DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2017–0137]

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

AGENCY: Maritime Administration.

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 September 6, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2017–0137. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 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 BELLA VIT is:

— Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: 6 passengers on daily trips
— Geographic Region: “Florida”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2017–0133 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.

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