

### § 390.3

(2) *General eligibility requirements.* Section 607 of the Act specifies who is eligible for a fund and the application instructions specify what information is required to establish such eligibility. An applicant must:

(i) Be a citizen of the United States within the meaning of section 2 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended (46 U.S.C. 802, 803). See part 355 of this title for requirements for establishing United States citizenship;

(ii) Own or be the lessee of one or more eligible vessels or share thereof as defined in section 607(k)(1) of the Act, or be party to a contract for the construction of one or more eligible vessels, or share thereof, as defined in paragraph (b) of § 390.5;

(iii) Have a program which furthers the purposes of the Act (see § 390.3 relating to policy considerations) and provides for the acquisition, construction or reconstruction of a qualified vessel, as defined in section 607(k)(2) of the Act. Such provisions state that the vessel will be operated in the United States foreign, Great Lakes or non-contiguous domestic trade as defined in sections 607(k) and 905(a) of the Act; and

(iv) Demonstrate the financial capabilities to accomplish the program.

(b) *Information which may be required in conjunction with the application.* An applicant must provide such facts, documents and materials as the Maritime Administrator may require in considering whether to enter into an agreement. An applicant should be ready to make available such applicable materials, including, but not limited to: Design plans, data concerning the reasonableness of the cost of the program, construction contracts, financial statements, certificates of incorporation, bylaws, articles of partnership, stock ownership data and other information including judgments and pending litigation which would affect the proposed program. The specific information required is set forth in the instructions.

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#### § 390.3 Policy considerations.

(a) *In general.* It is the policy of the United States, as set forth in section 101 of the Act, that for the national defense and the development of its foreign and domestic commerce, the United States shall have a merchant marine: sufficient to carry a substantial portion of its water-borne export and import foreign commerce and to provide shipping service essential for maintaining the flow of such commerce at all times; capable of serving as auxiliaries in time of war or national emergency; owned and operated by United States citizens insofar as practicable and composed of the best equipped, safest and most suitable types of vessels, constructed and documented in the United States and manned with United States citizens.

(b) *Unacceptable programs—(1) In general.* The Maritime Administrator will not enter into an agreement where the proposed program is not, in his opinion, in consonance with the policies of the Act.

(2) *Specific unacceptable programs.* The Maritime Administrator will not enter into an agreement where the proposed program is merely to accomplish the following:

(i) Reconstruction of an existing vessel, unless such reconstruction will exceed \$1,000,000 in cost, will be capitalized under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and the regulations thereunder and will result in a vessel which is significantly more competitive;

(ii) Acquisition of an existing vessel; or

(iii) Payment of the principal on existing indebtedness.

(3) *Waiver.* The Maritime Administrator may, for good cause shown, waive the provisions of paragraph (b)(2) of this section. For example, the Maritime Administrator may waive the monetary limit in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section where the applicant proposes to reconstruct a small vessel.

#### § 390.4 Description of the agreement.

(a) *In general.* The agreement consists of a standard part and appended schedules. The standard part of the agreement contains recitals, covenants and warranties which apply to all parties.