

European standards. It further states that the design features subject to this request are identical to those on FLIRT vehicles in service at TexRail in Fort Worth, Texas. SCRRRA believes that the design characteristics of the Stadler FLIRT vehicles provide an equivalent or higher level of safety and security to the passengers and crew.

SCRRRA also requests that FRA exercise its authority under 49 U.S.C. 20306 to exempt SCRRRA from certain statutory provisions of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 203, because the FLIRT DMU vehicles will be equipped with their own array of safety devices resulting in equivalent safety.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by November 23, 2020 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to

www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2020-0081]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on September 23, 2020, Canadian National Railway Company (CN) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 232, Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2020-0081.

CN seeks relief from the requirements of 49 CFR 232.219 regarding the Class III airbrake test for helper locomotives equipped with the “Helperlink” system. Specifically, CN requests relief on trains with one or more distributed power (DP) locomotives on the rear in helper operations without cutting in the brake pipe to the helper locomotive.

CN explains that the operation of trains over Steelton Hill, and intermittently on Hawthorne Hill, near Superior, Wisconsin, as well as Byron Hill, near Fond-Du-Lac, Wisconsin, require the use of helper locomotives. CN currently shoves with conventional helper locomotives and cannot utilize the “Helperlink” technology due to a lack of an End-of-Train Telemetry Device on many trains with DP at the rear of the train. The number of trains with this configuration, particularly in the bulk product category, has been steadily increasing over the past few years.

CN contends “Helperlink” technology will help to eliminate unnecessary risks to transportation employees in helper service, as CN helper service employees could couple and uncouple from trains being assisted over grade from the rear without cutting in train-line air,

eliminating going between rolling equipment twice per train assisted. The waiver would reduce (1) the amount of mounting and dismounting equipment an employee does during their shift, and (2) related slip/trip/fall incidents from occurring. Additionally, CN states relieving train crews from stopping their trains at the top of mountain grades to cut away helpers will improve the overall train handling scenario and reduce the potential for in-train mechanical failures related to having to start and stop trains on varying degrees of grade.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0128]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel LIBECCIO (Sailing Catamaran); 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.-build 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 November 6, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0128 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2020-0128 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *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-2020-0128, 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell Haynes, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-461, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-3157, email Russell.Haynes@dot.gov.

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

—*Intended commercial use of vessel:*

“High-end Multi-day Luxury charter operations with an emphasis on inter island and blue water itineraries to capitalize on the unique sailing capabilities of of the vessel.”

—*Geographic region including base of operations:* “Hawaii” (Base of Operations: Honolulu, HI).

—*Vessel length and type:* 64.6’ Sailing Catamaran.

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD-2020-0128 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 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-2020-0128 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.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Office of Legislation and Regulations, MAR-225, W24-220, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Include a cover letter setting forth with specificity the basis for any such claim and, if possible, a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. To facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121.)

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Dated: October 2, 2020.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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