Dear Mr. Taylor:

Re: Request for Waiver of Buy America

Sacramento, CA 95814–2604

915 I Street
Room 2000
Sacramento, CA 95814–2604

As you are aware, on November 24, 2014, the City of Sacramento, California, Department of Public Works (Sacramento) requested a waiver from the Federal Railroad Administration’s (FRA) Buy America requirement (49 U.S.C. 24405(a)) to purchase “Marmoleum,” specifically the color Walton Cirrus Original Brown #3665 (Brown Marmoleum), a natural linoleum flooring product made by Forbo Flooring Systems in the Netherlands, for use in the Sacramento Valley Station (SVS) Phase II intermodal project.¹ The Brown Marmoleum will cover 1,480 sq. ft and costs approximately $4,690. The SVS Phase II intermodal project is the rehabilitation of the historic 68,000 square foot train station in downtown Sacramento, California. The $30 million project is partially funded with a $15 million 2012 Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) selected each project for 2012 TIGER Grant funding based on whether it would, among other things, promote a more environmentally sustainable transportation system. 77 FR 4863, 4867 (January 31, 2012). After rehabilitation, the SVS will include an Amtrak station, commercial retail and office space.

To support its waiver request, Sacramento contends that Brown Marmoleum natural linoleum is the only flooring that meets the standards in the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings. Specifically, Sacramento asserts that Brown Marmoleum is the only flooring product that sufficiently matches the design, color, and texture of the original historic flooring used in SVS. Forbo does not manufacture Brown Marmoleum in the United States. After comparing flooring samples to the original flooring, California’s State Historic Preservation Office and FRA determined Brown Marmoleum is the only product best matching the original linoleum’s design, color, and texture.

Therefore, FRA is granting Sacramento’s waiver request. FRA concludes a waiver is appropriate under 49 U.S.C. 24405(a)(2)(B) for Brown Marmoleum because domestically-produced flooring meeting the specific needs of Sacramento for this application (i.e., historic preservation) is not currently “produced in sufficient and reasonably available amount or . . . [is] not of a satisfactory quality.” 49 U.S.C. 24405(a)(2)(B).

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 24405(a)(4), FRA will publish this letter granting Sacramento’s request in the Federal Register and provide notice of such finding and an opportunity for public comment after which this waiver will become effective.

Questions about this letter can be directed to John Johnson, Attorney-Advisor, at john.johnson@dot.gov or (202) 493–0078. Sincerely,

Sarah E. Feinberg
Administrator

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 15, 2016.

Amitabh Bose,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2016–0062]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel SEACROPPER II; 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 July 21, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2016–0062. 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: Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of
Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23–453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–366–9309, Email Bianca.carr@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SEACROPPER II is: Intended Commercial Use Of Vessel: “Charter Fishing.”

Geographic Region: “Florida.”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2016–0062 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: June 14, 2016.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2016–0059]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel SAPHIRA; 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 July 21, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2016–0059. 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 SAPHIRA is: Intended Commercial Use Of Vessel: Day Charter.

Geographic Region: Hawaii.

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2016–0059 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.

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