

custom-harvested crops to storage or market.

(4) To ensure that the drivers are operating legitimately as a custom harvester, they should be able to provide at least three of the following methods of verification:

(a) The driver may have on hand a valid custom harvesting document such as a current-date agricultural commodity scale sheet, a current-date custom harvesting load sheet, an official company document stating the company's purpose, etc.

(b) The CMV may have license plates specific to custom harvesting, or the verbiage "Harvesting" may be part of the business signage on the vehicle.

(c) The CMV may be designed to haul a harvested agricultural commodity or equipment for harvesting or be a support vehicle for custom-harvesting operations, such as a service truck.

(d) The CMV may be hauling a harvested agricultural commodity or equipment for the purpose of custom harvesting.

(e) The CMV may have a newly harvested commodity or remnants on board.

(f) The driver will be able to provide a verifiable location of the current harvesting operation or delivery location for a harvested commodity.

(5) USCHI must provide FMCSA with a list of USDOT numbers of motor carriers that are engaged in custom farm operations upon request. The driver must be working for a motor carrier with a USDOT number identified in the most current list provided to FMCSA by USCHI. See additional FMCSA notification requirements in Section D below.

C. Preemption

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(d), as implemented by 49 CFR 381.600, during the period this exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation applicable to interstate commerce that conflicts with or is inconsistent with this exemption with respect to a firm or person operating under the exemption. States may, but are not required to, adopt the same exemption with respect to operations in intrastate commerce.

D. Notification to FMCSA

Upon request, USCHI must provide FMCSA with the USDOT numbers of the motor carriers that will be operating under this exemption. USCHI must notify FMCSA within five business days of any crash (as defined in 49 CFR 390.5), involving any of the drivers operating under the terms of the

exemption. The notification must include the following information:

(a) Identity of Exemption: "USCHI Renewal,"

(b) Name of the custom harvester employer and USDOT number,

(c) Date of the crash,

(d) Origin and intended destination of the USCHI driver's trip and the distance (in miles) of the crash from the driver's home terminal,

(e) Driver's name, license number, and age,

(f) Vehicle number and State license number,

(g) Number of individuals suffering physical injury

(h) Number of fatalities,

(i) The police-reported circumstances of the crash,

(j) Whether the driver was cited for violation of any traffic laws or motor carrier safety regulations,

(k) The driver's total driving time and total on-duty time prior to the accident,

(l) Information about what safety training, if any, was provided to drivers operating under this exemption after the driver obtained a CDL, and

(m) A scanned copy of the police accident report. Reports filed under this provision shall be emailed to MCPSD@DOT.GOV.

E. Termination

The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) USCHI, motor carriers, and drivers operating under the exemption fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objects of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b). Should FMCSA receive notice of any potential adverse safety impacts, FMCSA will take all steps necessary to protect the public interest, including revocation or restriction of the exemption if necessary. FMCSA may immediately revoke or restrict the exemption for failure to comply with its terms and conditions.

Jesse Elison,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2025-0797]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, S/V RUMAWAY

AGENCY: Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by MARAD, is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2025-0797 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search the above DOT Docket Number 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, 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 the DOT Docket Number, 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 DOT 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, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop 2, MAR-620, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-5400. Email: smallvessels@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if MARAD, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs vessels built in the United States in that business.¹

MARAD has received an eligibility determination request. Further details about the requester's vessel and its proposed operations may be found in the determination request posted in the DOT Docket Number listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the undue adverse effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or coastwise trade businesses in the U.S. that employ U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the request, and demonstrate, with supporting documentation, the undue adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders and coastwise trade businesses.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. It may take a few hours or even days for comments to be reflected on the docket. Comments must be written in English. Provide concise comments and 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?

The docket online is located at <https://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search the DOT Docket Number list in the **ADDRESSES** section above or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). Please periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

You may request that MARAD treat your comments as commercially confidential by submitting them to SmallVessels@dot.gov. Include in the email subject heading "Contains Confidential Commercial Information" or "Contains CCI" and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential treatment highlighting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

If MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

Privacy Act

Anyone can 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.). For information on DOT's compliance with the Privacy Act, please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

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

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2025-0795]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, S/V BLUE STAR

AGENCY: Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by MARAD, is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2025-0795 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search the above DOT Docket Number 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, 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 the DOT Docket Number, 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

¹ The U.S. Coast Guard and MARAD have authority under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) through the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, respectively.