

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 description of the proposed service, is listed below. 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 that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) 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, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7071.

Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR 832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (less than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. 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 commentor's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver

criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested: Name of vessel: GAFIA Owner: Donald A. Depoy.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: Size: 30'8" LOA, beam 9'7" draft 5'0". Capacity and tonnage: measured by title 46 U.S.C. Sub-part E 69.207-209 Simplified Measurement System: 14.6 tons.

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "Carry passenger for hire (6-pack) in the coastal waters of Maine, specifically the Penobscot and Frenchman Bay Region."

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1973, place of construction: Nortessund Shipyard, Orust, Sweden.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "This waiver will have little if any impact on the existing passenger vessel operators in the region. The vessel's port of call, Belfast, Maine has no passenger vessel operations of any type at the time of this application. Passengers using the services of this vessel will be departing from and returning to Belfast, Maine. The vessel will be used for 3-daily, 3-hour cruises and an occasional overnight passages beginning and ending in Belfast."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "It is inconceivable that there would be any impact on any U.S. shipyard. The vessel was built in 1973 and had a 1999 purchase cost of less than \$25,000. No U.S. ship builder offers such a vessel at this price."

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Termination—The Connecticut Surety Company

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 17 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 1999 Revision, published July 1, 1999, at 64 FR 35864.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-7102.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Certificate of Authority issued by the Treasury to The Connecticut Surety Company, of Hartford, Connecticut, under the United States Code, Title 31, Sections 9304-9308, to qualify as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds is terminated effective today.

The Company was last listed as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds at 64 FR 35871, July 1, 1999.

With respect to any bonds currently in force with The Connecticut Surety Company, bond-approving officers should secure new bonds with acceptable sureties in those instances where a significant amount of liability remains outstanding. In addition, bonds that are continuous in nature should not be renewed.

The Treasury Department Circular 570 may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet (<http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/index.html>). A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Subscription Service, Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048-000-00527-6.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6A04, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: March 9, 2000.

Judith R. Tillman,

Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations, Financial Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable On Federal Bonds: Safety National Casualty Corporation

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.