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This collection of information will be used to fulfill the requirements of 50 App. U.S.C. 2158 regarding the application to participate in the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA) program. Response to this information collection is strictly voluntary. The public reporting burden of this collection is estimated to average 5 hours per response. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently approved OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 2133-XXXX. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection to MARAD, Office of Management and Information Services, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 7301, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Instructions for Enrollment in the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA) Program

Part I. Application to participate in the VISA:

Submit two (2) originals of the VISA application. Upon approval, one of the original applications will be returned to you and the other will be retained by the Maritime Administration (MARAD). If applicant does not have a corporate seal, the application must be notarized.

Part II. Visa Application Worksheet:

The information requested in the VISA worksheet is needed by MARAD to assess your eligibility for participation in the VISA program and to process your application. Please fill in all requested items, as applicable, and attach appropriate documentation where requested.

Part III. VISA Capacity Calculation Spreadsheet:

- Vessel Name - self explanatory
- Vessel Type - self explanatory
- Vessel Speed - self explanatory
- Vessel Class - C-11, C-6, C-10, etc.
- Program Type (Most typical of the vessel, i.e. Jones, MSP, CDS, MSC, DOD PREF (carry DOD preference cargo)). If multiple entries apply, please indicate by footnote.
- Expiration Date - the date that the listed program type expires

- DWT - total deadweight (CARRIER INPUT ON CARGO DWT IS NEEDED)
- TEUs - the commercial cargo carrying capacity of the ship expressed in twenty-foot equivalent units
- FEUs - the commercial cargo carrying capacity of the ship expressed in forty-foot equivalent units
- Square Feet - the commercial cargo carrying square foot capacity of the ship
- MTONS - cubic feet of commercial capacity for LASH and Breakbulk vessels
- Military Useful Capacity - the cargo capacity deemed militarily useful through coordination with MARAD and the individual carriers based on a best mix of TEUs and FEUs. For RO/Ros, deck height must exceed 7'5" clearance to be included in militarily useful capacity.
- Stage III TEUs/Square Feet/MTons - the military useful TEU and/or square foot capacity figure, multiplied by a factor of 50% for non MSP ships and a factor of 100% for MSP/CDS ships (Jones Act vessels are all included in this Stage at 50% level). On the attached spreadsheet, VISA Stage III commitment is determined by the larger of: 1) MSP fleet total capacity at 100%, or 2) 50% of entire U.S.-flag fleet capacity.
- **Note:** The ships listed under VISA SHIPS are those ships that have a speed of at least 14 knots. Those ships that have a speed of under 14 knots are listed under VISA BARGES/TUGS. Those ships that are under MSC or DOD charter are listed under VISA DOD CHARTERS. Those ships listed under DOD CHARTERS do not come into play during any of the three stages for our planning purposes.