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Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
Dated: December 15, 2017.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2017-0195]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel THE FRANCES MAE; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: 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 brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 22, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2017-0195. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents

entered into this docket is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email Bianca.carr@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel THE FRANCES MAE is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: “12 or fewer passengers for hire”
- Geographic Region: “California, Oregon, Washington State, Eastern Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts, New York, Maine”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2017-0195 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, 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 in that business, a waiver will not be granted. 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.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT/MARAD solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT/MARAD posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. In order to facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2017-0196]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel SEAFOOD; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: 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 brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 22, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2017-0196. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SEAFOOD is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: Six-pack OUPV passenger-for hire operation operating weekend excursions and overnight trips predominantly in the Mid-Atlantic

area, to include occasional sport fishing but no commercial fishing—Geographic Region: “Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, Florida”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2017–0196 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, 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 in that business, a waiver will not be granted. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Notice of Intent To Re-Establish the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service intends to re-establish the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee for a period of one year. The final conference report for the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (H.R. 3299) recommended that the Internal Revenue Service establish a federal advisory committee to discuss improvement to the information reporting program (IRP). The first IRPAC was created in 1991. The IRPAC is the only advisory committee designed to

focus on information reporting issues. IRPAC members usually come from the tax professional community, small and large businesses, financial institutions, state tax administration agencies, colleges and universities, and securities and payroll organizations. Specific subject matter and technical expertise in information reporting administration issues, such as knowledge and expertise in producing and using information reporting returns, are generally required to accomplish the tasks of the IRPAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Tonjua Menefee, National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:BSRM, Rm. 7559, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

Phone: 202–317–6851 (not a toll-free number).

Email address: PublicLiaison@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), that IRS intends to re-establish the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) January 5, 2018.

Should you wish to contact IRPAC, please call 202–317–6851, or write to: Internal Revenue Service, Office of National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:SRM, Room 7559, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224 or email: PublicLiaison@irs.gov.

Dated: December 15, 2017.

Darlene Frank,

Designated Federal Official, Branch Chief, National Public Liaison.

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