

Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

On December 16, 1994, the Commission approved a proposed change to Exchange Rule 7, Article XXVIII relating to the listing of securities related to limited partnership rollups.² One purpose of this proposal is to update a citation referred to in this limited partnership rollup transaction rule. Specifically, because the NASD has overhauled its rules and has adopted a new numbering system, the NASD rule cited in the Exchange's limited partnership rollup transaction rule, Section 34 of Article III of the NASD's Rules of Fair Practice, should be replaced with its new cite, NASD Rule 2810.

On June 1, 1996, the Commission approved another proposed change to Rule 7, Article XXVIII of the Exchange's rules relating to the depository eligibility requirement for issuers who desire to list their securities on the Exchange.³

Another purpose of this proposed rule change is to renumber the limited partnership rollup rule as Rule 1(f) of Article XXVIII and the depository eligibility rule as Rule 1(g) of Article XXVIII. Specifically, because the Exchange has recently overhauled Article XXVIII in the process of creating Tier I and Tier II securities listing standards, the rules should be renumbered and placed appropriately within the new listing requirements.⁴

Finally, in response to a Commission request,⁵ an additional purpose of the rule change is to update several of the citations in the Exchange's rule to NASDAQ/NMS Securities, with its new term Nasdaq/NM Securities. Because the Exchange currently has several proposed rule changes on file with the SEC relating to Nasdaq/NM Securities, the text of those rule filings should be

deemed to be amended to reflect this new terminology.⁶

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁷ in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)⁸ in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The proposed change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change constitutes a stated policy, practice or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule of the Exchange pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(e) thereunder.⁹

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the

Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Chicago Stock Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-CHX-96-23 and should be submitted by September 12, 1996.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2430]

Bureau for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Information Collection Under Review

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval is being sought for the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register and allowed 60 days for public comment.

The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comments from the date listed at the top of this page in the Federal Register. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 Code of Federal Regulation, Part 1320.10.

1. *Summary:* The Department of State has established guidelines that require each shipment of shrimp shipped to the U.S. have a certification that shipments of shrimp have been harvested in a manner which does not harm sea turtles, pursuant to Section 609 of P.L. 101-162. The revised DSP-121 is necessary for that certification.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of request—Revision of a currently approved collection.

Originating office—Bureau for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Title of information collection—Shrimp Exporter's Declaration.

Frequency—Each shipment.

Form No.—DSP-121.

Respondents—Business or others for profit.

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

² Securities Exchange Act Release No. 35111 (Dec. 16, 1994), 59 FR 66388 (Dec. 23, 1994) (order approving File No. SR-CHX-94-24).

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 35798 (June 1, 1995), 60 FR 30909 (June 12, 1995) (order approving File No. SR-CHX-95-12).

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 37481 (July 26, 1996), 61 FR 40270 (Aug. 1, 1996) (order approving File No. SR-CHX-95-26).

⁵ See, Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 37327 (June 19, 1995), 61 FR 32870 (June 25, 1996) (notice of File No. SR-CHX-96-15), and 37369 (June 25, 1996), 61 FR 34462 (July 2, 1996) (notice of File No. SR-CHX-96-16).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e).

Estimated number of respondents—10,000.
Average hours per response—0.5.
Total estimated burden hours—5,000.
44 U.S.C. 3405(h) does not apply.

Additional Information or Comments:
Copies of the proposed forms and supporting documents may be obtained from Charles S. Cunningham (202) 647-0596. Comments and questions should be directed to (OMB) Jefferson Hill (202) 395-3176.

Dated: August 14, 1996.
Patrick F. Kennedy,
Assistant Secretary for Administration.
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[Public Notice No. 2432]

State Department Advisory Committee Study Group Meeting on Cross-Border Insolvency

The Study Group on Cross-Border Insolvency of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) will hold its next meeting on Saturday, September 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Houston, Texas, to review international efforts to harmonize rules on cross-border insolvency cases involving commercial entities.

The meeting will review draft United Nations rules for procedural aspects of cross-border insolvency, as set out in the recent Report of the U.N. Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group on Insolvency Law, which met for the second time in April 1996 (U.N. Doc. A/CN.9/422, April 25, 1996). No decision has been made as to the form the proposed rules should take, i.e. whether to prepare UN guidelines, a UN model law, or a multilateral treaty.

