to encourage U.S. manufacturing of the pads and rubber boots. MTA has learned that there may be a U.S. manufacturer in the near future, but any other concrete blocks used in its LVT system would need to undergo testing according to MTA–NYCT’s Specification 92 for Low-Profile Low Vibration Booted Blocks. MTA states that this testing would delay the Project for over one year. Therefore, MTA requests a waiver that would be limited to Phase 1 of its Second Avenue Subway Project and understands that it would need to continue its good faith efforts to find a U.S.-manufactured pad and rubber boot.

The purpose of this notice is to publish the request and seek public comment from all interested parties in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(3)(A). Comments will help FTA understand completely the facts surrounding the request, including the effects of a potential waiver and the merits of the request. FTA also is working with the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), to seek U.S. manufacturers for these components and expects MTA and others to cooperate in this endeavor. A full copy of the request has been placed in docket number FTA–2013–0038.


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Chief Counsel.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel JAGUAR is: "Intended Commercial Use Of Vessel: ‘For bare boat/lease recreational use.’” Geographic Region: Alabama, Florida, Georgia.

The complete application is given in D.O.T. docket MARAD–2013–0146 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 vessel builder or a business that uses 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.

Julie P. Agarwal,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2013 0141]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel VICTORIA; 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 January 16, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2013–0141. 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.