

authorities adhere to very strict testing procedures.

There will always be two qualified drivers in each motor vehicle. The drivers employed by Joest Racing USA, Inc. are fully qualified CMV operators with valid German CDLs. The company ensures that the qualifications are maintained and all current German laws are followed. Due to strict regulations in Germany for drivers holding German CDLs, Joest Racing USA, Inc. believes there will be a greater level of safety than by using United States drivers unfamiliar with its special type of truck/trailer.

Drivers applying to obtain a German CDL must take both a knowledge test and skills test before a license to operate CMVs is issued. Prior to taking the tests, drivers must complete approximately 40 hours of driving lessons. The required driving lessons are generally considered by licensing experts to be among the most difficult in the world. Therefore, the process for obtaining a CDL in Germany is considered to be comparable to, or as effective as the requirements of Part 383 of the Federal requirements and adequately assess the driver's ability to operate CMVs in the United States.

Once a driver is granted a German CDL he is allowed to drive any CMV currently allowed on German roads. There are no limits to types or weights of vehicles that may be operated by the drivers. The drivers affected by the exemption will be operating tractor-trailer units. The drivers expect to operate CMVs through the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) and 31136(e), FMCSA is requesting public comment from all interested persons on this exemption application. All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the address section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable, but FMCSA may make its decision at any time after the close of the comment period. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that

becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315; and 49 CFR 1.73.

Issued on: May 3, 2002.

Julie Anna Cirillo,

Assistant Administrator and Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-12264]

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 *Freedom*.

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 June 13, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2002-12264. 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:

Kathleen Dunn, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-2307.

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 (no more 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 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.

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

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. *Name of vessel: Freedom. Owner: Roderick Nassif.*

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. *According to the applicant: "Size: 52.5; Gross: 28 Tons * * * Capacity: 12 guests".*

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. *According to the applicant: "Pleasure charters on the Great Lakes, Intra-Coastal waterway, Florida Keys, and near shore."*

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. *Date of construction: 1993. Place of construction: Queenlands, Australia.*

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. *According to the applicant: "The impact will be minimal. The charter business will be operated out of Detroit, MI. This will be a specialty charter business. There are no other boats like this operating out of downtown Detroit. There are a few larger boats but none this size."*

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards.

According to the applicant: "There will be little effect on U.S. shipyards because there are few building boats in this size out of steel."

Dated: May 8, 2002.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Murray A. Bloom,

Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD-2002-12293]

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 *Wolf Den*.

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 June 13, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2002-12293. 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

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

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. *Name of vessel: Wolf Den. Owner: Donnie Tillery.*

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel. *According to the applicant: 29'9" Long 10'9" Beam.*

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. *According to the applicant: "6 Passengers charter Sport fishing operating on the Gulf of Mexico from Perdido Pass Al, south 150 miles, west 150 miles and east 150 miles."*

(4) Date and Place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. *Date of construction: 1986. Place of construction: Not Available.*

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. *According to the applicant: "The Alabama gulf Coast area (Gulf Shores, Orange Beach) is fast growing into one of the gulf Coast best and most popular sport fishing and vacation spots. As a result, there is a demand for additional sport fishing vessels. Therefore a waiver would not have any effect on present operators. I have a 6 passenger boat operating in the same area. I wouldn't want another if it impacted the present boat."*

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards.

According to the applicant: "The waiver would not have any adverse impact on US Shipyards. It would add to our small boat yard because the vessel would be drydocked at least once a year."

Dated: May 9, 2002.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34194 (Sub-No. 1)]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights; Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Petition for exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board, under 49 U.S.C. 10502, exempts the trackage rights described in STB Finance Docket No. 34194 ¹ to permit the trackage rights arrangement to extend only until August 30, 2002.

DATES: This exemption is effective on June 13, 2002. Petitions to stay must be filed by May 24, 2002. Petitions to reopen must be filed by June 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: An original and 10 copies of all pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34194 (Sub-No. 1) must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of all pleadings must be served on petitioner's representative Michael E. Roper, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, P.O. Box 961039, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0039.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in

¹ On April 8, 2002, BNSF filed a notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedures at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). The notice covered the trackage rights agreement by UP to grant temporary overhead trackage rights to BNSF between UP milepost 2.3 in Omaha, NE, and UP milepost 76.0 in Sioux City, IA, a distance of 73.7 miles. See *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 34194 (STB served May 1, 2002). Trackage rights operations under the exemption were scheduled to be consummated on or after April 15, 2002.