carriers under 49 U.S.C. 13902(c). These motor carriers may conduct transportation services in the United States only if they are registered with the FMCSA. Each registration is effective from the date specified and remains in effect for such period as the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) determines by regulations. The ICC Termination Act of 1995 (ICCTA), Public Law 104–88, 109 Stat. 803 (December 29, 1995), transferred this registration authority from the former Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) to the Secretary who subsequently delegated the registration function to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (FMCSA’s predecessor agency), then to the FMCSA at the time that agency was created.

On March 19, 2002, the FMCSA published an interim final rule (IFR) at 67 FR 12702 which proposed to amend 49 CFR part 365 and revise Form OP–1(MX). Under the amended regulations, Mexico-domiciled long-haul motor carriers seeking to operate within the United States beyond the commercial border zones, including carriers that previously filed pending Form OP–1(MX) applications, would be required to submit the revised Form OP–1(MX). Under the revised Form OP–1(MX), the FMCSA would collect more detailed information on an applicant motor carrier’s size, operations and history than could be collected previously by using the existing form.

The Final Rule titled, “Unified Registration System,” (78 FR 52608) dated August 23, 2013, implemented statutory provisions for an on-line registration system in the ICCTA and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, 2005 (SAFETEA–LU). The URS would streamline the registration process and serve as a clearinghouse and repository of information on, and identification of, motor carriers, brokers, freight forwarders, intermodal equipment providers (IEPs), hazardous materials safety permit (HMSP) applicants, and cargo tank facilities required to register with FMCSA. This ICR previously covered registration requirements for non-exempt for-hire carriers, freight forwarders, and property brokers. Under the URS, all forms, except the OP–1(MX), in this ICR were folded into the Form MCSA–1 in the OMB Control Number 2126–0051 titled, “FMCSA Registration/Updates,” ICR on October 23, 2013. The Form OP–1(MX) would be retained for the small number of Mexico carriers that seek authority to operate beyond the United States municipalities on the United States-Mexico border and their commercial zones because they are not included within the scope of the URS rule.

The Final Rule titled, “Unified Registration System,” (80 FR 63695) dated October 21, 2015, changed the effective and compliance dates of the 2013 URS Final rule from October 23, 2015, to September 30, 2016, in order to allow FMCSA additional time to complete the information technology (IT) systems work required to fully implement that rule. An additional delay was published on July 28, 2016 (81 FR 49553), stating the URS Final Rule will come into effect on January 14, 2017. This ICR revision will restore the Forms OP–1, OP–1(P), OP–1(FF), and OP–1(NNA) under control number 2126–0016, until January 14, 2017, because these forms are still needed to support registration processes for entities subject to FMCSA’s regulations. After January 14, 2017, all forms in this ICR, except the OP–1(MX), will be folded into the online Form MCSA–1 under the OMB Control Number 2126–0051 titled, “FMCSA Registration/Updates,” ICR.

Title: Licensing Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority. OMB Control Number: 2126–0016. Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Motor carriers, motor passenger carriers, freight forwarders, brokers, and certain Mexico-domiciled motor carriers.

Estimated Number of Respondents and Responses: 36 respondents [(12 respondents and responses for Year 1) + (12 respondents and responses for Year 2) + (12 respondents and responses for Year 3)].

Estimated Time per Response: 4 hours.

Expiration Date: October 31, 2016.

Frequency of Response: Other (as needed).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 48 hours [48 hours for Year 1] + 48 hours for Year 2 + 48 hours for Year 3 = 144 hours/year approval for ICR + 48 estimated average number of annual burden hours].

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA’s functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize
method of awarding merchant marine medals and decorations to masters, officers, and crew members of U.S. ships in recognition of their service in areas of danger during the operations by the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Operation Desert Storm.

Respondents: Master, officers and crew members of U.S. ships.

Number of Respondents: 550.
Number of Responses: 550.
Total Annual Burden: 550.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department’s performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.


By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
Dated: July 28, 2016.
T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:
Private Vessel Charters

Geographic Region: “Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska (excluding waters in Southeastern Alaska and waters north of a line between Gore Point to Cape Suckling [including the North Gulf Coast and Prince William Sound]).”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2016–0081 at http://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 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.

Privacy Act
Anyone able to 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.). You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
Dated: August 4, 2016.
T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2016 0080]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel SURGE; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, 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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 12, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2016–0080. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov. 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., ET, 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://www.regulations.gov.