

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Uniform Act (42 U.S.C. 4601, *et seq.*) provides for uniform and equitable treatment of persons displaced from their homes, businesses, or farms by Federal and federally assisted programs and establishes uniform and equitable land acquisition policies for Federal and federally assisted programs. On December 17, 2003, the FHWA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) concerning several sections of the regulations that set forth government-wide requirements for implementing the Uniform Act (68 FR 70342). During the public comment period for the NPRM, several areas of concern were raised regarding the Uniform Act that could not be dealt with through the regulatory process.

Therefore, the FHWA has decided to hold five public listening sessions in order to provide the public with an additional opportunity to discuss their concerns directly with agency officials. The FHWA is interested in obtaining additional information from the public to determine whether any changes to the Uniform Act are necessary, and if so, what portions of the statute need to be updated or otherwise revised.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 42 U.S.C. 4601, *et seq.*; 49 CFR 1.48; 49 CFR 24.

Issued on: February 19, 2004.

Cynthia J. Burbank,

Associate Administrator for Planning, Environment and Realty.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration**

[Docket Number MARAD 2004 17155]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel ABYSSINIA.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, 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. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2004-17155 at <http://dms.dot.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 Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR Part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), 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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2004-17155. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. 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://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-830 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

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

Intended Use: "Tendering to yachts with incidental carrying of passengers."

Geographic Region: "The West coast of the U.S. including Alaska."

Dated: February 19, 2004.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration**

[Docket Number MARAD-2004-17162]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel DESTINY'S DESIRE.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, 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. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2004-17162 at <http://dms.dot.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 Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), 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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2004 17162. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. 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://dms.dot.gov>.