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**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121).

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0072]

### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel MANUKAI (SAILBOAT); Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. 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 June 10, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0072 by any one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2020-0072 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2020-0072, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Note:** If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the section entitled Public Participation.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email [Bianca.carr@dot.gov](mailto:Bianca.carr@dot.gov).

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

—*Intended Commercial Use Of Vessel:* “Sail Charter”

—*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* “Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York (excluding New York Harbor), New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida” (Base of Operations: Rockland, ME)

—*Vessel Length And Type:* 46’ sailboat  
The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD-2020-0072 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 vessel name, state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

### Public Participation

#### *How do I submit comments?*

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

#### *Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?*

Go to the docket online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2020-0072 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

#### *Will my comments be made available to the public?*

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

#### *May I submit comments confidentially?*

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Office of Legislation and Regulations, MAR-225, W24-220, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Include a cover letter setting forth with specificity the basis for any such claim and, if possible, a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Petitions for Exemption From the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Grant of petitions for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** This document grants in full eight manufacturers' petitions for exemption for eight model lines from the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard (Theft Prevention Standard) beginning in model years (MYs) 2020 and 2021. The manufacturers, vehicle lines, and model years are as follows: BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) for its 2 series vehicle line beginning in MY 2020; Jaguar Land Rover North America LLC (Jaguar Land Rover) for its Jaguar E-Pace vehicle line beginning in MY 2020; Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) for its QX55 beginning in MY 2020; Tesla Motors Inc. (Tesla) for its Model Y vehicle line beginning in MY 2020; General Motors Corporation (GM) for its Chevrolet Trailblazer vehicle line beginning in MY 2021; Mazda Motors Corporation (Mazda) for its CX-30 vehicle line beginning in MY 2021; Mitsubishi Motors R&D of America (Mitsubishi) for its Outlander vehicle line beginning in MY 2021; and Toyota Motor North America, Inc. (Toyota) for its Venza vehicle line beginning in MY 2021.

**DATES:** The exemptions granted by this notice are effective beginning with the 2020 model year for BMW, Jaguar Land

Rover, Nissan, and Tesla, and effective beginning with the 2021 model year for General Motors, Mazda, Mitsubishi, and Toyota.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carlita Ballard, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy, and Consumer Standards, NHTSA, West Building, W43-439, NRM-310, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Ballard's phone number is (202) 366-5222. Her fax number is (202) 493-2990.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 331, the Secretary of Transportation (and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [NHTSA] by delegation) is required to promulgate a theft prevention standard to provide for the identification of certain motor vehicles and their major replacement parts to impede motor vehicle theft. NHTSA promulgated regulations at Part 541 (Theft Prevention Standard) to require parts-marking for specified passenger motor vehicles and light trucks. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 33106, manufacturers that are subject to the parts-marking requirements may petition the Secretary of Transportation for an exemption for a line of passenger motor vehicles equipped as standard equipment with an anti-theft device that the Secretary decides is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements. In accordance with this statute, NHTSA promulgated 49 CFR part 543, which establishes the process through which manufacturers may seek an exemption from the Theft Prevention Standard.

49 CFR 543.5 provides general submission requirements for petitions and states that each manufacturer may petition NHTSA for an exemption of one vehicle line per model year. Among other requirements, manufacturers must identify whether the exemption is sought under section 543.6 or section 543.7. Under section 543.6, a manufacturer may request an exemption by providing specific information about the anti-theft device, its capabilities, and the reasons the petitioner believes the device to be as effective at reducing and deterring theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements. Section 543.7 permits a manufacturer to request an exemption under a more streamlined process if the vehicle line is equipped with an anti-theft device (an "immobilizer") as standard equipment that complies with one of the standards specified in that section.

Section 543.8 establishes requirements for processing petitions for exemption from the Theft Prevention Standard. As stated in section 543.8(a),

NHTSA processes any complete exemption petition. If NHTSA receives an incomplete petition, NHTSA will notify the petitioner of the deficiencies. Once NHTSA receives a complete petition it will process it and, in accordance with section 543.8(b), will grant the petition if it determines that, based upon substantial evidence, the standard equipment anti-theft device is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of Part 541.

Section 543.8(c) requires NHTSA to issue its decision either to grant or to deny an exemption petition not later than 120 days after the date on which a complete petition is filed. If NHTSA does not make a decision within the 120-day period, the petition shall be deemed to be approved and the manufacturer shall be exempt from the standard for the line covered by the petition for the subsequent model year.<sup>1</sup> Exemptions granted under Part 543 apply only to the vehicle line or lines that are subject to the grant and are equipped with the anti-theft device on which the line's exemption was based and is effective for the model year beginning after the model year in which NHTSA issues the notice of exemption, unless the notice of exemption specifies a later year.

543.8(f) and (g) apply to how NHTSA's decisions on petitions are to be made known. Under (f), if the petition is sought under section 543.6, NHTSA publishes a notice of its decision to grant or deny the exemption petition in the **Federal Register** and notifies the petitioner in writing. Under (g), if the petition is sought under section 543.7, NHTSA notifies the petitioner in writing of the agency's decision to grant or deny the exemption petition.

This grant of petitions for exemption considers the following manufacturers' petitions for the following model years: BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) for its 2 series vehicle line beginning in MY 2020; Jaguar Land Rover North America LLC (Jaguar Land Rover) for its Jaguar E-Pace vehicle line beginning in MY 2020; Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) for its QX55 beginning in MY 2020; Tesla Motors Inc. (Tesla) for its Model Y vehicle line beginning in MY 2020; General Motors Corporation (GM) for its Chevrolet Trailblazer vehicle line beginning in MY 2021; Mazda Motors Corporation (Mazda) for its CX-30 vehicle line beginning in MY 2021; Mitsubishi Motors R&D of America (Mitsubishi) for its Outlander vehicle

<sup>1</sup> 49 U.S.C. 33106(d).