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Dated: August 26, 2008.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Leonard Sutter,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD 2008 0085]

#### Application of Foreign Underwriters To Write Marine Hull Insurance

The Maritime Administration has received an application under 46 CFR part 249 from Fortis Corporate Insurance N.V., a Netherlands based underwriter, to write Marine hull insurance on vessels guaranteed under 46 U.S.C. Chapter 537 (formerly Title XI of The Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended). In accordance with 46 CFR 249.7(b), interested persons are hereby afforded an opportunity to bring to the Maritime Administration's attention any discriminatory laws or practices relating to the placement of marine hull insurance which may exist in the applicant's country of domicile.

You may submit comments regarding this information collection by any of the following methods:

a. *Web site*: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Following the instructions for submitting comments on the electronic docket site.

b. *Mail*: Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

c. *Hand Delivery*: Room PL-410 of the Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC. Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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**Leonard Sutter,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2008 0082]

#### 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 L'ESPRIT LIBRE II.

**SUMMARY**: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, 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 brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2008-0082 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), 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 in

that business, a waiver will not be granted. 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.

**DATES**: Submit comments on or before October 2, 2008.

**ADDRESSES**: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2008-0082. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel L'ESPRIT LIBRE II is:

*Intended Use*: "charter."

*Geographic Region*: "Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Caribbean."

#### Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

Dated: August 25, 2008.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.  
**Leonard Sutter,**  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Innovative Technology Administration

[Docket: RITA 2007–27185]

#### Agency Information Collection; Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Traffic and Capacity Statistics—The T–100 System

**AGENCY:** Research & Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of currently approved collections. 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 June 5, 2008 (73 FR 32078). The Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis filed a letter strongly supporting the continuation of the T–100 System.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by October 2, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, RTS–42, RITA, BTS, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001, Telephone Number (202) 366–4387, Fax Number (202) 366–3383 or e-mail [bernard.stankus@dot.gov](mailto:bernard.stankus@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)

*Title:* Report of Traffic and Capacity Statistics—The T–100 System.

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

*OMB Control Number:* 2138–0040.

*Forms:* Schedule T–100 and T–100(f).

*Affected Public:* Certificated, commuter and foreign air carriers.

*Abstract:* T–100 reports are used to measure the air transportation activity to, from and within the United States.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 18,000.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 USC 3501), requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

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

*Comments are invited on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department concerning consumer protection. Comments should address 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.

**M. Clay Moritz, Jr.,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–1019X]

#### Transit America, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Buchanan County, MO

On August 13, 2008, Transit America, LLC (TA) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon approximately 2 miles of a rail line known as the Missouri Branch Line, between approximately milepost 200.4 and milepost 198.4, in St. Joseph, Buchanan County, MO. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes

64503 and 64507, and includes no stations.

The line does not contain Federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in TA's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by December 1, 2008.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,500 filing fee. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).<sup>1</sup>

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use.<sup>2</sup> Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than September 22, 2008. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$200 filing fee. *See* 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB–1019X, and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001; and (2) Brendon P. Fowler, 1601 K St., NW., Washington, DC 20006. Replies to TA's petition are due on or before September 22, 2008.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0238 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 245–0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal

<sup>1</sup> Effective July 18, 2008, the filing fee for an OFA increased to \$1,500. *See Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—2008 Update*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 15) (STB served June 18, 2008).

<sup>2</sup> TA states that it intends to convey the involved trackage to its affiliate Herzog Contracting Corp. (HCC), which will use the trackage to provide non-common carrier switching service in order to continue and expand operations at its shop facilities.