

woven material having similar properties, with no requirements being specified regarding the minimum weight of such bags.

The futures contract also requires that coffee intended for delivery must be sampled and graded by CSCE-licensed individuals in accordance with specified procedures and be certified as meeting the contract's quality standards. Currently, samples of coffee intended for certification must be taken by Exchange-licensed master samplers. The contract requires that, after the samples have been taken, the master sampler must return a signed and completed copy of the sampling order to the Exchange, at the time the samples are delivered to the CSCE for grading. In addition, if the samples of a coffee lot initially are found to be not deliverable or to be of lower than expected quality, the contract provides that the party seeking to have coffee certified as deliverable may resubmit the coffee samples for re-grading.

The proposed amendments will reduce to 100 points (1 cent per pound) the discount for delivery of coffee of the growth of Peru and will delete San Francisco as a delivery point. The proposed amendments also will establish a new requirement that deliverable coffee must be packed in bags that have a minimum weight of 700 grams. In regard to the contract's sampling procedures, the proposed amendments will stipulate that the master sampler must put a copy of the signed and completed sampling order into the bag containing the sample and deliver the sample to the Exchange. In addition, the proposed amendments will provide that, in the case where the owner of a given lot of coffee appeals an initial grading decision, the owner of the coffee at its own expense may elect to have a new sample of the coffee drawn and evaluated for purposes of the appeal.

The CSCE intends to apply the proposed amendment reducing the discount for delivery of Peruvian coffee to existing contract months that have no open interest and to all newly listed contract months. The proposed amendments deleting San Francisco as a delivery point and modifying the contract's sampling procedures would be made effective within 30 days of the date of the Commission's approval of the amendments with respect to all existing and newly listed contract months. The proposed amendment requiring that deliverable coffee be packed in bags weighing at least 700 grams would be made applicable to coffee certified for delivery on and after March 1, 2000.

With regard to the proposal to reduce the discount currently applicable to Peruvian coffee, the Exchange said that "[T]he physical market currently values Peruvian coffee at par with the Coffee 'C' contract or at a premium. * * * [H]ence the Peruvian discount * * * needed to be narrowed from its current 400 points to 100 points to reflect commercial reality." Concerning the proposal to delist San Francisco as a delivery port, the Exchange said that "[O]ver the past few years, there has been almost no interest on the part of the coffee trade to make or take delivery out of the Port of San Francisco. For some time, the Exchange has had no licensed warehouses in the Port."

In support of the proposed minimum 700-gram weight for bags used to package delivery coffee, the CSCE said that it has been made aware that Exchange coffee has been packaged in bags that easily disintegrate or breakdown and that the proposed standard would strengthen the integrity of the bags used. Regarding the proposal to permit new samples to be drawn on appeal of a coffee grading decision, the Exchange indicated that the existing rules permit appeals to be evaluated based on the original sample but do not provide for the submission of new samples of the same coffee, which may be particularly useful when the coffee has failed the contract's taste standard (sweet in the cup) or due to the presence of a few defective beans. Finally, concerning the change in sampling procedure, the Exchange said that requiring that master samplers label sample bags with a sequence number and insert the completed and signed sampling order in the sample bag would help to " * * * avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest."

The Commission is requesting comments on the proposed amendments. In particular, comments are requested regarding extent to which proposed 100-point discount for delivery of Peruvian coffee reflects cash market pricing relationships between the value of washed Peruvian coffee versus washed coffee of the par coffee growths (*i.e.*, coffee from Mexico, Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Kenya, New Guinea, Tanzania, Uganda, and Panama). Comments also are requested regarding ordinary cash market requirements relative to the standards that bags used to package coffee must meet and the effect on the futures contract's delivery process of requiring a minimum weight per bag of 700 grams. In addition, comments are requested concerning the effect on deliverable supplies of the proposal to delete San Francisco as a

delivery point and the effects, if any, on the delivery process of the proposed amendments to the contract's sampling procedures.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the Internet at secretary@cftc.gov.

Other materials submitted by the Exchange in support of the proposal may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the Exchange, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 27, 2000.

Richard Shilts,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (Formerly the Presidential Advisory Committee on High Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet)

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the next meeting of the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee. The meeting will be open to the public. Notice of this meeting is

required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Pub. L. 92-463).

DATES: February 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: NSF Board Room (Room 1235), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC) will meet in open session from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on February 25, 2000. This meeting will include: (1) Updates on PITAC's next steps and panels on: learning, digital libraries; open source software; government; healthcare; the digital divide; and international issues. (2) The Federal Budget for information technology research and development in FY 2001. (3) Information technology strategies in Federal agencies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: The National Coordination Office for Computing, Information, and Communications provides information about this Committee on its web site at: <http://www.ccic.gov>; it can also be reached at (703) 306-4722. Public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: January 28, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense, USSTRATCOM.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will meet in closed session on April 13 and 14, 2000. The mission of the SAG is to provide timely advice on scientific, technical, and policy-related issues to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the nation's strategic war plans. At this meeting, the SAG will discuss strategic issues that relate to the development of the Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP). Full development of the topics will require discussion of information classified TOP SECRET in accordance with Executive Order 12958, April 17, 1995. Access to this information must be strictly limited to personnel having

requisite security clearances and specific need-to know. Unauthorized disclosure of the information to be discussed at the SAG meeting could have exceptionally grave impact upon national defense.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (5 U.S.C. App 2), it has been determined that this SAG meeting concerns matters listed in 5 USC 552b(c) and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: January 28, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Thiokol Propulsion, a Division of Cordant Technologies, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Thiokol Propulsion, a Division of Cordant Technologies, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States, to practice the Government-owned invention described in U.S. No. 5,693,794 entitled "Caged Polynitramine Compound."

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the granting of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than April 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John G. Wynn, Associate Counsel Intellectual Property, Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4004, e-mail wynnj@onr.navy.mil or fax (703) 696-6909.

(Authority: 35 U. S. C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404)

Dated: January 18, 2000.

J.L. Roth,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U. S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 3, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) Will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) Is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) How might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) How might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.