

approval to renew an information collection. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by June 23, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2017-0077] through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Russell Krause, 202-366-1031, Division of Sealift Operations and Emergency Response, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0025.

*Title:* Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER).

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:* This collection of information is used to gather information regarding the location of U.S.-flag vessels and certain other U.S. citizen-owned vessels for the purpose of search and rescue in the saving of lives at sea and for the marshalling of ships for national defense and safety purposes. The collection of information is necessary for maintaining a current plot of U.S.-flag and U.S.-owned vessels. *Respondents:* U.S.-flag and U.S. citizen-owned vessels.

*Number of Respondents:* 171.

*Number of Responses:* 31,293.

*Total Annual Burden:* 2,191.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: April 18, 2017.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2017-0062]

#### Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on December 28, 2016 (**Federal Register** 95729, Vol. 81, No. 249).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 24, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

*Comments are invited on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Pucci, Telephone: 202-366-5167; FAX: 202-366-7485, Office of Maritime Programs, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue SE., W26-494, Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Requirements for Establishing U.S. citizenship—46 CFR 355.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0012.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

*Abstract:* In accordance with 46 CFR part 355, shipowners, charterers, equity owners, ship managers, etc., seeking benefits provided by statute are required to provide on an annual basis, an Affidavit of U.S. Citizenship to the Maritime Administration (MARAD) for analysis. The Affidavits of U.S. Citizenship filed with MARAD will be reviewed to determine if the Applicants are eligible to participate in the programs offered by the agency. *Affected Public:* Shipowners, charterers, equity owners, ship managers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 500.

*Annual Estimated Total Annual*

*Burden Hours:* 2,500.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: April 18, 2017.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0078; Notice No. 2016-14]

#### Hazardous Materials: Use of DOT Specification 39 Cylinders for Liquefied Flammable Compressed Gas

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Safety advisory notice, revised.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is issuing this revised safety advisory notice to address concerns of offerors and users of DOT Specification 39 (DOT-39) cylinders that exceed 75 cubic inches (in<sup>3</sup>) (1.23 L) and to provide clarification of the initial safety advisory notice we issued on this subject on December 13, 2016 (Notice No. 2016-14). DOT-39 cylinders exceeding 75 in<sup>3</sup> (1.23 L) should not contain liquefied flammable compressed

cyclopropane, ethane, or ethylene, or liquefied petroleum gases. PHMSA advises against the filling or transporting of these gases in DOT-39 cylinders when the cylinder's internal volume exceeds 75 in<sup>3</sup> (1.23 L).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Refaat Shafkey, General Engineer, Engineering and Research Division, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-4545 or email: [refaat.shafkey@dot.gov](mailto:refaat.shafkey@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Public Action Requested**

PHMSA advises that DOT-39 cylinders having an internal volume exceeding 75 cubic inches (in<sup>3</sup>) (1.23 L) should not contain liquefied flammable compressed cyclopropane, ethane, or ethylene, or liquefied petroleum gases. These gases were historically restricted to this volume for shipment in specification cylinders (currently § 173.304a). This limitation was based on extensive experience under special permits and the consideration that, in transportation and without the limitation, non-reusable cylinders of larger sizes (and lower integrity) would be used in place of authorized higher-integrity reusable cylinders. Use of these DOT-39 non-reusable cylinders in larger sizes would lower the level of transportation safety previously established through use of higher-integrity reusable cylinders for the shipment of flammable gases. See the Background section for additional information on this issue.

