

Dated: June 2, 2000.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-443]

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Subcommittee of the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) on the revalidation of recommendations for 46 CFR part 151 will meet to discuss the previous recommendations of CTAC.

DATES: The Subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, June 21, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before June 20, 2000. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before June 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The Subcommittee will meet in room 6103, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Robert F. Corbin, Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas J. Felleisen, Coast Guard Technical Representative to the Subcommittee, or Lieutenant Gregory F. Herold, Deputy Assistant to the Executive Director of CTAC, telephone 202-267-1217, fax 202-267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda of the Subcommittee of the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) on the revalidation of recommendations for 46 CFR part 151 includes the following:

(1) Introduction of the Subcommittee members.

(2) Review and discussion of CTAC's previous recommendations.

(3) Evaluation of the validity of the CTAC's previous recommendations.

(4) Discussions of the comments submitted on the ANPRM.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. All attendees at the meeting are encouraged to fully review CTAC's previous recommendations prior to the meeting; additional copies of CTAC's previous recommendations are available from the Deputy Assistant to CTAC. At the discretion of the Subcommittee Chair, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Coast Guard Technical Representative to the Subcommittee on or before June 20, 2000. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Coast Guard Technical Representative to the Subcommittee no later than June 19, 2000.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Deputy Assistant to the Executive Director of CTAC as soon as possible.

Dated: May 31, 2000.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket MARAD-2000-7470]

Farrell Lines Incorporated; Notice of Application for approvals to the proposed transfer of Maritime Security Program Operating Agreements MA/MSP-18 through 20

By applications dated June 1, 2000, Farrell Lines Incorporated (Farrell) and counsel for FLI Ships, Inc. (FLI Ships) have notified the Maritime Administration (MARAD) of the proposed transfer of three Maritime Security Program (MSP) Operating Agreements (MA/MSP-18 through 20) from Farrell to FLI Ships, a wholly owned subsidiary of Farrell, pursuant to section 652(j) of Subtitle B, Title VI, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended

(1936 Act). The vessels currently covered by those contracts are presently owned by FLI Ships, and will continue to be covered by those contracts after transfer.

The transfer of MSP Operating Agreements MA/MSP-18 through 20 is part of a series of overall transactions whereby Farrell will merge with P & O Nedlloyd Acquisition Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of P & O Nedlloyd Limited. After merger, Farrell will be the surviving entity (reconstituted Farrell).

With respect to the transfer of MSP Operating Agreements, section 652(j) of the 1936 Act provides that "A Contractor under an operating agreement may transfer the agreement (including all rights and obligations under the agreement) to any person eligible to enter into that Operating Agreement under this subtitle after notification of the Secretary [of Transportation] in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary, unless the transfer is disapproved by the Secretary within 90 days after the date of Notification. A person to whom an Operating Agreement is transferred may receive payments from the Secretary under the agreement only if each vessel to be covered by the agreement after the transfer is an eligible vessel under section 651(b)."

In implementing the proposed transaction, FLI Ships is to be spun off by sale of all its stock to FLI Ships Holdings, Inc. (Holdings), a U.S. citizen corporation within the meaning of section 2 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended. Holdings will be independently capitalized and operationally independent of P & O Nedlloyd Limited and any of its affiliates. The MSP vessels will be time chartered from FLI Ships to either P&ONL FAME, Inc. (FAME), a U.S. documentation citizen owned by P & O Nedlloyd B.V., a Dutch corporation, or to a reconstituted Farrell for operation. In the event that Farrell becomes the time charterer, it will also become a documentation citizen. The time charters of two other MSP vessels owned by First American Bulk Carrier Corp. (FABC) and chartered to Farrell, will be novated to either FAME, or remain with the reconstituted Farrell for operation. FLI Ships will manage and operate the former Farrell vessels utilizing former Farrell personnel. The FABC vessels will continue to operate under their existing charters. One additional vessel operated by Farrell under bareboat charter from MARAD may be turned back to MARAD subject to settlement under that charter. Another vessel bareboat chartered by

Farrell under a sale/leaseback agreement will most likely be paid off and scrapped.

