DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Revised Guidance for Requesting One-Time Movement (OTM) Approvals

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: FRA is notifying the public of the availability of revised guidance for requesting OTM approvals for the transportation by rail of nonconforming or leaking bulk hazardous material packages.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) issued by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) govern the rail transportation of hazardous materials. Title 49 CFR 174.50 of the HMR forbids the transportation by rail of a bulk packaging that no longer conforms to HMR or that is leaking, unless otherwise approved by FRA’s Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety/Chief Safety Officer. These approvals are generally referred to as one-time movement approvals (OTMA).

Recently, FRA revised its OTMA procedures to streamline the overall OTMA process and to minimize unnecessary administrative burdens. On January 31, 2012, FRA issued Guidance Document HMG–127, which explains these revised procedures and the criteria for issuance of OTMAs. Guidance Document HMG–127 is available for review on FRA’s Web site at: http://www.fra.dot.gov/Pages/789.shtml. In addition, FRA has created a revised OTMA application information document that also reflects the revised OTMA procedures. The new OTMA application information document is also available on FRA’s Web site at: http://www.fra.dot.gov/rss/pages/jp_1799.shtml. FRA staff can provide copies of these documents for review upon request if contacted at the address and telephone numbers listed above.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel FLAMINGO; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 26, 2012.

ADDRESS: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2012–0014. 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 complete application and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at http://www.regulations.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel FLAMINGO is: Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: ‘‘Charter work with the Boy Scouts at the Florida Sea Base in Islamorada, Florida. Teaching, sailing, snorkeling, fishing, etc.‘’ Geographic Region: ‘‘Florida.’’ This complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2012–0014 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, 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.

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