

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Docket No. MARAD-2024-0142]****Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection: Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement****AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection OMB 2133-0532 (Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA)) is used by MARAD and United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) to assess an applicant's eligibility for participation in VISA. The form is being updated to reflect changes in statute and to better align with current program operations. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Hatcher, (202) 366-0688, Director, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W-25-310, Mail Stop 1, Washington, DC 20590, [David.Hatcher1@dot.gov](mailto:David.Hatcher1@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA).

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0532.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Abstract:* The collection supports the operation of VISA, a voluntary agreement and plan of action established under section 708 of the Defense Production Act, 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. 4558), under which participants agree to provide commercial sealift capacity and associated intermodal shipping services and systems necessary to meet national defense requirements in times of armed

conflict or national emergency. To meet national defense requirements, the Government must assure the continued availability of commercial sealift resources for logistics planning in contingencies. The information collection is needed by MARAD and the Department of Defense, including representatives from USTRANSCOM, to evaluate and assess the applicants' eligibility for participation in the VISA program.

*Respondents:* Owners and operators of qualified U.S.-Flag dry cargo vessels.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit entities.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 40.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 1.

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 5.

*Annual Estimated Total Annual*

*Burden Hours:* 200.

*Frequency of Response:* Once annually.

A 60-day **Federal Register** Notice soliciting comments on this information collection was published on August 9, 2024 (89 FR 65486).

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.49.)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator,  
**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Maritime Administration****[Docket Number MARAD-2024-0143]****Aquaculture Support Operations Waiver Request for the Vessels Colby Perce, Ronja Carrier, Sadie Jane, Miss Mildred 1, KC Commander**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration (MARAD), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to a delegation of authority from the Secretary of Transportation, the Maritime Administrator is authorized to issue Aquaculture Support Operations Waivers to U.S. documented vessels with registry endorsements or foreign flag vessels in operations that treat aquaculture fish or protect aquaculture fish from disease, parasitic infestation, or other threats to their health upon a finding that suitable vessels of the United States are not available that could perform those operations.

MARAD has received an Aquaculture Support Operations waiver request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments that may assist MARAD in determining whether suitable vessels of the United States are available that could perform the proposed aquaculture support operations set forth in the request. A brief description of the proposed aquaculture support operations is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 9, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2024-0143 by any of the following methods:

- *On-line via the Federal Electronic Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using "MARAD-2024-0143" and follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail/Hand-Delivery/Courier:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. Submit comments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing.

*Reference Materials and Docket Information:* The complete application, including the aquaculture support technical service requirements, and all public comments may be viewed on the DOT Docket on-line via <http://www.regulations.gov> using the search "MARAD-2024-0143." All comments received will be posted without change to the docket, including any personal information provided. The Docket Management Facility is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-461, Washington, DC 20590. Email: [Patricia.Hagerty@dot.gov](mailto:Patricia.Hagerty@dot.gov). Phone: 202-366-0903.

If you have questions on viewing the Docket, call Docket Operations, telephone: (800) 647-5527.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 46 CFR 106.115, vessel owners, operators, or charterers of U.S. documented vessels with registry endorsements or foreign flag vessels are required to provide prior notification to the United States Coast Guard (USCG) of aquaculture support operations in U.S. waters. The notification, in part, must include a copy of a MARAD-issued Aquaculture Support Operations Waiver. Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12102(d),