A redacted copy of the transfer application will be available for inspection at the Department of Transportation (DOT) Dockets Facility and on the DOT Dockets website (address information follows). Any person, firm or corporation having an interest in this proposal, and desiring to submit comments concerning the application, may file comments as follows. You should mention the docket number that appears at the top of this notice. Written comments should be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Nassif Building, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. You may call Docket Management at (202) 366-9324. You may visit the docket room to inspect and copy comments at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, except holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Comments must be received by close of business June 14, 2000.

This notice is published as a matter of discretion, and the fact of its publication should in no way be considered a favorable or unfavorable decision on the application, as filed, or as may be amended. MARAD will consider all comments submitted in a timely fashion, and will take such action thereto as may be deemed appropriate.

By Order of the Maritime Administration.
Dated: June 2, 2000.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Open Meetings

AGENCY: Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of open meetings.

SUMMARY: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the "Fund") is considering revising its regulations implementing the Bank Enterprise Award ("BEA") Program. Before revising such regulations in the form of an interim rule, the Fund seeks

to provide the public with meaningful participation in advance of the rulemaking process. Specifically, the Fund intends to convene four regional meetings that are open to the public for purposes of gathering facts and information on how to improve the BEA Program. The Fund will consider the facts and information gathered from such regional meetings in deciding whether to revise the BEA Program regulations.

DATES AND LOCATIONS: The four regional meetings are scheduled for the following cities and dates: (1) June 21, 2000, Los Angeles, CA; (2) June 23, 2000, Dallas, TX; (3) June 28, 2000, New York, NY; and (4) June 30, 2000, Chicago, IL. Registration is required, because space is limited in each city to 40 members of the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the Fund), U.S. Department of Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC, 20005, (202) 622-8662 (this is not a toll free number) or visit the Fund's website at <http://www.treas.gov/cdfi>. Other information regarding the Fund and its programs also may be obtained through the Fund's website at <http://www.treas.gov/cdfi>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the BEA Program is to assist in the revitalization of distressed urban and rural communities. Under the BEA Program, the Fund issues grant awards annually (e.g. in September 1999) to insured depository institutions that have increased their level of investment in Community Development Financial Institutions and distressed communities ("BEA Program activities") between a six month assessment period (e.g. January 1 through June 30, 1999) and a six month baseline period (e.g. January 1 through June 30, 1998). As part of its strategy to maximize the effectiveness of scarce public resources, the Fund is considering various means to enhance the efficacy of the BEA Program in revitalizing distressed urban and rural communities.

For example, the Fund is considering whether to measure increases in BEA Program activities from six month baseline/assessment periods (e.g. January 1 through June 30) to annual baseline/assessment periods (e.g. January 1 through December 31) for purposes of affording insured depository institutions greater flexibility in planning BEA Program activities year round as part of their community reinvestment strategies and to take into account the longer lead times often

required to close complicated large dollar transactions.

The Fund also is considering selecting insured depository institutions to participate in the BEA Program before the commencement of the assessment period. The Fund is considering such a change to: (1) Provide greater incentives for insured depository institutions to engage in BEA Program activities that they would not otherwise engage in by (a) Assuring such institutions that if they carry out their BEA Program activities within the assessment period, they will receive a BEA Program award and (b) enabling such institutions to take into consideration the economic value of an award when underwriting a transaction; and (2) reduce paperwork burdens for those insured depository institutions that are not deemed competitive by relieving such institutions of the burden of having to submit a final report at the end of the assessment period. As part of this change, the Fund would utilize a competitive evaluation and selection process.

The Fund intends to provide the public with meaningful participation in improving the efficacy of the BEA Program by obtaining facts and information from the public prior to making any regulatory changes. The Fund intends to accomplish this by convening four regional information gathering sessions in the month of June that are open to the public. The Fund will consider the facts and information from such public meetings in deciding whether to revise the BEA Program regulations.

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 4703; 12 U.S.C. 4713; 12 U.S.C. 1834a; and E.O. 12866, § 6(a).

Dated: June 1, 2000.

Maurice A. Jones,

Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of