

**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 January 6, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2024-0150 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2024-0150 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-2024-0150, 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 VALKYRIE is:

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

*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* Oahu, Hawaii. Base of Operations: Honolulu, Hawaii.

*Vessel Length and Type:* 45' Sail.

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2024-0150 at <https://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 employment of the vessel in the coastwise trade to carry no more than 12 passengers will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, MARAD will not issue an approval of the vessel's coastwise endorsement eligibility. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the application, and address the eligibility 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 <https://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2024-0150 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 the information you claim to be confidential commercial information by email to [SmallVessels@dot.gov](mailto: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 claim highlighting or denoting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

In the event 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: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator,  
**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.**,  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Financial Crimes Enforcement Network****Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group; Solicitation of Application for Membership**

**AGENCY:** Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** FinCEN is inviting the public to nominate financial institutions, trade groups, and non-Federal regulators or law enforcement agencies for membership in the Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group. New members will be selected for three-year membership terms.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received by January 6, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations must be emailed to [BSAAG@fincen.gov](mailto:BSAAG@fincen.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** FinCEN Regulatory Support Section at [frc@fincen.gov](mailto:frc@fincen.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1564 of the Annunzio-Wylie Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Act of 1992 required the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group (BSAAG) consisting of representatives from federal agencies and other interested persons and financial institutions subject to the regulatory requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act, found at 31 CFR chapter X. The BSAAG is the means by which the Treasury receives advice on the reporting requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) and informs private sector representatives on how the information they provide is used. As chair of the BSAAG, the Director of FinCEN is responsible for ensuring that relevant issues are placed before the BSAAG for review, analysis, and discussion.

BSAAG membership is open to financial institutions subject to the BSA, trade groups that represent financial institutions subject to the BSA, and federal and non-federal regulators and law enforcement agencies that are located within the United States.<sup>1</sup>

FinCEN is especially interested in receiving nominations for eligible entities (as described above) that can share insights on compliance with the Corporate Transparency Act and FinCEN's implementing regulations. In September of 2022, FinCEN published a final rule that implemented a new beneficial ownership information (BOI) reporting requirement, codified at 31 CFR 1010.380.<sup>2</sup> This rule implements section 6403 of the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA), which was enacted as part of the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020 in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021.<sup>3</sup> The BOI reporting rule

<sup>1</sup> Because they are not directly subject to the vast majority of BSA requirements themselves, entities that solely provide software products or services or consulting services for financial institutions are not independently eligible for BSAAG membership.

<sup>2</sup> FinCEN Issues Final Rule for Beneficial Ownership Reporting To Support Law Enforcement Efforts, Counter Illicit Finance, and Increase Transparency | [FinCEN.gov](https://www.fincen.gov).

<sup>3</sup> The CTA is title LXIV of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, Public Law 116–283 (Jan. 1, 2021) (NDAA). Division F of the NDAA is the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020, which includes the CTA. Section 6403 of the CTA, among other things, amended the BSA by adding a new section 5336, Beneficial Ownership Information Reporting

requires certain types of domestic and foreign entities, called “reporting companies,” to report information about their beneficial owners, the persons who ultimately own or control the company, to FinCEN. Eligible entities that are interested in focusing on CTA compliance should provide a clear explanation of how their perspectives can also enhance broader BSAAG discussions, including discussions about the BSA generally.

We also continue to welcome nominations from other eligible entities that can actively share their perspectives on a variety of BSA requirements. Each member selected will serve a three-year term and must designate one individual to represent that member at plenary meetings. While BSAAG membership is granted to organizations, not to individuals, the designated representative for each selected organization should be knowledgeable about BSA requirements and be willing and able to devote the necessary time and effort on behalf of the representative's organization. Members are expected to actively share anecdotal perspectives, quantifiable insights on BSA requirements, and industry trends in BSAAG discussions. The organization's representative must be able to attend biannual plenary meetings, generally held in Washington, DC, over one or two days, generally in May and October. Additional BSAAG meetings may be held by phone, videoconference, or in person, and the organization's representative is expected to actively engage in the BSAAG's work through participation in meetings of various BSAAG Subcommittees and/or working groups, including Subcommittees established pursuant to the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020 (AML Act).<sup>4</sup> Members will not be paid for their time, services, or travel.

Nominations for individuals who are not representing an organization will not be considered, but organizations may nominate themselves. Organizations should only submit nominations on behalf of their own organization and not on behalf of another organization. Please provide complete answers to the following items, as nominations will be evaluated based on the information provided in response to this notice and request for

Requirements, to subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code.

<sup>4</sup> The AML Act was enacted as division F, sections 6001–6511, of the NDAA. The AML Act, among other provisions, mandated the creation of a BSAAG Subcommittee on Innovation and Technology (section 6207) and a BSAAG Subcommittee on Information Security and Confidentiality (section 6302).

nominations. There is no required format; interested organizations may submit their nominations electronically (e.g., email or email attachment). Nominations should include the following information:

- Name of the organization requesting membership;
- Point of contact, title, address, email address, and phone number;
- Description of the financial institution, trade group, regulator, self-regulatory organization (SRO), or law enforcement agency involved with the BSA;
- Reasons why the organization's participation on the BSAAG will bring value to the group; and
- Trade groups must submit a full list of their members along with their nomination. Trade groups must also confirm that, if selected, they will only share BSAAG information with their members that are located within the United States.

In making the selections, FinCEN will seek to complement current BSAAG members and obtain comprehensive representation in terms of affiliation, industry, and geographic representation. The Director retains full discretion on all membership decisions. The Director may consider prior years' applications when making selections and will not limit consideration to entities nominated by the public when making selections.

**Andrea M. Gacki,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Comment Request on Burden Related to Reporting on Mortgage Assistance Payments

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the