

(3) Indian Tribes, by statute, may use the following three Federal sources of funds as matching funds: Indian Child Welfare Act funds, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act funds, and Community Development Block Grant funds.

(h) *Time limits on expenditures.* An Indian Tribe must expend all funds by September 30 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were awarded.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### 46 CFR Part 295

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### Maritime Security Program

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period on interim final rule.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the request of a vessel operator, the Maritime

Administration (MARAD) is extending the period for commenting on its interim final rule for the Maritime Security Program (MSP).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 2, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** To be considered, comments must be mailed, delivered in person or telefaxed (in which case an original must subsequently be forwarded) to the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Room 7210, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590. All comments will be made available for inspection during normal business hours at the above address. Commenters wishing MARAD to acknowledge receipt of comments should enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope or postcard.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raymond R. Barberesi, Director, Office of Sealift Support, Telephone 202-366-2323.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 16, 1996, MARAD issued an interim final rule providing procedures to implement the MSP contained in the Maritime Security Act of 1996 (MSA), which was signed by the President on October 8, 1996. Section 2 of the MSA

amends Title VI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (Act) and adds a new Subtitle B. It authorizes the MSP to provide assistance for U.S.-flag operators and vessels that meet certain qualifications. Participating vessel operators are required to make their ships and other commercial resources available upon request by the Secretary of Defense during time of war or national emergency.

Sea-Land Services, Inc. has requested an extension of the 30-day comment period expiring on November 15, 1996. Sea-Land submits that the requested extension will allow the preparation of more deliberate comments to assist MARAD in fully implementing the provisions of the MSA. It further states that the expedited pace of the MSP application process has left little time to focus on assisting MARAD in this important rulemaking process.

Accordingly, MARAD is extending the comment period until December 2, 1996.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: November 14, 1996.

Joel C. Richard,

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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