

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2001-11055]

Motor Carrier Safety Research and Technology: Second Annual Workshop

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; workshop participation; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice invites participation in a workshop addressing issues related to safety and security in Motor Carrier Safety Research and Technology Development Program and requests comment from those unable to attend the workshop. The workshop is being sponsored by FMCSA's Office of Research and Technology. It will be held at the close of the Transportation Research Board's Annual Meeting on January 17, 2002, in Washington, DC. The workshop will promote discussion of the accomplishments of the Office of Research and Technology since the Transportation Research Board's annual meeting of 2001; facilitate the sharing of information regarding specific research and technology projects completed during the 2001 calendar year; and provide a forum for interested parties to discuss their views regarding the planned or proposed projects in the area of research and technology.

DATES: The meeting and workshop will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you would like your comments to be available by the date of the meeting, submit the comments to the DOT Docket Clerk as described below by January 13, 2002. If you are unable to attend the meeting, comments should be submitted to the DOT Docket Clerk before January 31, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting and workshop will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC 20008. Mail comments to Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Albert Alvarez, Office of Research and Technology, (202) 358-5684, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access or Filing

Internet users can submit or review comments online through the Document Management System (DMS) website at: <http://dmses.dotgov>. Detailed information on the workshop and Program areas is available at www.volpe.dot.gov/outreach/fmcsatrb. Participants can pre-register for the workshop at the Transportation Research Board website: www.trb.org/trb/meeting.

The Federal Motor Carrier Research and Technology Development Program supports FMCSA safety activities and initiatives through the discovery, application, and dissemination of new knowledge (research); and the assessment, development, deployment, and promotion of new devices and systems (technology).

The Workshop Agenda will include:

1. Plenary Session
2. Accomplishment reports on the five program areas
3. Box Lunch
4. Breakout Sessions in the five program areas regarding planned or proposed future projects
5. Wrap-up and Evaluations

Meeting and workshop attendance is open to the public, but is limited in space. For the morning Workshop Plenary Session there is no limit on space. Seating for the afternoon Breakout Sessions will be on a first-come basis. The registration for an entire day includes a lunch fee.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance or meals at the meetings, contact Delores Hilton, Transportation Research Board (202) 334-2960.

Comments from those who attend the meeting and workshop will be transcribed. A copy of the transcript will be placed in the public docket. Feedback from all parties will be used as the basis for a final Workshop Report. The report will also be available to the public at the Volpe website which has information on the workshop.

If you wish to submit written comments or statements concerning the meeting and this notice, submit the information to the public docket listed at the top of this notice.

Issued on: January 7, 2002.

Joseph M. Clapp,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2002-11283]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before March 11, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Jackson, Maritime Administration, MAR-250, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-0284 or FAX 202-493-2288.

Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Request for Waiver of Service Obligation; Request for Deferment of Service Obligation; Application for Review of Waiver/Deferment Decisions.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0510.

Form Numbers: MA-935; MA-936; MA-937.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2002.

Summary of Collection of Information: In accordance with U.S.C. 12959, MARAD requires approved maritime training institutions seeking excess or surplus property to provide a statement of need/justification prior to acquiring the property.

Need and Use of the Information: This information collection is used by the requestor to provide a justification of the intended use of the surplus property, and is needed by MARAD to determine compliance with applicable statutory requirements.

Description of Respondents: Maritime training institutions.

Annual Responses: 61.

Annual Burden: 20½ hours.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the

Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: January 7, 2002.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-11282]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel FELLOWSHIP.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 11, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2002-11282. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk,

U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (no more than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. Name of vessel: FELLOWSHIP. Owner: Nels Erik & Tina Marie Jensen.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. According to the applicant: "75' in length. Tonnage per document is 113 gross and 90 net."

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "Naturalist guided, day only, eco-excursion for groups of 12 passengers to San Juan Islands National Wildlife Reserve, San Juan Islands, Washington State."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. *Date of construction:* Unknown. *Place of construction:* Unknown.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "I do not feel we would impact any existing commercial sightseeing, whale watching, or tourist operator whatsoever. These are larger commercial ventures that appeal to an entirely different clientele."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "* * * I used Seattle and Northwest shipyards to restore this vessel and I plan to continue to use the same for yearly haulouts and repairs. * * * I can only see a benefit and therefore a positive impact on our local shipyards and respective local economy * * *"

Dated: January 7, 2002.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2001-10312; Notice 2]

Michelin North America, Inc.; Grant of Application for Decision That Noncompliance Is Inconsequential to Motor Vehicle Safety

Michelin North America, Inc., (Michelin), determined that approximately 173,800 205/55R16 Michelin Energy MXV4+ tires do not meet the labeling requirements mandated by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 109, "New Pneumatic Tires." FMVSS No. 109 requires that each tire shall have permanently molded into or onto both sidewalls the generic name of each cord material used in the plies of the tire (S4.3 (d)).

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), Michelin has petitioned for a determination that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

Notice of receipt of the application was published, with a 30-day comment period, on August 9, 2001, in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 41931). NHTSA received no comments on this application. During the period of the 4th week of 2000 through the 9th week of 2001, the subject tires were produced and cured with the erroneous marking. Instead of the required marking of: