

rescinding these Acquiescence Rulings effective May 8, 2000, the date the final rules go into effect. By revising our regulations and rescinding these Acquiescence Rulings, we are restoring uniformity to our nationwide system of rules in accordance with our commitment to the goal of administering our programs through uniform national standards as discussed in the preamble to the 1998 acquiescence regulations, 63 FR 24927 (May 6, 1998).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security—Survivors Insurance; 96.005 Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners; 96.006 Supplemental Security Income.)

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Kenneth S. Apfel,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3274]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "1900: Art at the Crossroads"

AGENCY: U.S. Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 [79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459], the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 [112 Stat. 2681 *et seq.*], Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999 [64 FR 56014], and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended by Delegation of Authority No. 236-1 of November 9, 1999, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "1900: Art at the Crossroads," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the temporary exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY, from on or about May 18, 2000, to on or about September 10, 2000, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Paul W.

Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, 202/619-5997, and the address is Room 700, United States Department of State, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: March 31, 2000.

William B. Bader,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Douglas and Franklin Counties, KS

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project on U.S. Highway 59 in Douglas and Franklin Counties, Kansas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt C. Dunn, P.E., Engineering Services Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, 3300 South Topeka Boulevard, Suite 1, Topeka, Kansas 66611-2237, Telephone: (785) 267-7281; Warren L. Sick, Assistant Secretary and State Transportation Engineer, Kansas Department of Transportation, 915 Harrison, Topeka, Kansas 66612, Telephone (785) 296-3285.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Background

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve U.S. Highway 59 in Douglas and Franklin Counties, Kansas. The proposed project would involve the improvement of the existing U.S. 59 corridor between the cities of Lawrence and Ottawa, a distance of about 27.2

kilometers (17 miles) in length. The KDOT has held three public information meetings on proposed improvements to U.S. 59. An environmental assessment was prepared for a proposed limited access facility on new alignment. The high level of public concern expressed and the potential for significant impacts has led to the decision to prepare an EIS.

Improvements to the corridor are considered necessary to provide for the existing and projected traffic demands and to improve safety. Also, under consideration in this proposal is a new connection with the existing Interstate Highway 35 near Ottawa. Alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) improving the existing alignment; and (3) construction on a new alignment.

Comments are being solicited from appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and from private organizations and citizens who have interest in this proposal. A public hearing will be held once the draft EIS is completed. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. The FHWA has determined that a formal scoping meeting is not necessary.

Comments and/or suggestions from all interested parties are requested to ensure that the full page of issues related to this proposed action, and significant environmental issues in particular, are identified and reviewed. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA or the KDOT at the address provided above.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on March 16, 2000.

David R. Geiger,

Division Administrator, Kansas Division, Federal Highway Administration, Topeka, Kansas.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2000-7166]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel HAGGAI.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Public Law 105-383, 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 description of the proposed service, is listed below. 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 that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) 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, a waiver will not be granted.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7166. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. 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://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR 832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (less than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. 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 commentor's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested:

Name of vessel: HAGGAI Owner: Jeffrey White

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: According to the Applicant "HAGGAI is 33.5 feet long with a breadth of 11.7 feet and a depth of 6.2 feet. Her gross tonnage is 13 tons. Tonnage was measured pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 14502 specifications."

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "I intend to use this vessel to conduct evening, 1-day, or weekend charters which will simply involve sunset viewing, exploring local harbors and islands, and occasionally trolling a fishing line. It is not my intention to conduct a fishing charter business. The region in which I would like to operate is the coastal waters of Massachusetts, specifically between Gloucester and Boston."

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1979, place of construction: Taiwan, Republic of China.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "Considering the type of activities I intend to conduct, and the area in which I intend to conduct them, I am confident that if this waiver is granted it will have no adverse effects upon commercial passenger vessel operators. The vessels operating in my area are: large whale watch vessels, commercial fishing vessels, large fishing charter vessels, and sport-fishing charter vessels."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "The granting of this waiver will not affect the business of U.S. shipbuilders adversely. Ultimately, not granting this waiver will however, because it is my intention to start my operation using HAGGAI and use the profits to help fund the eventual purchase of a U.S. built sailing vessel to conduct my business. Considering the activities I plan to pursue, a U.S. built sailing vessel would best suit my needs, however, my current financial situation is impeding my goal. I see the use of

HAGGAI to begin this endeavor as my only viable option. As stated, the granting of this waiver will have only a positive affect on U.S. shipbuilders. To my knowledge, there is no business operating in my area which will be affected by the granting of this waiver."

Dated: March 31, 2000.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 28, 2000.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 8, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1671.

Regulation Project Number: REG-209709-94 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Amortization of Intangible Property.

Description: The information is required by the IRS to aid it in administering the law and to implement the election provided by section 197(f)(9)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. The information will be used to verify that a taxpayer is properly reporting its amortization and income taxes.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 3 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1,500 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management