

operators by relieving them of the need to meet existing Coast Guard regulations that are incompatible with or duplicative of the new SOLAS requirements.

DATES: This policy is effective August 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this notice are part of docket USCG-2002-13057 and are available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, contact LT Alan Blume, Office of Vessel Traffic Management, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202-267-0550; e-mail ablume@comdt.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-5149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In December 2000, the International Maritime Organization amended chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, (SOLAS) at the 73rd Session of the Maritime Safety Committee. The amendments were accepted by the Contracting Governments to SOLAS on January 1, 2002, and entered into force on July 1, 2002. These amendments, in part, added requirements for the carriage of voyage data recorders (VDR) and automatic identification systems (AIS), changed the existing tonnage thresholds used to establish carriage requirements for some navigation equipment, and allowed an electronic chart display and information systems (ECDIS) to be accepted as meeting the chart carriage requirements of chapter V. Because of these amendments, the Coast Guard will need to align its regulations in titles 33 and 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations, especially those in 33 CFR part 164, with these amendments. Until this alignment occurs, problems may result due to the inconsistencies between chapter V and Coast Guard regulations. For example, if a ship owner elects to install ECDIS, the ship may still be required under 33 CFR 164.33 to carry paper nautical charts.

Policy Statement

Until the Coast Guard aligns its regulations with the amendments to

SOLAS chapter V, the following policy applies:

For ships to which this policy applies, when an amendment to chapter V and a provision in Coast Guard regulations address the same navigational safety concern and when applying both would result in an unnecessary duplication, the Coast Guard will accept the provision under chapter V as meeting the corresponding Coast Guard regulation. In other words, if a ship has an approved ECDIS installed according to chapter V, the ECDIS will be considered by the Coast Guard as meeting its nautical chart regulation in 33 CFR 164.33(a)(1), since the ECDIS meets the same navigational safety concerns as do paper nautical charts. This policy benefits the ship owner and operator by relieving them of the need to unnecessarily duplicate equipment.

Under SOLAS, chapter I, regulation 12, the Coast Guard will not issue SOLAS certificates to U.S.-flag ships that are not in full compliance with the applicable requirements of the new SOLAS, chapter V. The Coast Guard will continue to exercise port state control authority under SOLAS, chapter I, regulation 19, for foreign-flag ships that are not in compliance with the applicable requirements of SOLAS, chapter V.

What Ships Are Affected?

This policy applies to the following ships, which are subject to the amendments to chapter V:

1. U.S.-flag ships of 150 or more gross tons that engage on international voyages.
2. U.S.-flag ships certificated solely for service on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River as far east as a straight line drawn from Cap de Rosiers to West Point, Anticosti Island, and, on the north side of Anticosti Island, the 63rd Meridian.
3. Foreign-flag ships to which SOLAS, chapter V, applies that are operating on the navigable waters of the United States.

Note that U.S.-flag ships without mechanical means of propulsion are exempt from certain requirements of SOLAS under SOLAS, chapter V, regulation 3.1.

This policy is not applicable to U.S.-flag ships engaged only on domestic voyages. These ships must continue to comply with the existing navigation equipment requirements in titles 33 and 46 CFR until they are amended.

How Long Will This Policy Remain in Effect?

This policy will remain in effect until titles 33 and 46 CFR are aligned with

SOLAS, chapter V, or until August 16, 2004, whichever is earlier. The Coast Guard will publish a second notice to extend this policy if the necessary regulations are not in place within two years.

Dated: August 9, 2002.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Acting Assistant Commandant Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application 02-05-C-00-PNS To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Pensacola Regional Airport, Pensacola, FL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Pensacola Regional Airport under the provisions of the 49 U.S.C. 40117 and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 16, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Orlando Airports District Office, Suite 400, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Orlando, Florida 32822.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Frank Miller, Airport Director of the City of Pensacola at the following address: Pensacola Regional Airport, 2430 Airport Blvd., Suite 225, Pensacola, Florida 32504. Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the City of Pensacola under section 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bill Farris, Program Manager, Orlando Airports District Office, Suite 400, 5950 Hazeltine National Drive, Orlando, Florida 32822, (407) 812-6331 Ext. 25. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at

Pensacola Regional Airport under the provisions of the 49 U.S.C. 40117 and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On August 9, 2002, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the City of Pensacola was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than November 12, 2002.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

Proposed charge effective date: September 1, 2007.

Proposed charge expiration date: December 1, 2007.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$4.50.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$350,000.

Brief description of proposed project(s): Impose and Use: FY02 Heightened Security Costs Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: air taxi/commercial operators filing FAA Form 1800-31.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA regional Airports office located at: Federal Aviation Administration Southern Region Headquarters/ASO-600, 1701 Columbia Ave., College Park, Georgia 30337.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the City of Pensacola.

Issued in Orlando, Florida on August 9, 2002.

John W. Reynolds, Jr.,

Assistant Manager, Airports Division, Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Livingston County, MI

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for construction impacts of the widening of M-59 from

I-96 to US-23 in Livingston County, Michigan. A Record of Decision (ROD) for the Tier 1 EIS right-of-way preservation was signed on May 31, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Abdelmoez Abdalla, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 315 W. Allegan Street, Room 207, Lansing, Michigan 48933, Telephone (517) 702-1820 or Mr. Paul W. McAllister, Project Coordination Unit, Bureau of Transportation Planning, PO Box 30050, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Telephone (517) 335-2622.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will prepare a Tier 2 EIS for the widening of M-59 from I-96 to US-23 in Livingston County, Michigan. The corridor is approximately 12.8 miles long. The area long M-59 is currently experiencing intense development pressure and traffic congestion problems. The proposed project will accommodate the projected year 2025 traffic volume and improve motorist safety. The current facility is two lanes. The project alternatives include: (1) The no build, (2) widening from two to five lanes, and (3) widening from two lanes to a four-lane boulevard, with some five-lane areas. The widening will occur within a 300-foot right-of-way corridor preserved by a Tier 1 EIS along the existing route of M-59. Scoping documents describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, state, local agencies, private organizations, and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have interest in this proposal. A public information meeting was held on November 7, 2001, to provide the public the opportunity to discuss the proposed action. A public hearing will also be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the public hearing. The Tier 2 Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. No formal scoping meeting is scheduled at this time. Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties to insure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified. Questions or comments concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning, and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on

Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: August 5, 2002.

James J. Steele,

Division Administrator, Lansing, Michigan.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-13079]

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 ARGONAUT.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 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 part 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 September 16, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2002-13079. 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>.