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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12131]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Object Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “Strong Women in Renaissance Italy” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that a certain object being imported from abroad pursuant to an agreement with its foreign owner or custodian for temporary display in the exhibition “Strong Women in Renaissance Italy” at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, in Boston, Massachusetts, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is of cultural significance, and, further, that its temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reed Liriano, Program Coordinator, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (SA–5), Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12127]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Object Being Imported for Exhibition and Storage—

Determinations: “Crystals: Flowers of the Mineral Kingdom” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that a certain object being imported from abroad pursuant to an agreement with its foreign owner or custodian for temporary storage and display in the exhibition “Crystals: Flowers of the Mineral Kingdom” at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston, Texas, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is of cultural significance, and, further, that its temporary exhibition or display and storage within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Railworthiness Directive for Tank Cars Owned by Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Rail Services, LLC and Equipped With Rubber Linings Owned by Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Rail Services, LLC; RWD No. 2023–01

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of issuance and availability of railworthiness directive.

SUMMARY: On July 19, 2023, FRA issued a Railworthiness Directive (Directive or RWD) to Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Rail Services, LLC (SMBC). This document announces FRA’s issuance of the RWD, RWD No. 2023–01, and its availability on FRA’s website.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randy Keltz, Manager of Tank Car Safety Programs, Motive Power & Equipment Division, Office of Railroad Infrastructure & Mechanical, telephone: (202) 236–7460, email: Randy.Keltz@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FRA issued this Directive, RWD No. 2023–01, under 49 CFR 180.509(b)(4) to SMBC based on its finding that as a result of non-conforming qualification practices, SMBC-owned DOT–111 tank cars, equipped with SMBC-owned rubber linings, may be in an unsafe operating condition that could result in the release of hazardous materials into the environment. As a result of the identified non-conforming qualification practices, these cars may have substantial rubber lining defects, potentially affecting each tank car’s ability to retain its contents during transportation.

FRA issued the Directive to ensure public safety, ensure compliance with the applicable Federal regulations governing the safe movement of hazardous materials by rail, and ensure the railworthiness of the tank cars. The full text of the Directive is available on

FRA's website at <https://railroads.dot.gov>.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety
Chief Safety Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Solicitation of Application for the Award of One Tanker Security Program Operating Agreement

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of application period for the Tanker Security Program (TSP).

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) requests applications from eligible candidates for one TSP operating agreement. The FY21 NDAA authorized the Secretary of Transportation to establish a fleet of active, commercially viable, militarily useful, privately owned product tank vessels of the United States. The fleet will meet national defense and other security requirements and maintain a United States presence in international commercial shipping. The FY22 NDAA made minor adjustments related to the participation of long-term charters in the TSP. This request for applications provides, among other things, application criteria and a deadline for submitting applications for the enrollment of one vessel in the TSP.

DATES: Applications for enrollment must be received no later than August 14, 2023. Applications should be submitted to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below.

ADDRESSES: Applications may be submitted electronically to sealiftsupport@dot.gov or in hard copy to the Tanker Security Program, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Application forms are available upon request or may be downloaded from MARAD's website.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Hatcher, Director, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, Telephone (202) 366-0688. For legal questions, call Joseph Click, Office of Chief Counsel, Division of Maritime Programs, Maritime Administration, (202) 366-5882.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 53402(a) of title 46, United States Code,

requires that the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary), in consultation with the Secretary of Defense (SecDef), establish a fleet of active, commercially viable, militarily useful, privately-owned product tank vessels to meet national defense and other security requirements. The TSP will provide a stipend to tanker operators of U.S.-flagged vessels that meet certain qualifications.

Congress appropriated \$60,000,000 for the TSP in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, Public Law 117-269, to remain available until expended. Authorized payments to participating operators are limited to \$6 million per ship, per fiscal year and are subject to annual appropriations. Participating operators will be required to make their commercial transportation resources available upon request of the SecDef during times of war or national emergency.

Application Criteria

Section 53403(b)(2)(A) of title 46, United States Code, and MARAD's implementing regulation at 46 CFR 294.9, direct the Secretary in consultation with the SecDef to consider applicant vessel qualifications and give priority to applications based on the following criteria:

- (1) Vessel capabilities, as established by SecDef;
- (2) Applicant's record of vessel ownership and operation of tanker vessels; and
- (3) Applicant's citizenship, with preference for section 50501 Citizens.

Vessel Requirements

Acceptable vessels for a TSP Operating Agreement must meet the requirements of 46 U.S.C. 53402(b) and 46 CFR 294.9. The Commander, USTRANSCOM, has provided vessel suitability standards for eligible TSP vessels for use during the application selection process. The following suitability standards, consistent with the requirements of 46 U.S.C. 53402(b)(5), will apply to vessel applications:

- Medium Range (MR) tankers between 30,000-60,000 deadweight tons, with fuel cargo capacity of 230,000 barrels or greater.
- Deck space and size to accept installation of Consolidation (CONSOL) stations, two on each side for a total of four stations.
- Ability to accommodate up to an additional 12 crew for CONSOL, security, and communication crew augmentation.

- Communication facilities capable of integrating secure communications equipment.

- Does not engage in commerce or acquire any supplies or services if any proclamation, Executive order, or statute administered by Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), or if OFAC's regulations at 31 CFR chapter V, would prohibit such a transaction by a person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, except as authorized by the OFAC in the Department of the Treasury.

- Operate in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Maximum draft of no more than 44 feet. Preference will be given to vessels that can transport the most fuel at the shallowest draft.
- Sustained service speed of at least 14 knots, with higher speeds preferred.
- Carry only clean refined products.
- Double-hulled and capable of carrying more than two separated grades of refined petroleum products with double valve protection between tanks.

National Security Requirements

The applicant chosen to receive a TSP Operating Agreement will be required to enter into an Emergency Preparedness Agreement (EPA) under 46 U.S.C. 53407, or such other agreement as may be approved by the Secretaries. The current EPA approved by the Secretary and SecDef is the Voluntary Tanker Agreement (VTA), publicly available for review at 87 FR 67119 (November 7, 2022).

Documentation

A vessel chosen to receive the TSP Operating Agreement must be documented as a U.S.-flag vessel under 46 U.S.C. chapter 121 to operate under the Operating Agreement. An applicant proposing a vessel registered under the laws of a foreign country at the time of application must demonstrate the vessel owner's intent to have the vessel documented under United States law and must demonstrate that the vessel is U.S. registered by the time the applicant enters into a TSP Operating Agreement for the vessel. Proof of U.S. Coast Guard vessel documentation and inspection and all relevant charter and management agreements for a chosen vessel must be approved by MARAD before the vessel will be eligible to operate under a TSP Operating Agreement and receive TSP payments.

Vessel Operation

A vessel selected for award of a TSP Operating Agreement must be operated in foreign commerce, in mixed foreign commerce and domestic trade of the United States permitted under a registry