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## Maritime Administration

[Docket S-934]

### American President Lines, LTD.; Notice of Application for a Waiver of Section 804(a) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as Amended, To Permit Certain Foreign-Flag Operations

American President Lines, Ltd. (APL), by application dated March 3, 1996, requests waiver of the provisions of section 804(b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (Act), for foreign-flag operations of APL under the terms of Operating-Differential Subsidy Agreement (ODSA), Contract MA/MSB-417, in order to permit APL to operate two foreign-flag vessels of approximately 2,700 TEU capacity in APL's Extension Services in the voyage between Kaohsiung and Fujayrah. The waiver is requested for the remaining term of APL's ODSA contract, i.e., through December 31, 1997.

Since APL's two U.S.-flag vessels intended for Extension Service will be drydocked during 1996, APL also seeks permission to operate a third foreign-flag vessel to perform dry-dock relief sailings during the periods the U.S.-flag vessels are out of service.

#### APL's Existing Services

For a number of years, APL has performed its Southeast and South Asia and Persian Gulf service authority on Trade Route 8—APL's so-called Extension Service authority—using U.S.-flag vessels linked to APL's transpacific line haul services at Kaohsiung. Since late 1988, the Extension Service has been provided using the four U.S.-flag L9 vessels, the PRESIDENTs ARTHUR, BUCHANAN, GARFIELD, and HARDING, that APL has on bareboat charter from Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc. (Lykes), performing weekly sailings on an itinerary Kaohsiung-Singapore-Colombo-Fujayrah.

APL's charters of the L9s will expire during April and May of this year. APL reports that it has been negotiating with Lykes over an extension of the L9 charters, but has been recently informed there will be no extension of the bareboat charters, and it is Lykes' intention to operate the L9s in Lykes' own services.

Accordingly, APL has an urgent need to find four suitable vessels to replace the L9s in order to permit APL to continue to operate the Extension Services. APL states that it has two such vessels in its own fleet, the PRESIDENTs EISENHOWER and F.D. ROOSEVELT. There are U.S.-flag subsidy eligible vessels of approximately 2,700 TEU capacity capable of operating at a speed of 22 knots. However, after a canvassing U.S.-flag tonnage, APL has determined that there are no additional subsidy-eligible U.S.-flag vessels that are suitable for operation alongside the PRESIDENTs EISENHOWER and F.D. ROOSEVELT in this service. APL states, that they must rely on foreign-flag tonnage to supplement the PRESIDENTs EISENHOWER and F.D. ROOSEVELT in performing the Extension Service, and hereby seek a section 804(b) waiver to do so, using two foreign-flag vessels that are compatible with the PRESIDENTs EISENHOWER and F.D. ROOSEVELT.

This application may be inspected in the Office of the Secretary, Maritime Administration. Any person, firm, or corporation having any interest in such request within the meaning of section 804 of the Act and desiring to submit comments concerning the application must file written comments in triplicate with the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Room 7210, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 1996. This notice is published as a matter of discretion and publication should in no way be considered a favorable or unfavorable decision on the application, as filed or as may be amended. The Maritime Administrator will consider any comments submitted and take such action with respect thereto as may be deemed appropriate.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 20.804 (Operating-Differential Subsidies))

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: March 11, 1996.

Joel C. Richard,

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. PS-102, Notice No.4]

### Control of Drug Use and Alcohol Misuse in Natural Gas, Liquefied Natural Gas, and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Operations Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program

**ACTION:** Correction of notice number.

**SUMMARY:** This document inserts a docket number and notice number of document 96-3304 published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, February 14, 1996 (61 FR 5834). In the document heading on page 5834, the docket number is to read "PS-102" and the notice number is to read as "Notice No. 4." The notice states the Management Information System (MIS) Statistical Data for the random drug testing regulations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Catrina Pavlik, Drug/Alcohol Program Analyst, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, Room 2335, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001; (202) 366-6199.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[Form 8609]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8609 Low-Income Housing Credit Allocation Certification and Schedule A (Form 8609), Annual Statement.