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considered. If you wish to provide
comments containing proprietary or
confidential information, please contact
the agency for alternate submission
instructions.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103,
46 U.S.C. 12121)

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Date: June 21, 2018.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.
T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Maritime Administration

[Docket Number MARAD–2018–0093]

Waiver Request for Aquaculture
Support Operations for the 2018
Calendar Year: MILDRED 1

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to a delegation of
authority from the Secretary of
Transportation, the Maritime
Administrator is authorized to issue
waivers allowing documented vessels
with only registry endorsements or
foreign flag vessels to be used in
operations that treat aquaculture fish
or protect aquaculture fish from
disease, parasitic infestation, or other threats
to their health when suitable vessels of
the United States are not available that
could perform those services. A request
for such a waiver has been received by
the Maritime Administration (MARAD).
This notice is being published to solicit
comments intended to assist MARAD in
determining whether suitable vessels of
the United States is available that could
perform the required services. If no
suitable U.S.-flag vessels is available,
the Maritime Administrator may issue a
waiver to comply with USCG
Aquaculture Support regulations. A
brief description of the proposed

aquaculture support service is listed in
the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
section below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before
July 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
identified by DOT Docket Number
MARAD–2018–0093 by any of the
following methods:
  • On-line via the Federal Electronic
Search using “MARAD–2018–0093”
and follow the instructions for
submitting comments.
  • Mail/Hand-Delivery/Courier:
Docket Management Facility; U.S.
Department of Transportation, 1200
New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140,
Washington, DC 20590. Submit
comments in an unbound format, no
larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for
copying and electronic filing.

Reference Materials and Docket
Information: You may view the
complete application, including the
aquaculture support technical service
requirements, and all public comments
at the DOT Docket on-line via http://
www.regulations.gov. Search using
“MARAD–2018–0093.” All comments
received will be posted without change
to the docket, including any personal
information provided. The Docket
Management Facility is open 9:00 a.m.
to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday,
except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of
Transportation, Maritime
Administration, 1200 New Jersey
Avenue SE, Room W23–453,
Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202–
366–9309, Email Bianca.carr@dot.gov.
If you have questions on viewing the
Docket, call Docket Operations,
telephone: (800) 647–5527.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a result
of the enactment of the Coast Guard
Authorization Act of 2010, codified at
46 U.S.C. 12102, the Secretary of
Transportation vests the
discretionary authority to issue waivers allowing
documented vessels with registry
endorsements or foreign flag vessels to
be used in operations that treat
aquaculture fish for or protect
aquaculture fish from disease, parasitic
infestation, or other threats to their
health when suitable vessels of the
United States are not available that
could perform those services. The
Secretary has delegated this authority to
the Maritime Administrator. Pursuant to
this authority, MARAD is providing
notice of the service requirements
proposed in Cooke Aquaculture (Cooke)
in order to make a U.S.-flag vessel availability determination. Specifics can
be found in Cooke’s application letter
posted in the docket.

To comply with USCG Aquaculture
Support regulations at 46 CFR part 106,
Cooke is seeking a MARAD Aquaculture
Waiver to operate the vessel MILDRED
1 as follows:

—Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:
  “to use highly-specialized foreign-flag
vessels referred to as a “wellboat” (or
“live fish carrier”) to treat Cooke’s
swimming inventory of farmed
Atlantic salmon in the company’s
salt-water grow-out pens off Maine’s
North Atlantic Coast. This treatment
prevents against parasitic infestation
by sea lice that is highly destructive
to the salmon’s health.”

—Geographic Region: “off Maine’s
North Atlantic Coast”.

Requested Time Period: “2018
calendar year, from June 1, 2018 to
December 31, 2018”.

Interested parties may submit
comments providing detailed
information relating to the availability
of U.S.-flag vessels to perform the
required aquaculture support services. If
MARAD determines, in accordance with
46 U.S.C. 12102(d)(1) and MARAD’s
regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that
suitable U.S.-flag vessels are available to
perform the required services, 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 set forth in 46 CFR 388.4.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c),
MARAD solicits comments from the
public to inform its process to
determine the availability of suitable
vessels. DOT 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
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Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(w).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2018–0103]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

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 July 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2018–0103. 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.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE is:
—Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: “Family boat, we will occasionally take clients out on day charters”
—Geographic Region: “Illinois”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2018–0103 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 section 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Privacy Act

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