DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Airworthiness Approval for Aircraft Forward-Looking Windshear and Turbulence Radar Systems

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the proposed development of an advisory circular addressing airworthiness approval for aircraft forward-looking windshear and turbulence radar systems. The planned advisory circular would address installation guidance for these functionalities in Technical Standard Order (TSO)-C63d, Airborne Weather Radar Equipment. The objective is to leverage the installation specific guidance from the System Level Requirements (SLR) 10.2 recommended by the Forward-Looking Windshear Detection System Working Group and the generic issue papers on turbulence detection to publish an advisory circular. (In order for the public to comment on our proposal, they will need to have access to SLR 10.2 and the issue papers.)

DATES: Request comments and interest in participating by April 29, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Lee Nguyen, AIR–130, Federal Aviation Administration, 470 L’Enfant Plaza, Suite 4102, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone (202) 385–4676, fax (202) 385–4651, email to: lee.nguyen@faa.gov.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information regarding the FHWA’s finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of non-domestic iron and steel products in GenSet diesel engine and air compressor for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The effective date of the waiver is March 29, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakowenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366–1562, or via email at gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Mr. Michael Harkins, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366–4928, or via email at michael.harkins@dot.gov. Office hours for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access


Background

The FHWA’s Buy America policy in 23 CFR 635.410 requires a domestic manufacturing process for any steel or iron products (including protective coatings) that are permanently incorporated in a Federal-aid construction project. The regulation also provides for a waiver of the Buy America requirements when the application would be inconsistent with the public interest or when satisfactory quality domestic steel and iron products are not sufficiently available. This notice provides information regarding the FHWA’s finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate to use some non-domestic iron and steel products in GenSet diesel engine and air compressor for CMAQ project in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In accordance with Division A, section 122 of the “Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012” (Pub. L. 112–284), the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site for iron and steel products in GenSet diesel engine and air compressor (http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=79) on August 22nd. The FHWA received five comments in response to the publication. Two
respondents, Mouhamad A. Naboulsi and James Agalzoff, opposed the waiver request. One comment simply stated that American products should be used on America projects. The FHWA agrees with this sentiment and intends to enforce Buy America as required by law. However, in this case, Kentucky has not been able to find these products containing 100 percent American iron and steel, even though the engines and compressors themselves are made in America. The other commenter opposed the waiver because foreign parts will continue to be used if waivers continue to be granted. We agree that the industry may eventually decide to start producing these parts if the industry finds it worthwhile to do so. However, the FHWA cannot continue to hold this project based on the hope that the American industry may someday produce these parts. Three respondents, Jeff Amburn, Tony E. Stauffer, and Melinda Mcpeek, on behalf of their corporations, expressed support for the waiver request. During the 15-day comment period, the FHWA conducted additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers of the iron and steel products in GenSet diesel engine and air compressor for CMAQ project in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Based on all the information available to the agency, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers of the iron and steel products in GenSet diesel engine and air compressor for CMAQ project in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA–LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–244, 122 Stat. 1372), the FHWA is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA’s Web site via the link provided to the Kentucky waiver page noted above.


Issued on: March 21, 2013.

Víctor M. Mendez,
Federal Highway Administrator.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Maritime Administration
[Docket No. MARAD–2013 0034]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel NAUTILIE; 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 April 29, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2013–0034. 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.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel NAUTILIE is: Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: Charters.

Geographic Region: “California, Florida.”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2013–0034 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 review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
Dated: March 18, 2013.

Julie P. Agarwal,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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