

**§ 252.12 Approval.**

The Board may not approve an application for the payment of ODS until the Board has determined, in addition to other statutorily required determinations, that:

(a) The operation of the vessel in an essential service is required to meet foreign-flag competition and to promote U.S. foreign commerce;

(b) The vessel was built in the United States, or built foreign and determined to be eligible for ODS pursuant to the applicable law at the time it was built or acquired, and the vessel is documented under the laws of the United States.

(c) The applicant owns or leases, or can and will build or purchase or lease, a vessel or vessels of the size, type, speed and number, and with the proper equipment required to enable him to operate in an essential service in such manner as may be necessary to meet competitive conditions and to promote U.S. foreign commerce;

(d) The applicant possesses the ability, experience, financial resources and other qualifications necessary to enable him to conduct the proposed operation of the vessel to meet competitive conditions and promote U.S. foreign commerce;

(e) The granting of the aid applied for is necessary to place the proposed operations of the vessel on a parity with the vessels of foreign competitors, and is reasonably calculated to carry out effectively the purposes and policy of the Act;

(f) The vessel is of steel or other acceptable metal, is propelled by steam or motor, and is as nearly fireproof as practicable; and

(g) The vessel is constructed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Board and Secretary of the Navy, with particular reference to economical conversion into an auxiliary naval vessel, or approved by the Board and Navy Department as otherwise useful to the United States in time of national emergency.

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**§ 252.13 Contract.**

Upon approval by the Board of an application for ODS, the applicant and the United States may enter into an ODSA.

**Subpart C—Operation****§ 252.20 Subsidized and nonsubsidized voyages.**

(a) *Subsidized voyages*—(1) *Minimum operation.* The operator shall operate each subsidized vessel for a minimum of 335 days each year in the worldwide carriage of bulk cargo in the U.S. foreign commerce and in the carriage of such cargo between foreign ports.

(2) *Commencement.* The first voyage shall commence at the time provided in the ODSA. All subsequent voyages shall commence at 0001 hours local time of the day following the day of termination of the previous voyage or, in the event that a reduced crew period follows such termination, at 0001 hours local time of the day following the day on which such reduced crew period terminates.

(3) *Termination.* A voyage shall terminate at 2400 hours local time:

(i) In a U.S. port, on the day of completion of (a) paying off the crew from foreign articles, (b) discharge of cargo at the last U.S. port of discharge, or (c) voyage repairs, whichever event occurs last;

(ii) In a foreign port, on the day (a) of completion of the discharge of cargo if the vessel loads cargo in such port of discharge, (b) prior to the day of commencement of loading cargo if the vessel departed its last port of cargo discharge in ballast;

(iii) In the case of special circumstances such as strike or lack of cargo activity, on the day approved by the Region Director upon request for a variance by the operator; or

(iv) On the final voyage, on the day provided in the ODSA for termination of the final voyage.

(4) *Periods of reduced crew, idleness, delay or lay-up*—(i) *Report by operator.* The operator shall report promptly to the Region Director any reduced crew period and any period of idleness, lay-