**B. Safety Concern**

The release of a liquefied flammable compressed gas as result of the failure of a cylinder having an internal volume exceeding 75 in<sup>3</sup> (1.23 L) is a safety concern with potential to cause property damage, serious personal injury, or even death. A DOT-39 cylinder, without further size restriction, can have a volume of up to 1,526 in<sup>3</sup> (25 L) at a service pressure of 500 psig or less and, as such, can have up to 20 times the stored energy of a DOT-39 cylinder limited to 75 in<sup>3</sup> (1.23 L). This increased stored energy presents a greater safety risk in the event of a release. Additionally, because of the design specifications that allow for thinner walls when used at lower pressure, these cylinders may be at greater risk from corrosion or puncture. Given the known risks associated with cylinders that are filled with liquefied flammable

compressed gases, PHMSA is issuing this revised safety advisory notice to advise offerors and transporters of DOT-39 cylinders that those with an internal volume greater than 75 in<sup>3</sup> (1.23 L) should not be filled and/or transported with liquefied compressed cyclopropane, ethane, or ethylene, or with liquefied petroleum gases.

**C. Background**

This revised safety advisory notice is being issued in part because of safety concerns stemming from a past rulemaking action impacting DOT-39 cylinders used for certain liquefied flammable compressed gases. In an October 30, 1998 notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM),<sup>1</sup> the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)—the predecessor administration to PHMSA—proposed to extend the 75 in<sup>3</sup> (1.23 L) volume limitation of DOT-39 cylinders to all liquefied flammable compressed gases by revising § 173.304 to delete Note 9 from the table at § 173.304(a)(2) and adding new sections 173.304a and 173.304b.<sup>2</sup> RSPA received several comments in opposition to this proposal. RSPA published a final rule on August 8, 2002 and, based on the opposing comments, decided not to extend the 75 in<sup>3</sup> (1.23 L) limitation to all liquefied flammable compressed gases in a DOT-39 cylinder at that time. However, in the process of publishing the final rule, the administration inadvertently omitted the 75 in<sup>3</sup> (1.23 L) limitation from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR parts 171-180) for cyclopropane, ethane, ethylene, or liquefied petroleum gas.<sup>3</sup> Thus, historically, the HMR limited the internal volume of a DOT-39 cylinder to 75 in<sup>3</sup> (1.23 L) when used for these gases.

On November 13, 2014, PHMSA accepted a petition for rulemaking (P-1622) from Worthington Cylinders to address this error. On July 26, 2016, PHMSA published in the **Federal Register** an NPRM titled, "Hazardous Materials: Miscellaneous Amendments Pertaining to DOT Specification Cylinders (RRR)," [81 FR 48977; Docket No. PHMSA-2011-0140 (HM-234)]<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> NPRM—Hazardous Materials: Requirements for DOT Specification Cylinders (HM-220D) [63 FR 58460].

<sup>2</sup> The respective additional requirements for liquefied compressed gases have since been redesignated at § 173.304a).

<sup>3</sup> Final Rule—Hazardous Materials: Requirements for Maintenance, Requalification, Repair and Use of DOT Specification Cylinders (HM-220D) [67 FR 51625].

<sup>4</sup> Hazardous Materials: Miscellaneous Amendments Pertaining to DOT Specification Cylinders (RRR) (HM-234) [81 FR 48977], available

that proposed to extend the limit on the internal volume of DOT-39 cylinders to use with all liquefied flammable compressed gases, thus correcting the inadvertent omission and seeking comment regarding the possibility of expanding the applicability to capture those liquefied flammable compressed gases (e.g., difluoromethane (Refrigerant gas R 32)) either not reflected in the § 173.304a(a)(2) table or not considered a liquefied petroleum gas. Additionally, the NPRM further sought input on past experience with the transport of liquefied flammable compressed gases in DOT-39 cylinders larger than 75 in<sup>3</sup> (1.23 L) since implementation of the 2002 final rule.

Given the known risks associated with cylinders that are filled with liquefied flammable compressed gases, PHMSA is issuing this revised safety advisory notice to advise offerors and transporters of DOT-39 cylinders that those with an internal volume greater than 75 in<sup>3</sup> (1.23 L) should not be filled and/or transported with liquefied compressed cyclopropane, ethane, or ethylene, or with liquefied petroleum gases.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 16, 2017.

**William S. Schoonover,**

*Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the VITA/TCE Volunteer Program.

at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-26/pdf/2016-16689.pdf>.