DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD–2000–7620]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel SPICE.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Public Law 105–383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-flag vessel 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.-flag 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, the Secretary of Transportation to MARAD may issue the waiver, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2000–7620. 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.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Pub.L. 105–383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-flag 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 commenter’s interest in the waiver, 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.-Flag Vessel Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested: Name of vessel: SPICE. Owner: Tom and Terri Laird.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: According to the Applicant: Length = 41.0 feet, Breadth = 10.2 feet, Depth = 6.7 feet, Capacity = 6 passengers, Gross tonnage = 14, Net Tonnage = 12.

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade: According to the applicant: The vessel will be chartered for coastwise cruising from Eastport Maine to Montauk, New York including Long Island Sound.

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding: Date of construction: 1954. Place of construction: Abeking & Rasmussen, Lemwerder Germany.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators: According to the applicant: There are numerous small private charters operating in coastwise waters throughout New England. In recent years the healthy economy and increased tourism have created a market for additional vessels. Vintage wooden vessels such as SPICE are rare and particularly sought after.

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards: According to the applicant: SPICE was fitted out in the US and has been maintained by US boatyards since she was delivered in 1954. A significantly greater amount of money has been spent in the US than in Germany on the original purchase, for example, the current annual maintenance costs are equal to the initial purchase price. She will continue to be maintained by US yards.


By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Public Law 104–13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 14, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545–0046.
Form Number: IRS Form 982.
Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Reduction of Tax Attributes Due to Discharge of Indebtedness (and Section 1082 Basis Adjustment).
Description: Internal Revenue Code section 108 allows taxpayers to exclude from gross income amounts attributable to discharge of indebtedness in title 11 cases, insolvency, or a qualified farm indebtedness. Code section 1081(b) allows corporations to exclude from gross income amounts attributable to certain transfers of property. The data is used to verify adjustments to basis of property and reduction of tax attributes.
Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Farms, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.
Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 1,000.
Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

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Frequency of Response: Annually.

OMB Number: 1545–0062.
Form Number: IRS Form 3903.
Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Moving Expenses.
Description: Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 217 requires itemization of various allowable moving expenses. Form 3903 is filed with Form 1040 by individuals claiming employment related moves. The data is used to help verify that the expenses are deductible and that the deduction is computed correctly.
Respondents: Individuals or households.
Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 678,678.
Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

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OMB Number: 1545–0139.
Form Number: IRS Form 2106.
Type of Review: Revision.
Title: Employee Business Expenses.
Description: Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 62 allows employees to deduct their business expenses to the extent of reimbursement in computing “Adjusted Gross Income”. Expenses in excess of reimbursements are allowed as an itemized deduction. Unreimbursed meals and entertainment are allowed to the extent of 50% of the expense. Form 2106 is used to figure these expenses.
Respondents: Individuals or households.
Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 762,514.
Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

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Frequency of Response: On occasion.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to