

611). The New Starts regulation requires the submission of specific information in support of a request to initiate preliminary engineering, and this information is normally developed in conjunction with the NEPA process. Pertinent New Starts evaluation criteria will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

#### V. FTA Procedures

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.105(a) and 771.133, FTA will comply with all Federal environmental laws, regulations, and executive orders applicable to the proposed project during the environmental review process to the maximum extent practicable. These requirements include, but are not limited to, the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality and FTA implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508, and 23 CFR Part 771), the project-level air quality conformity regulation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (40 CFR part 93), the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines of EPA (40 CFR part 230), the regulation implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800), the regulation implementing section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (50 CFR part 402), Section 4(f) of the DOT Act (23 CFR 771.135), and Executive Orders 12898 on environmental justice, 11988 on floodplain management, and 11990 on wetlands.

Issued on: August 25, 2008.

**Yvette G. Taylor,**

*Regional Administrator, FTA Region 4.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2008–0081]

#### Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

**ACTION:** Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intention to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before November 3, 2008.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Christensen, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202–366–5909; or e-mail: [tom.christensen@dot.gov](mailto:tom.christensen@dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Effective U.S. Control (EUSC)/Parent Company.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133–0511.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Summary of Collection of Information:* The Effective U.S. Control (EUSC)/Parent Company collection consists of an inventory of foreign-registered vessels owned by U.S. citizens. Specifically, the collection consists of responses from vessel owners verifying or correcting vessel ownership data and characteristics found in commercial publications. The information obtained could be vital in a national or international emergency and is essential to the logistical support planning operations conducted by Maritime Administration officials.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information is used in contingency planning and provides data related to potential seafloor capacity to support movement of fuel and military equipment to crisis zones.

*Description of Respondents:* U.S. citizens who own foreign-registered vessels.

*Annual Responses:* 60 responses.

*Annual Burden:* 30 hours.

*Comments:* Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT (or EST), Monday through Friday, except

Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is 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), or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.66.

Dated: August 22, 2008.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Leonard Sutter,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: 2008 0084]

#### Application of Foreign Underwriters To Write Marine Hull Insurance

The Maritime Administration has received an application under 46 CFR part 249 from Codan Forsikring A/S, a Denmark based underwriter, to write Marine hull insurance on vessels guaranteed under 46 U.S.C. Chapter 537 (formerly Title XI of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended).

In accordance with 46 CFR 249.7(b), interested persons are hereby afforded an opportunity to bring to the Maritime Administration's attention any discriminatory laws or practices relating to the placement of marine hull insurance which may exist in the applicant's country of domicile.

You may submit comments regarding this information collection by any of the following methods:

a. *Web Site:* [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)

Following the instructions for submitting comments on the electronic docket site.

b. *Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

c. *Hand Delivery:* Room PL–410 of the Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC. Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

d. *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the outline instructions.

*Instruction*: All submissions must include the agency name and the docket number for this rulemaking. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading under Regulatory Notices.

*Docket*: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 of the Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Dated: August 26, 2008.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Leonard Sutter,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD 2008 0085]

#### Application of Foreign Underwriters To Write Marine Hull Insurance

The Maritime Administration has received an application under 46 CFR part 249 from Fortis Corporate Insurance N.V., a Netherlands based underwriter, to write Marine hull insurance on vessels guaranteed under 46 U.S.C. Chapter 537 (formerly Title XI of The Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended). In accordance with 46 CFR 249.7(b), interested persons are hereby afforded an opportunity to bring to the Maritime Administration's attention any discriminatory laws or practices relating to the placement of marine hull insurance which may exist in the applicant's country of domicile.

You may submit comments regarding this information collection by any of the following methods:

a. *Web site*: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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Dated: August 26, 2008.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Leonard Sutter,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2008 0082]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

**AGENCY**: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION**: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel L'ESPRIT LIBRE II.

**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. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2008-0082 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 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), 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.

**DATES**: Submit comments on or before October 2, 2008.

**ADDRESSES**: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2008-0082. 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., E.T., 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>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel L'ESPRIT LIBRE II is:

*Intended Use*: "charter."

*Geographic Region*: "Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Caribbean."

#### Privacy Act

Anyone is 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).

Dated: August 25, 2008.