The Advisory Committee Study Group meeting will provide guidance for possible United States positions for the next meeting of the UNCITRAL intergovernmental Working Group in October 1996, and consider other possible United States initiatives as well.

UNCITRAL decided at its Plenary session in May, 1995 to work primarily on procedural, rather than substantive, rules. Based on the Report referenced above, this is likely to cover judicial cooperation; jurisdiction; access to proceedings for foreign representatives; the relationship between primary and other proceedings; the scope and effect of a possible stay; the scope of "national treatment"; and related matters.

Other procedural concerns may be taken up at this stage in the U.N.

process, depending on the interests of participating countries. Future issues, such as substantive law involving priorities of claims, distribution, discharge etc., might possibly be considered at a later stage, after an assessment of the current focus on procedural matters.

The effects of the UNCITRAL project generally on U.S. interests, and its impact on facilitation of commerce and trade will be considered, as well as its relationship to the work of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission. Current projects by other organizations will also be referred to, including the American Law Institute's project exploring possible harmonization of bankruptcy law between the NAFTA states, the International Bar Association's Concordat, the recent European Union proposed treaty on cross-border insolvency, as well as work by the International Association of Insolvency Practitioners (INSOL), the American Bankruptcy Institute, and others.

Background documents include the Report of the first UNCITRAL Working Group (UN Doc. A/CN.9/419, Dec. 1, 1995) and a Report by INSOL on the Joint Project of UNCITRAL and INSOL, March 1, 1995. Copies of these documents, as well as the IBA and European Union documents referred to, are available from the Legal Adviser's Office at the address indicated below.

The meeting will be held in Houston at the Chevron Tower, 51st floor conference room, 1301 McKinney Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room and subject to the rulings of the Chair. Since space may be limited, persons wishing to attend should advise either John Barrett at (713) 651-5202 or 8223, fax 651-5246, or Ms. Gonzales of the Office of Legal Adviser (L/PIL) at (202) 776-8420, or fax (202) 776-8482.

Persons who cannot attend the meeting are welcome to submit comments to the Legal Adviser's Office, L/PIL Suite 355 South Building, 2430 "E" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037-2800, or by fax to (202) 776-8482. For further information on the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law or this project, please contact Harold S. Burman, Advisory Committee Executive Director, at the above address or fax number.

Peter H. Pfund,
Assistant Legal Adviser and Advisory Committee Co-Chair.
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Office of the Secretary

[Public Notice 2429]

Extension of the Restriction on the Use of United States Passports for Travel To, In, or Through Lebanon

On January 26, 1987, pursuant to the authority of 22 U.S.C. 211a and Executive Order 11295 (31 FR 10603), and in accordance with 22 CFR 51.73(a)(3), all United States passports, with the exception of passports of immediate family members of hostages in Lebanon, were declared invalid for travel to, in, or through Lebanon unless specifically validated for such travel. This action was taken because the situation in Lebanon was such that American citizens there could not be considered safe from terrorist acts.

Although the security situation continues to improve, the situation there has led me to conclude that Lebanon still continues to be an area "... where there is imminent danger to the public health or the physical safety of United States travelers" within the meaning of 22 U.S.C. 221a and 22 CFR 51.73(a)(3).

Accordingly, all United States passports shall remain invalid for travel to, in, or through Lebanon unless specifically validated for such travel under the authority of the Secretary of State.

This Public Notice shall be effective upon publication in the Federal Register and shall expire at midnight February 28, 1997, unless extended or sooner revoked by Public Notice.

Dated: August 7, 1996.
Warren Christopher,
Secretary of State.
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[Public Notice 2423]

Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Certifications Pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 101-162

August 7, 1996.

SUMMARY: On April 30, 1995, the Department of State certified, pursuant to section 609 of Public Law 101-162, that 36 countries with commercial shrimp trawl fisheries have adopted programs to reduce the incidental capture of sea turtles in such fisheries comparable to the program in effect in the United States and has an incidental take rate comparable to that of the United States, or that the fishing environment in the countries does not pose a threat of the incidental taking of