DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2010–0167]

Electronic Logging Device Technical Specification Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces a public meeting to discuss the technical specifications in Appendix A to Subpart B of part 395, Functional Specifications for All Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs), as published in the “Electronic Logging Devices and Hours of Service Supporting Documents” final rule (ELD Rule). This meeting will be a forum for discussion of the minimum requirements for ELDs and is being held to help manufacturers produce ELDs that will comply with the ELD Rule.

DATES: The public meeting will take place on Friday, September 6, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Eastern time. A copy of the agenda will be available in advance of the meeting at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/electronic-logging-device-technical-specification-public-meeting-tickets-65180373251.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the U.S. DOT Headquarters Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Those interested in attending this public meeting must register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/electronic-logging-device-technical-specification-public-meeting-tickets-65180373251 by September 1, 2019. Attendees should arrive at the U.S. DOT Headquarters Building by 8:30 a.m. to allow sufficient time to clear security. FMCSA requests that questions be submitted in advance to ELD@dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Donnice Wagoner, Transportation Specialist, Enforcement Division, FMCSA. Ms. Wagoner may be reached at 202–366–3096 and by email at elf@dot.gov. Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Ms. Donnice Wagoner at 202–366–3096 or by email at Donnice.wagoner@dot.gov by September 1, 2019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 16, 2015, FMCSA published in the Federal Register a final rule concerning ELDs (80 FR 78292–78416, Docket No. FMCSA–2010–0167). The final rule included detailed performance and design requirements for ELDs to ensure the devices produce accurate, tamper-resistant records with a uniform file format and consistent displays.

The technical specifications from the ELD Rule are codified in Appendix A to Subpart B of part 395 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations. ELD manufacturers are required to self-certify that their devices comply with the ELD Rule and register the devices with FMCSA. Motor carriers subject to the ELD Rule were required to operate registered ELDs by the compliance date of December 18, 2017. However, motor carriers that operated with automatic onboard recording devices (AOBRDs) prior to December 18, 2017, and that are subject to the ELD Rule, have until December 16, 2019, to transition from AOBRDs to ELDs. A list of self-certified and registered ELDs can be found at https://eld.fmcsa.dot.gov/list.

Meeting Information

This meeting is intended for representatives of ELD vendors to present questions and discuss issues related to the transition from AOBRDs to ELDs, to discuss the data transfer process and related technical questions, and present other issues unique to the ELD vendor community. The meeting agenda is available on the registration site (see ADDRESSES above for instructions on registration).
I. Background

The TRACS was created by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2) to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary and FTA Administrator on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems.

II. Agenda

- Welcome Remarks/Introductions
- Facility Use/Safety Briefing
- Review of TRACS Tasks and Work Plan
- Safety Focus Area Presentations
- Safety Focus Area—Small Group Discussions
- Safety Focus Area—Large Group Discussion
- Future TRACS Activities
- Public Comments
- Summary of Deliverables/Concluding Remarks

III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public on a first-come, first served basis, as space is limited. Members of the public who wish to attend in-person are asked to register via email by submitting their name and affiliation to the email address listed in the ADDRESSES section. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the ADDRESSES section.

There will be a total of 60 minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public at the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for each commenter may be limited. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, to include the individual’s name, address, and organizational affiliation to the person listed in the ADDRESSES section.

Written comments for consideration by TRACS during the meeting must be submitted no later than the deadline listed in the DATES section, to ensure transmission to TRACS members prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC.

K. Jane Williams,
Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2019–0138]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel ALEXANDRA (Motor Vessel); Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-flag vessel requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. 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 September 26, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Docket Number MARAD–2019–0138 by any one of the following methods:

- Mail or Hand Delivery: Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2019–0138, 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.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the section entitled Public Participation.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel ALEXANDRA is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: “Sport Fishing Charter”
- Geographic Region Including Base of Operations: “Puerto Rico” (Base of Operations: Cangrejos, PR)
- Vessel Length and Type: 31’ motor vessel

The complete application is available for public comment in the Docket as MARAD–2019–0138 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.-flag 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 vessel name, state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled ADDRESSES. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

Go to the docket online at http://www.regulations.gov, keyword search MARAD–2019–0138 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see ADDRESSES for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.