DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2017-0170]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel M/V PACIFIC

PROVIDER; 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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2017-0170. 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.

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 M/V PACIFIC PROVIDER is:

- INTENDED COMMERCIAL USE OF VESSEL: “Our intended use of the vessel is to
carry only passengers on adventure cruises. No cargo will be carried on board the
vessel.”

- GEOGRAPHIC REGION: “Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska (excluding
waters in Southeastern Alaska)”

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2017-0170 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

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 553(c), DOT/MARAD solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT/MARAD 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 to facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.


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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Date: October 11, 2017.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary,
Maritime Administration.

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