

proximity to the Washington Navy Yard Conference Center is the gate located on 9th and M Streets, SE. Although this meeting is open to the public, the Navy Yard is a secure government facility. Attendees (both pedestrians and vehicle driver) who have not pre-registered with FTA, must use the Visitor's Gate at 11th and O Streets, SE.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2). As noted above, TRACS is a Federal Advisory Committee established to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems. TRACS is composed of 24 members representing a broad base of expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. The first meeting of TRACS was held on September 9-10, 2010, the second meeting of TRACS was held on April 27-28, 2011, and the third meeting of TRACS was held on February 23-24, 2012. The tentative agenda for the fourth meeting of TRACS is set forth below:

#### Agenda

September 20-21, 2012

- (1) Welcome Remarks/Introductions
- (2) Facility Use/Safety Briefing
- (3) MAP-21 Presentation
- (4) Recap of TRACS Activities
- (5) Future TRACS Activities/  
Deliverables
- (6) Public Comments
- (7) Wrap Up

As previously noted, this meeting will be open to the public; however, the Navy Yard is a secured facility and persons wishing to attend must contact Iyon Rosario, Office of Safety and Security, Federal Transit Administration, (202) 366-2010; or at [TRACS@dot.gov](mailto:TRACS@dot.gov) by close of business September 13, 2012, to have your name added to the security list. Members of the public who wish to make an oral statement at the meeting or seeking special accommodations, are also directed to make a request to Iyon Rosario, Office of Safety and Security, Federal Transit Administration; (202) 366-2010; at [TRACS@dot.gov](mailto:TRACS@dot.gov) on or before the close of business September 13, 2012. Provisions will be made to include oral statements on the agenda, if needed. Members of the public may submit written comments or suggestions concerning the activities of TRACS at any time before or after the meeting at [TRACS@dot.gov](mailto:TRACS@dot.gov); or to U.S. Department

of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Office of Safety and Security, Room E45-312, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, Attention: Iyon Rosario. Information from the meeting will be posted on FTA's public Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov> on the TRACS Meeting Minutes page. Written comments submitted to TRACS will also be posted at the above web address.

Issued on: September 4, 2012.

**Peter Rogoff,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council

**ACTION:** National Advisory Council public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration announces that the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC) will hold a meeting to discuss preliminary recommendations that have been developed by the Shipbuilding Subcommittee to support increased efficiency in vessel financing mechanisms and provide adequate ship capacity for marine highway services.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, September 21, 2012, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be conducted in a webinar format. To access the webinar, please contact Richard Lolich at the Maritime Administration as indicated below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Lolich, (202) 366-0704; Maritime Administration, MAR-540, Room W21-310, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001; [richard.lolich@dot.gov](mailto:richard.lolich@dot.gov).

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. App 2, Sec. 9(a)(2); 41 CFR 101-6. 1005; DOT Order 1120.3B.

Dated: August 27, 2012.

**Christine Gurland,**

*Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2012-0086]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel SOTITO; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, 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 October 9, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2012-0086. 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 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://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Williams, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0903, Email [Linda.Williams@dot.gov](mailto:Linda.Williams@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SOTITO is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* Passenger charters and harbor tours.

*Geographic Region:* Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey.

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2012-0086 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

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

Dated: August 28, 2012.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**Julie P. Agarwal,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2012-0105]

#### Decision That Certain Nonconforming Motor Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Grant of Petitions.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces decisions by NHTSA that certain motor vehicles not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to vehicles originally manufactured for sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturers as complying with the safety standards, and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards or because they have safety

features that comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable FMVSS.

**DATES:** These decisions became effective on the dates specified in Annex A.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Stevens, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5308).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable FMVSS shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and/or sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable FMVSS.

Where there is no substantially similar U.S.-certified motor vehicle, 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(B) permits a nonconforming motor vehicle to be admitted into the United States if its safety features comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable FMVSS based on destructive test data or such other evidence as NHTSA decides to be adequate.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the **Federal Register** of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the **Federal Register**.

NHTSA received petitions from registered importers to decide whether the vehicles listed in Annex A to this notice are eligible for importation into the United States. To afford an opportunity for public comment, NHTSA published notice of these petitions as specified in Annex A. The reader is referred to those notices for a thorough description of the petitions.

**Comments:** No substantive comments were received in response to the subject petitions.

**NHTSA Decision:** Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA hereby

decides that each motor vehicle listed in Annex A to this notice, which was not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable FMVSS, is either substantially similar to a motor vehicle manufactured for importation into and/or sale in the United States, and certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, as specified in Annex A, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable FMVSS or has safety features that comply with, or is capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

**Vehicle Eligibility Number for Subject Vehicles:** The importer of a vehicle admissible under any final decision must indicate on the form HS-7 accompanying entry the appropriate vehicle eligibility number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. Vehicle eligibility numbers assigned to vehicles admissible under this decision are specified in Annex A.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), (a)(1)(B) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: August 30, 2012.

**Claude H. Harris,**

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*

#### ANNEX A

##### Nonconforming Motor Vehicles Decided to be Eligible for Importation

###### 1. Docket No. NHTSA-2011-0181

**Nonconforming Vehicles:** 1999 Volkswagen Bora Passenger Car.

**Substantially Similar U.S. Certified Vehicles:** 1999 Volkswagen New Jetta Passenger Car.

Notice of Petition

**Published at:** 77 FR 5303 (February 2, 2012).

**Vehicle Eligibility Number:** VSP-540 (effective date August 8, 2012).

###### 2. Docket No. NHTSA-2012-0035

**Nonconforming Vehicles:** 1999-2006 Toyota Land Cruiser IFS 100 Series Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles Manufactured prior to September 1, 2006.

**Substantially Similar U.S. Certified Vehicles:** 1999-2006 Toyota Land Cruiser IFS 100 Series Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles Manufactured prior to September 1, 2006.

Notice of Petition

**Published at:** 77 FR 20485 (April 4, 2012).

**Vehicle Eligibility Number:** VSP-539 (effective date July 27, 2012).

###### 3. Docket No. NHTSA-2012-0040

**Nonconforming Vehicles:** 2006 Left-Hand Drive Land Rover Range Rover Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles Manufactured prior to September 1, 2006.

**Substantially Similar U.S. Certified Vehicles:** 2006 Left-Hand Drive Land Rover Range Rover Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles Manufactured prior to September 1, 2006.