

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Proposed New Restricted Category Aircraft—Special Purpose Operations**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comment on the proposed addition of several new restricted category special purpose operations pursuant to Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These include Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief, and An expansion of Patrolling to include patrolling of railroads, waterways and harbors.

Comments Invited: Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed new special purpose operations for restricted category by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, in favor or opposed. Please forward you comments to Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Policy & Innovation Division, Certification Procedures Section (AIR-6C1), 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024. ATTN: Mr. Graham Long. Comments must be received on or before April 24, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Certification Service, Policy & Innovation Division, Certification Procedures Section (AIR-6C1) at 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024.

ATTN: Mr. Graham Long. You may contact Mr. Long at (202) 267-1624, Fax (202) 267-1813, or Email: graham.long@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA is considering several new restricted category aircraft—special purpose operations pursuant to 14 CFR 21.25(b)(7). Approval of these new special purpose operations would improve the usability of restricted category aircraft and support the public welfare. The proposed new special purpose operations are: (1) Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief, and (2) an expansion of Patrolling to include patrolling of Railroads, Waterways and Harbors. These operations are intended to be performed within the scope of “aerial work operations.” Note, pursuant to § 91.313, the operating limitations and the noise requirements pursuant to 14 CFR part 36, will apply to these special purpose operations in restricted category, unless otherwise waived.

1. *Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief:* Recent natural disasters in the United States (notably Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and multiple hurricanes in 2017) have prompted the FAA to consider allowing restricted category aircraft to operate under these types of circumstances to make available additional aviation resources to provide humanitarian assistance and/or disaster relief. The proposed mission involves bringing in needed materials and supplies (*i.e.*, cargo only—no passengers) to the affected area, or moving materials and supplies within the area. This approval is intended to be performed within the scope of “aerial work operations” and would be available to both rotary wing and fixed wing aircraft. In addition, this operation would potentially include aerial delivery/airdropping of supplies. FAA is considering limiting this approval to periods when a government agency has made a declaration of a state of emergency, or similar declaration.

2. *Patrolling Railroads, Waterways and Harbors:* Restricted category aircraft, both rotary wing and fixed wing, are currently able to be used for patrolling pipelines, power lines, and canals. We are considering expanding Patrolling to include patrolling railroads, waterways and harbors to enable the use of restricted category aircraft in these missions. FAA further wants to clarify that patrolling operations are to be for inspection, security, and safety purposes, and are intended to be performed within the scope of “aerial work operations.”

Issued in Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2019-0010]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Approval of a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for approval of a new information collection.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of a new information

collection. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on December 12, 2018. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by April 24, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments within 30 days to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. All comments should include the Docket No. FHWA-2019-0010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelly Morton 602-382-8976, Kelly.Morton@dot.gov; Office of Safety, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Drug Offender's Driver's License Suspension Certification.

OMB Control Number: 2125-0579.

Background: States are legally required to enact and enforce laws that revoke or suspend the drivers licenses of any individual convicted of a drug offense and to make annual certifications to the FHWA on their actions. The Department of Transportation's implementing regulations (23 CFR part 192) of 23 U.S.C. 159 require annual certifications by the Governors. In this regard, the State must submit by January 1 of each year either a written certification, signed by the Governor, stating that the State is in compliance with 23 U.S.C. 159; or a written certification stating that the Governor is opposed to the enactment or enforcement, and that the State legislature has adopted a resolution expressing its opposition to 23 U.S.C. 159.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2012, States' failure to comply by October 1 of each fiscal year resulted in a withholding penalty of 8 percent from States' apportionments for the fiscal year. Any Funds withheld from a State under 23 U.S.C 159 shall not be available for apportionment to that State.

Respondents: 50 States and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: Annual average of 5 hours for each respondent; 260 total annual burden hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: March 14, 2019.

Michael Howell,

Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2019-0046]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel DR. SIC (48' Sport Fisher); 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 requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. 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 24, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2019-0046 by any one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2019-0046 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2019-0046, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the section entitled Public Participation.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel DR. SIC is:

—**Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:** "Owner intends to Charter Vessel in high end, limited load sport fish capacity as well as high end bay and sunset cruise charter work."

—**Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:** "California" (Base of Operations: San Diego, CA)

—**Vessel Length and Type:** 48' sport fisher.

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD-2019-0046 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 vessel name, 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.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

Go to the docket online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2019-0046 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Office of Legislation and Regulations, MAR-225, W24-220, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Include a cover letter setting forth with specificity the basis for any such claim and, if possible, a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records