DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2017–0025]

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

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: 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 March 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2017–0025. 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 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available at http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


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

—Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: “30 minute Japanese wedding cruises for wedding pictures”
—Geographic Region: “Hawaii”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2017–0025 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

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT/MARAD solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT/MARAD posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL–14 FDMS, accessible through www.dot.gov/privacy. In order to facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.


T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

[Docket No. TTB–2017–0003]

Proposed Information Collections; Comment Request (No. 62)

AGENCY: Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB); Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we invite comments on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this notice.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before April 17, 2017.

ADDRESSES: As described below, you may send comments on the information collections listed in this document using the Regulations.gov online comment form for this document, or you may send written comments via U.S. mail or hand delivery. TTB no longer accepts public comments via email or fax.

• http://www.regulations.gov: Use the comment form for this document posted within Docket No. TTB–2017–0003 on Regulations.gov, the Federal e-rulemaking portal, to submit comments via the Internet:
  • U.S. Mail: Michael Hoover, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW., Box 12, Washington, DC 20005.
  • Hand Delivery/Courier in Lieu of Mail: Michael Hoover, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005.

Please submit separate comments for each specific information collection listed in this document. You must reference the information collection’s title, form or recordkeeping requirement number, and OMB number (if any) in your comment.

You may view copies of this document, the information collections listed in it and any associated instructions, and all comments received in response to this document within Docket No. TTB–2017–0003 at https://www.regulations.gov. A link to that docket is posted on the TTB Web site at https://www.ttb.gov/forms/comment-on-form.shtml. You may also obtain paper copies of this document, the information collections described in it and any associated instructions, and any
comments received in response to this document by contacting Michael Hoover at the addresses or telephone number shown below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Michael Hoover, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW., Box 12, Washington, DC 20005; telephone (202) 453–1039, ext. 135; or email informationcollections@ttb.gov (please do not submit comments on this notice to this email address).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Department of the Treasury and its Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), as part of a continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in comments. For each information collection listed below, we invite comments on: (a) Whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency’s functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the information collection’s burden; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) ways to minimize the information collection’s burden on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide the requested information.

Information Collections Open for Comment

Currently, we are seeking comments on the following information collections (forms, recordkeeping requirements, or questionnaires):

Title: Tax Information Authorization. OMB Number: 1513–0001. TTB Form Number: F 5000.19. Abstract: Federal law at 26 U.S.C. 6103 protects the privacy of taxpayer information by, among other things, prohibiting unauthorized persons from receiving taxpayer information. Under the Department of Treasury regulations at 26 CFR 601.523, taxpayers may authorize a representative to receive otherwise confidential tax information. TTB requires a taxpayer to file TTB F 5000.19 when the taxpayer wishes to authorize a representative who does not have a power of attorney to obtain confidential information regarding the taxpayer. TTB uses this form to properly identify the representative and the scope of his/her authority to obtain confidential information.

Current Actions: TTB is submitting this information collection for extension purposes only. The information collection, estimated number of respondents, and estimated number of burden hours remain unchanged.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50.

Title: Referral of Information. OMB Number: 1513–0003. TTB Form Number: F 5000.21. Abstract: During the course of their duties, TTB personnel sometimes discover apparent violations of statutes and regulations under the jurisdiction of other Federal, State, and local government agencies. TTB personnel use this form to refer such information to other agencies, and the form includes a section for the other agency to respond regarding their action on the referral. The referral form provides a consistent means of conveying the relevant information to other agencies, and it facilitates information-sharing between agencies to support enforcement efforts. The response that TTB requests from other agencies also provides information as to the utility of the referral and potential enforcement actions that the other agency may take against the same entities TTB may regulate.

Current Actions: TTB is submitting this information collection as a revision. The information collection remains unchanged. However, TTB is increasing the estimated number of annual respondents, responses, and burden hours due to an increase in the number of distilled spirits plant proprietors regulated by TTB.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,198.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 52,752.

Title: Application for an Alcohol Fuel Producer under 26 U.S.C. 5181. OMB Number: 1513–0051. TTB Form Number: F 5110.74. Abstract: This form is used by persons who wish to produce and receive spirits for the production of alcohol fuels as authorized under 26 U.S.C. 5181, either as a business or for their own use, and for State and local registration where required. TTB F 5110.74 describes the person(s) applying for the permit, the location of the proposed operation, the type of material used for production, and the amount of alcohol fuel to be produced. This information is necessary to protect the revenue by determining the applicant’s eligibility to obtain a permit and determining whether the
Title: Federal Firearms and Ammunition Quarterly Excise Tax Return.

OMB Number: 1513–0094.

TTB Form Number: F 5300.26.

Abstract: The Internal Revenue Code (IRC) at 26 U.S.C. 4181 imposes a Federal excise tax on the sale of pistols, revolvers, other firearms, and shells and cartridges (ammunition) sold by manufacturers, producers, and importers. The IRC at 26 U.S.C. 6001 and 6011 provides for the filing of a return for this firearms and ammunition excise tax (FAET). The FAET return form, TTB F 5300.26, is prescribed by regulation in 27 CFR part 53. TTB uses the information collected on that return form to determine how much FAET is owed by the respondent, and to verify that the respondent has correctly determined and paid the tax liability. This return is filed on a quarterly basis.

Current Actions: TTB is submitting this collection as a revision. TTB is increasing the estimated number of respondents and the estimated total annual burden hours associated with this collection to reflect an increase in the number of firearms and ammunition taxpayers.

In addition, TTB is revising the FAET return form, F 5300.26, to clarify certain data fields and instructions, thereby improving the accuracy of the information reported, and to capture the data necessary for TTB to more accurately verify the tax liability. The revisions to F 5300.26 include reorganizing data fields in Part II, Calculation of Taxes on Sale or Uses During This Tax Period, adding instructional language to Schedules A and B to clarify that they are used to claim adjustments for prior quarter activity, and adding a “printed” name field to the signature area of the form. TTB has also updated the form’s instructions to remove obsolete language and improve clarity. TTB also has made other format, grammatical, and typographic corrections to the form. In addition, to support future automation efforts, TTB has added a bar code to each page of the form to allow the forms to be scanned by optical character recognition (OCR) software.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 675.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 18,900.


OMB Number: 1513–0095.

TTB Form Number: F 5300.28.

Abstract: The Internal Revenue Code at 26 U.S.C. 4181 imposes a Federal excise tax on the sale of pistols and revolvers, other firearms, shells and cartridges (ammunition) sold by manufacturers, producers, and importers. Under 26 U.S.C. 4221, no tax is imposed on certain sales of firearms and ammunition, provided that the seller and purchaser of the articles (with certain exceptions) are registered as required by 26 U.S.C. 4222. Section 4222 further provides that the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe regulations regarding the manner, forms, terms, and conditions of registration. The TTB regulation at 27 CFR 53.140 prescribes the use of TTB F 5300.28 as the application to obtain an approved Certificate of Registry to sell or purchase firearms and ammunition tax-free. TTB uses the form to determine if the respondent is qualified to engage in tax-free sales. In addition, registrants may make certain amendments to the information provided on the form by letterhead notice.

Current Actions: TTB is submitting this collection as a revision. The information collection remains unchanged. However, TTB is decreasing the estimated number of respondents and estimated total annual burden hours due to a decrease in the number of respondents applying for registration for tax-free transactions under 26 U.S.C. 4221.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits; State, local, and tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 85.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 235.

Dated: February 8, 2017.

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