

arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to SR-NASD-99-03 and should be submitted by March 2, 1999.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>9</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on November 10, 1998, [63 FR 63105].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 11, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joe Strassburg, Chief, Division of Marine

Insurance, Office of Subsidy and Insurance, Maritime Administration, MAR-575, Room 8117, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Telephone 202-366-4161 or FAX 202-366-7901. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Maritime Administration (MARAD)

*Title:* War Risk Insurance.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0011.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Vessel(s) owner or charterer interested in participation in MARAD's war risk insurance program.

*Form(s):* MA-355; MA-528; MA-742; MA-828; and, MA-942.

*Abstract:* As authorized by Section 1202, Title XII, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, (46 App. U.S.C. 1282), the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation may provide war risk insurance adequate for the needs of the waterborne commerce of the United States if such insurance cannot be obtained on reasonable terms from qualified insurance companies operating in the United States. This collection is required for the program. It consists of forms MA-355; MA-528; MA-742; MA-828; and MA-942.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The collected information is necessary to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the vessel(s) for participation in the war risk insurance program.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The current burden is estimated at 930 hours.

*Addressee:* Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

*Comments are Invited on:* whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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**Phillip A. Leach,**

*Clearance Officer, Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Proposed Advisory Circular 25.803-1A, Emergency Evacuation Demonstrations

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 25.803-1A and request for comments; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the reopening of the comment period for Notice of availability of proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 25.803-1A, and request for comments, which was published in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 1998 (63 FR 56059), and closed on December 21, 1998. In that notice, the FAA invited public comment on a proposed AC which provides guidance on a means, but not the only means, of compliance with the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) concerning (1) conduct of full-scale emergency evacuation demonstrations, and (2) use of analysis and tests in lieu of conducting an actual demonstration. This reopening of the comment period is necessary to give all interested persons an opportunity to present their views on the proposed AC.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 7, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Attention: Terry Rees, Airframe and Cabin Safety Branch, ANM-115, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, WA 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at the above address between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katherine Burks, Transport Standards Staff, at the address above, telephone (206) 227-2114.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

A copy of the draft AC may be obtained by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Interested

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).