B) permits a nonconforming motor vehicle to be admitted into the United States if its safety features comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards based on destructive test data or such other evidence as NHTSA decides to be adequate.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the Federal Register of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this determination in the Federal Register.