DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance


THSX maintains and operates No. 142, a 2–8–2 “Mikado” type steam locomotive built in 1989 by the Tangshan Locomotive Works in China for the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad. THSX requests relief from performing the 1472 service day inspection (SDI), for No. 142, regarding inspection of the boiler every 15 calendar years or 1472 service days. This is required under CFR 49 Section 230.17—One thousand four hundred seventy-two (1472) service day inspection. THSX is requesting an additional 58 calendar days before performing a 1472 SDI. The previous SDI was performed on September 2, 2002. Granting relief will allow No. 142 an SDI period of 15 calendar years and 58 calendar days while not exceeding 1472 service days.

No. 142 is operated by THSX on Belvedere & Delaware Railroad for weekly tourist service. THSX’s justification for requesting relief is that No. 142 has only operated for a total 640 service days within the 15-calendar year period. The extension will allow No. 142 to operate through their busiest tourist season. THSX anticipates approximately 18 additional service days during the requested time extension.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the Department of Transportation’s Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

• Web site: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
• Fax: 202–493–2251.
• Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by October 23, 2017 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2017–0160]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel BONITA; 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.