

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records in this system are by SSN and name of the individual.

SAFEGUARDS:

This system of records is a database that is accessible via an SSA intranet website. Security measures include the use of access codes to enter the database, and storage of the electronic records in secured areas, which are accessible only to employees who require the information in performing their official duties. The paper records that result from the electronic site are kept in locked cabinets or in otherwise secure areas. All SSA employees, including contractor personnel, having access to data in the system of records are required to adhere to SSA rules concerning safeguards, access, and use of the data. They also are informed of the criminal penalties of the Privacy Act for unauthorized access to or disclosure of information maintained in this system of records.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Claims development and tracking and management information maintained in this system are retained indefinitely or when it is determined that they are no longer needed. Means of disposal is appropriate to storage medium (*e.g.*, deletion of individual records from the electronic site when appropriate or shedding of paper records that are produced from the system).

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Regional Commissioner, Social Security Administration, New York Regional Office, Room 4032, Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10278

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Per 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) the Agency is exempt from publishing procedures whereby an individual can be notified at his/her request if the system of records contains a record pertaining to him/her. These procedures are in accordance with SSA Regulations (20 CFR 401.85).

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Per 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) the Agency is exempt from publishing procedures whereby an individual can be notified at his/her request how to gain access to any record pertaining to him/her contained in this system of records. These procedures are in accordance with SSA Regulations (20 CFR 401.85).

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Per 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), records in this system are exempt from access by the individual named in this system of

records. These procedures are in accordance with SSA Regulations (20 CFR 401.85).

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Per 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), the Agency is exempt from publishing the record sources. These procedures are in accordance with SSA Regulations (20 CFR 401.85).

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT:

Exemption of this system to the access provisions is claimed under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) inasmuch as these records are investigatory materials compiled for law enforcement purposes in anticipation of a administrative proceeding. These procedures are in accordance with SSA Regulations (20 CFR 401.85).

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**Bureau of Consular Affairs****[Public Notice 3378]****Designation of Certain Posts for Advance Payment of Immigrant Visa Application Processing Fee**

This public notice identifies the initial ten posts designated by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services for the revised procedure for payment of the fee for the processing of an application for an immigrant visa. This notice is issued pursuant to 22 CFR 42.71, which is being amended concurrently with this Notice.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services hereby designates for participation in the initial stage of the new immigrant visa application processing fee payment system the Foreign Service posts in the following cities: Bogota, Colombia, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Georgetown, Guyana, Guangzhou, China, Manila, Philippines, Montreal, Canada, Port au Prince, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and Tirana, Albania.

Dated: July 26, 2000.

Nancy H. Sambaiew,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services,
Department of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration**

[Docket No. MARAD-2000-7894]

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 *Ambience*.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is 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 October 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7894. 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:

Gordon Angell, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5129.

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 (no more 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 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: *Ambience*. Owner: Eric Harrison.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. According to the Applicant: "35 ft/12 passenger 8 tons."

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "Coastwise charters. Small breakfast, lunch, and dinner cruises within harbor. May include sunset cruising. The region can include any port from Santa Barbara, California to San Diego, California."

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1962. Place of construction: Hong Kong, China.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "There will be no impact on current owners. To my knowledge, there are no other businesses doing this type of dinner cruise. The only other cruises I know of is on a much larger scale (*i.e.* 50 to 300 passenger vessels) in this region."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "The only impact on shipyards may be an increase of business. I will need services from time to time for maintenance and purchasing parts. All impact will be of a positive nature."

Dated: September 5, 2000.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33913]

Minnesota, Dakota & Western Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company, and Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to assign to Minnesota, Dakota & Western Railway Company (MDW) overhead trackage rights over the Rainy Subdivision of the Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway between milepost 0, at Duluth, MN, and milepost 165.2, at Ranier, MN, a distance of approximately 165.2 miles. Additionally, the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company (DMIR) and the Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), have agreed to grant MDW trackage rights. DMIR is granting MDW trackage rights to operate along DMIR's Spirit Lake Branch and Interstate Branch, between milepost 5.77, at Nevada, MN (Nopeming Junction), and milepost 17.28, near Saunders, WI, together with turnout and connecting track, a distance of 11.85 miles. CPR is granting MDW trackage rights to operate at Saunders, WI, between CPR/DMIR junction and the CPR/BNSF division of ownership at BNSF's 28th Street Yard, in Superior, WI, a distance of approximately 0.69 miles.¹

The earliest the transaction could be consummated was August 28, 2000, the effective date of the exemption. However, the parties have stated that consummation will occur on or about December 20, 2000.

The trackage rights will permit MDW to operate directly between International Falls, MN, and Superior, WI.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

¹ Redacted versions of the trackage rights agreements between the parties were filed with the verified notice of exemption. Also, full versions of the trackage rights agreements, as required by 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), were filed under seal. A motion for a protective order was filed on August 18, 2000. That motion was granted and a protective order in this proceeding was served on August 30, 2000.

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33913, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Martin W. Bercovici, Esq., Keller and Heckman, LLP, 1001 G Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001.

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Decided: August 30, 2000.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; System of Records

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Privacy Act System of Records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Department of the Treasury gives notice of a proposed new system of records entitled, "Treasury/DO .015—Political Appointee Files."

DATES: Comments must be received no later than October 10, 2000. The proposed system of records will be effective October 18, 2000, unless the Department receives comments that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Chief of Staff, Department of the Treasury, Room 3420, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jana Carter, Department of the Treasury, (202) 622-2955. Fax: 202-622-0737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A review of the filing systems maintained by the Department identified records which are maintained by names or other identifiers of individuals considered for