

crossings, particularly by taking into account the unique characteristics that exist at individual crossings. FRA also encourages the use of job briefings whenever work or job conditions change to heighten employees' situational awareness of relevant safety risks.

### Recommendations

In light of the above discussion, and in an effort to improve situational awareness and rules compliance for roadway maintenance machine movements over highway-rail grade crossings, FRA recommends that railroads and railroad contractors:

1. Review with their roadway maintenance machine operators the circumstances of the fatal incident described in this Safety Advisory 2016-01 and these recommendations;

2. Review, and update as necessary, their rules and procedures governing the movement of roadway maintenance machines over highway-rail grade crossings and provide instruction on those rules and procedures to their employees;

3. Identify grade crossings that pose significant challenges to roadway maintenance machines traversing the crossings and consider installing lockable wayside warning-device activation equipment or other appropriate measures for use by roadway maintenance machine operators to ensure safe movement over such crossings;

4. Emphasize that their roadway maintenance machine operators must approach every highway-rail grade crossing prepared to stop and ensure that warning devices (where installed) are activated, the grade crossing is clear, and motor vehicle traffic has stopped (or is under the control of an appropriately equipped flagger) prior to entering a crossing;

5. Emphasize to their roadway maintenance machine operators that shunting devices are not fail-safe and may lose shunt without warning if railroad rules permit the use of roadway maintenance machine shunting devices (capable of being turned on or off to activate grade crossing warning devices). Railroads should also emphasize that roadway maintenance machine shunting devices should only be utilized as a supplement to compliance with rules requiring machine operators to approach crossings prepared to stop and to yield the right-of-way to vehicle traffic;

6. Emphasize the importance of job briefings to discuss applicable railroad rules governing operation of roadway maintenance machines movements over highway-rail grade crossing(s),

including the identification of any higher-risk crossings and whether any crossings will be protected by appropriately equipped flaggers or signal personnel;

7. Ensure that when roadway maintenance machines are required to travel extended distances, their machine operators are able to operate this equipment while facing in the direction of the machine's movement; and

8. Review their current procedures for monitoring compliance with rules governing the movement of roadway maintenance machines over grade crossings and make necessary updates. Regularly conduct operational tests to ensure their employees comply with applicable rules governing movement over grade crossings.

FRA encourages railroads and railroad contractors to take action consistent with the preceding recommendations and to take other actions to help ensure the safety of the Nation's railroad employees and the travelling public. FRA may modify this Safety Advisory 2016-01, issue additional safety advisories, or take other appropriate actions necessary to ensure the highest level of safety on the Nation's railroads, including pursuing other corrective measures under its rail safety authority.

**Robert C. Lauby,**

*Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,  
Chief Safety Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2016 2016-0028]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 18, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2016-0028. 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:

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](mailto:Bianca.carr@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel INVESTAR is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:*  
Charter Fishing

*Geographic Region:* Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2016-0028 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

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).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
Dated: March 8, 2016.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**Hazardous Materials: Notice of Application for Modification of Special Permit**

**AGENCY:** Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** List of application for modification of special permits.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application

for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation’s Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier **Federal Register** publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modification of special permits (e.g. to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application numbers with the suffix “M” denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new application for special permits to facilitate processing.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 1, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** *Address Comments To:* Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC or at <http://regulations.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of special permit is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR I.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, February 16, 2016.

**Don Burger,**

Chief, General Approvals and Permits.

**MODIFICATION SPECIAL PERMITS**

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of special permit thereof
11378–M .....	.....	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Washington, DC.	49 CFR 173.201; 173.226; 173.227; 178.61–5; 178.61–20; 173.40.	To modify the special permit to authorize an additional hazardous material.
12818–M .....	.....	Shoreline Marine Inc., D.B.A. Safetech, Humble, TX.	49 CFR 173.301(i); 173.302	To modify the special permit to authorize two additional foreign non-DOT specification steel cylinders and to clarify certain packaging and operational requirements.
13213–M .....	.....	Washington State Ferrie, Seattle, WA.	49 CFR 172.101(10a) .....	To modify the special permit to increase the quantity of Petroleum gases, liquefied or Liquefied Petroleum Gas from 100 lbs to 143 lbs.
14372–M .....	.....	Shoreline Marine Inc., dba Safetech, Humble, TX.	49 CFR 173.301(a)(1); 173.304.	To modify the special permit to authorize three additional foreign non-DOT specification steel cylinders and clarify certain packaging and operational requirements.
14751–M .....	.....	Univation Technologies, LLC, Houston, TX.	49 CFR 173.242 .....	To modify the special permit to authorize adding additional drawings.
15691–M .....	.....	Department of Defense, Scotts AFB, IL.	49 CFR 180.209 .....	To modify the special permit to authorize clarifying the requirements for the purpose and limitation and safety control measures.
16391–M .....	.....	Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Carrollton, TX.	49 CFR 173.201, 173.301(f), 173.302, 173.304a.	To modify the special permit to increase the restriction of the service pressure to 16,000 psi.
16469–M .....	.....	ACS UE Testing LLC, Denver, CO.	49 CFR 172.203(a), 172.301(c), 180.205.	To modify the special permit to authorize the UE system to perform a 3 pass scan.
16555–M .....	.....	Advance Research Chemicals, Inc., Catoosa, OK.	49 CFR 173.227(b)(2)(iii) .....	To modify the special permit originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize an additional two years and identify Advance Research Chemicals, Inc. as an offeror of hazardous materials.
16566–M .....	.....	Sunset Helicopters, Inc., Aurora, OR.	49 CFR 172.220(b)(1), 172.200, 172.300, 172.400, 173.27, 175.30, 175.33, 175.75, Part 173.	To modify the special permit originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize an additional two years.
16572–M .....	.....	Samsung Austin Semiconductor, LLC, Austin, TX.	49 CFR 173.158(b), 173.158(e), 173.158(f).	To modify the special permit to authorize removing unnecessary restrictions contained in paragraph 7.b. safety control measures.