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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Petition for Authorization to Exceed Mach 1

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of decision to grant an authorization to exceed Mach 1.

**SUMMARY:** This notice summarizes the petition Boom Supersonic, Inc. submitted to the FAA requesting a special flight authorization as provided for in FAA regulations. The notice also provides for public awareness of FAA's decision to grant Boom Supersonic, Inc.'s request. The FAA is not requesting comments on the petition or the FAA's decision regarding the petition because a special flight authorization petition to exceed Mach 1 follows a separate regulatory process.

**DATES:** The grant of the special flight authorization to exceed Mach 1 is effective April 7, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Liu, Office of Environment and Energy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; 202-267-4748, [sandy.liu@faa.gov](mailto:sandy.liu@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Petitioner:* Boom Supersonic, Inc.  
*Applicable Sections of 14 CFR:* Sections 91.817 and 91.818.

*Description of Relief Sought:* Boom Supersonic, Inc. seeks relief to allow certain flight tests to exceed Mach 1.

On March 24, 2023, Boom Supersonic, Inc., Centennial, CO, petitioned the FAA on behalf of Boom Technology, Inc. ("Boom") to allow Boom to operate a civil aircraft that is expected to exceed Mach 1 speeds during flight testing. Specifically, Boom Supersonic Inc. requested to conduct developmental flight test operations of an experimental aircraft (XB-1) and a chase airplane over Edwards Air Force Base within pre-existing supersonic corridors, located in Los Angeles, Kern, and San Bernardino counties in California. The petitioner requested authorization for up to 20 supersonic test flights over one year. The proposed operations would occur at or above 30,000 ft Mean Sea Level.

On January 12, 2024, the FAA published a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 2471) of an Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared to satisfy National Environmental Policy Act requirements and address the environmental impact of the proposed supersonic operations. The FAA requested comments on the EA. The FAA finalized the EA and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact on February 29, 2024.

The FAA finds the request by the petitioner is well within the intent of 14 CFR 91.818. As such, the FAA has decided to grant this Special Flight Authorization to Exceed Mach 1. Authority to exceed Mach 1 during the testing of the Boom XB-1 experimental aircraft is limited to the conditions and limitations stated in the special flight authorization.

The FAA's decision to grant a special flight authorization in response to Boom Supersonic Inc.'s petition and the applicable environmental review documents are available on FAA's website. The FAA is posting special flight authorization applications, grants of special flight authorizations, and applicable environmental review documents. These documents may be found at: [https://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/apl/aee/env\\_policy/sfa\\_supersonic](https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/apl/aee/env_policy/sfa_supersonic).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2024-0054]

#### Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: KREWE ZEN (MOTOR); 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 issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this

action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 23, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2024-0054 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2024-0054 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-2024-0054, 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](http://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, Room W23-461, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-0903. Email: [patricia.hagerty@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.hagerty@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described in the application, the intended service of the vessel KREWE ZEN is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* Requester intends to offer passenger charters.

*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida. Base of Operations: Galveston, Texas.

*Vessel Length and Type:* 59' Sportfish. The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket