

the FAA to routinely consider delays and traffic management programs as grounds for a usage waiver. These factors were considered during the rulemaking process. Any waiver of the slot usage requirement at other high density airports for non-operation of flights at LaGuardia not covered by this policy will continue to be processed in accordance with 14 CFR Section 39.227.

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Jane F. Garvey,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Athens and Meigs Counties, Ohio

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Retraction of notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the retraction of the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed highway project in Athens and Meigs Counties, Ohio, that was originally published in the **Federal Register** on October 19, 1999.

The FHWA determined environmental studies to document consultations between the Ohio Department of Transportation and FHWA were necessary. Based on these environmental studies, FHWA has determined that potentially significant impacts were avoided and the Finding Of No Significant Impact designation remains valid. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Andreas Garnes, Rural Programs Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 200 N. High Street, Room 328, Columbus, Ohio 43215, Telephone: (614) 280-6856.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program)

Issued on: November 8, 2000.

Andreas Garnes,
Rural Programs Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Columbus, Ohio.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. RSAC-96-1, Notice No. 23]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC") meeting.

SUMMARY: FRA announces the next meeting of the RSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The meeting will address a wide range of topics, including possible adoption of specific recommendations for regulatory action.

DATES: The meeting of the RSAC is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting of the RSAC will be held at the Wyndham Washington, DC Hotel in the Vista Ballroom, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 429-1700. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Trish Paoletta, or Lydia Leeds, RSAC Coordinators, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6212/6213 or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493-6302.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC"). The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2000. The meeting of the RSAC will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in the Vista Ballroom, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20005 (202) 429-1700. All times noted are Eastern Standard Time.

RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to the FRA on railroad safety matters. The Committee consists of 48 individual voting representatives and five associate representatives drawn from among 30 organizations representing various rail

industry perspectives, two associate representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico and other diverse groups. Staffs of the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Transit Administration also participate in an advisory capacity.

The RSAC will be briefed on the current status of activities of RSAC working groups and task forces responsible for carrying out tasks the RSAC has accepted involving blue signal protection, cab working conditions, and the definition of reportable "train accident."

There will be discussion about the possible tasking of the Training and Qualification of Safety Critical personnel and a briefing on the status of the North American Joint Positive Train Control Project. Also, if the draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Cab Working Conditions is approved by the Working Group, the full committee may be requested to consider recommendations for FRA action on that issue. The committee may also be asked to consent to mail balloting with respect to future recommendations of the Locomotive Crashworthiness Working Group, following an update on the group's activities.

Informational status briefings concerning the Switching Operations Fatality Analysis task force efforts, the Grade Crossing Technical Working Group, the American Public Transportation Association's Passenger Rail Equipment Safety Standards and the Harriman Awards will be presented.

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740) for more information about the RSAC.

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George Gavalla,

Associate Administrator for Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2000-8292]

Sea Princess Trading, Inc. and the Sabine Transportation Company; Notice of Petition for a Declaratory Order

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of petition.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration is seeking public comment on the

subject petition. Pursuant to 46 CFR 201.74, Sea Princess Trading, Inc. (Trading), the owner, and the Sabine Transportation Company (Sabine), the operator, by petition dated November 7, 2000, request a ruling that the SEA PRINCESS, a 37,500 DWT oil tanker, would if converted to a dry bulk carrier in a foreign shipyard be qualified to lift cargo reserved to privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels by section 901(b)(1) and 901b *et seq.*, of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (Act); provided the United States Coast Guard ruled that the vessel so converted qualified for a coastwise endorsement to its document of registration pursuant to 46 App. U.S.C. 883 and 46 U.S.C. 12106.

DATES: You should submit your comments early enough to ensure that Docket Management receives them not later than close of business (5 p.m. EST) December 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Your comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-8292. You may submit your comments in writing to: Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 7th St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. You may also submit them electronically via the internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. You may call Docket Management at (202) 366-9324 and visit the Docket Room from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may call Frances M. Olsen, Acting Director, Office of Cargo Preference, (202) 366-4610. You may send mail to Frances M. Olsen, Acting Director, Office of Cargo Preference, Room 8118, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments

How Do I Prepare and Submit Comments?

Your comments must be written and in English. To ensure that your comments are correctly filed in the Docket, please include the docket number of this document in your comments. We encourage you to write your primary comments in a concise fashion. However, you may attach necessary additional documents to your comments. There is no limit on the length of the attachments. Please submit two copies of your comments, including the attachments, to Docket Management at the address given above under **ADDRESSES**.

If you wish Docket Management to notify you upon its receipt of your comments, enclose a self addressed, stamped postcard in the envelope containing your comments. Docket Management will return the postcard by mail.

How Do I Submit Confidential Business Information?

If you wish to submit any information 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 Chief Counsel, Maritime Administration, at the address given above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. You should mark "CONFIDENTIAL" on each page of the original document that you would like to keep confidential. In addition, you should submit two copies, from which you have deleted the claimed confidential business information, to Docket Management at the address given above under **ADDRESSES**. When you send comments containing information claimed to be confidential business information, you should include a cover letter setting forth with specificity the basis for any such claim.

Will the Agency Consider Late Comments?

We will consider all comments that Docket Management receives before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated above under **DATES**. To the extent possible, we will also consider comments that Docket Management receives after that date.

How Can I Read the Comments Submitted by Other People?

You may read the Petition and the comments received by Docket Management at the address given above under **ADDRESSES**. The hours of the Docket Room are indicated above in the same location. You may also see the comments on the Internet. To read the comments on the Internet, take the following steps: Go to the Docket Management System (DMS) Web page of the Department of Transportation (<http://dms.dot.gov/>). On that page, click on "search." On the next page (<http://dms.dot.gov/search/>), type in the four digit docket number shown at the beginning of this document. The docket number for this document is MARAD-2000-8292. After typing the docket number, click on "search." On the next page, which contains docket summary information for the docket you selected, click on the desired comments. You may download the comments.

Petition Request

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On April 15, 1994, the Maritime Administrator rendered an opinion that the tanker GOLDEN MONARCH when converted to a bulk carrier in Korea would not be eligible to lift preference cargo, although the Coast Guard had ruled that the MONARCH was eligible for a coastwise endorsement. Aquarius Marine Company Docket No. A-185. MARAD's decision was upheld by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in *Aquarius v. Pena*, 64 F.3d 89 (2nd cir. 1995).

Trading and Sabine ask the Maritime Administration to essentially reverse its decision in the GOLDEN MONARCH case.

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 as may be deemed appropriate.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: November 14, 2000.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-99-5734; Notice 2]

Decision That Nonconforming 1994-1998 Land Rover Discovery Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.