

assure a balanced representation of both floor members and non-floor members among the industry representatives.

Fourth, the Exchange proposes to remove Sections 5(a)–(b) and 6(a)–(b) of Article IV, as these provisions pertain to equity-related committees (*i.e.*, the Equity Allocation Committee and the Equity Floor Trading Committee) and are not applicable to the PCX Parent's options business.

Fifth, concurrent with the creation of PCX Equities, the Board of Governors is proposing to add Section 10 of Article VII to authorize the PCX Parent to buy, sell, or lease memberships as the Board of Governors may from time to time determine. Although the Board of Governors has no present intention of using this authority, it believes that this amendment is desirable because of the increased flexibility it will give to the Exchange.

Finally, the Exchange proposes to remove Sections 1–3 of Article XV, as these provisions pertain to the equities clearing business. Upon effectiveness of the restructuring, PCX Parent will transfer its ownership interest in Pacific Clearing Corporation to PCX Equities.

c. *Plan of Delegation of Functions by the Pacific Exchange, Inc. to PCX Equities, Inc.* The PCX approved a Plan of Delegation of Functions by the Pacific Exchange, Inc. to PCX Equities, Inc.⁴⁵ The Plan states that the PCX, the registered national securities exchange, is the parent company of the wholly-owned subsidiary, PCX Equities. The Plan also sets forth the functions and authority of the PCX and the functions and authority, which the PCX delegates to the PCX Equities.

2. Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)⁴⁶ of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5),⁴⁷ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and to protect investors and the public interest.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will 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

Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received.

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve such proposed rule change, or

(B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 are consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549–0609. 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 in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the PCX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX–99–39 and should be submitted by March 9, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴⁸

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3219]

Shipping Coordinating Committee International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the Eighty-first Session of the International Maritime Organization Legal Committee (LEG 81) to be held in London from 27–31 March, 2000.

During LEG 81, the Legal Committee will complete the preparation of the draft bunkers convention for a diplomatic conference, which will be held in the 2000–2001 biennium. The Legal Committee will then continue work on a draft protocol to the Athens Convention and on the draft Wreck Removal Convention. The committee will next turn its attention to the implementation of the HNS Convention, and time will also be allotted to address any other issues on the Legal Committee's work program on which there are questions or comments.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting, up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, or to submit views in advance of the meeting, please contact Captain Malcolm J. Williams, Jr., or Lieutenant Daniel J. Goettle, Coast Guard, Office of Maritime and International Law (G–LMI), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001; telephone (202) 267–1527; fax (202) 267–4496.

Dated: February 16, 2000.

Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Renewal of Treatment on Government Procurement of Products From Counties Designated Under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Renewal of treatment on Government Procurement of Products from Countries Designated under the

⁴⁵ See Attachment No. 4 to Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.

⁴⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act.

Under the authority delegated to me by the President in section 1–201 of Executive Order 12260 of December 31, 1980, I hereby direct that products of countries, listed below, designated by the President as beneficiaries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2701, *et seq.*), with the exception of the Dominican Republic and Honduras, shall continue to be treated as eligible products for purposes of section 1–101 of Executive Order 12260 until September 30, 2000. Such treatment shall not apply to products originating in these countries that are excluded from duty free treatment under 19 U.S.C. 2703(b). Decisions on the subsequent renewal of this treatment beyond September 30, 2000 will be based on beneficiaries' effort to improve domestic procurement practices, on their support for relevant international initiatives, such as those in the World Trade Organization (WTO) Working Group on Transparency in Government Procurement and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) Negotiating Group on Government Procurement, including support for an FTAA Agreement on Transparency as an element of business facilitation, and on their progress toward acceding to the WTO Government Procurement Agreement.

List of Countries Designated as Beneficiary Countries for Purpose of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA): Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Dominica, the Dominican Republic; El Salvador; Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, Saint Kitts-Nevis, British Virgin Islands.

Charlene Barshefsky,

United States Trade Representative.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Meeting of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Services (ISAC–13)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Services (ISAC–13) will hold an open meeting on February 24,

2000, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The meeting will be open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2000, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce Room B–841, located at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bruce Harsh, Department of Commerce, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482–4852 or Ladan Manteghi, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F St. NW, Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395–6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ISAC–13 will hold an open meeting on February 24, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Agenda topics to be addressed will be:

1. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Availability of Skilled Labor Assessment.
2. Labor Department Perspective regarding the Mobility of Persons Issues.
3. INS Perspective regarding the Mobility of Persons Issue.
4. State Department Perspective regarding the Mobility of Persons Issue.

Pate Felts,

Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative, Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Meeting of the President's Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations (ACTPN)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice that the March 1, 2000, meeting of the President's Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The meeting will be closed to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and open to the public from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

SUMMARY: The President's Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations will hold a meeting on March 1, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The meeting will be closed to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Pursuant to Section 2155(f)(2) of Title 19 of the

United States Code, I have determined that this meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy, priorities, negotiating objectives or bargaining positions with respect to the operation of any trade agreement and other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation and administration of the trade policy of the United States. The meeting will be open to the public and press from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, when trade policy issues will be discussed. Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2000, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the USTR ANNEX Building in Conference Rooms 1 and 2, located at 1724 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C., unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ladan Manteghi, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395–6120.

Charlene Barshefsky,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Harmonization Initiatives

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration and the Joint Aviation Authorities will convene meetings to accept input from the public on the Harmonization Work Program. The Harmonization Work Program is the means by which the Federal Aviation Administration and the Joint Aviation Authorities carry out a commitment to harmonize, to the maximum extent possible, the rules regarding the operation and maintenance of civil aircraft, and the standards, practices, and procedures governing the design materials, workmanship, and construction of civil aircraft, aircraft engines, and other components. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to submit input to the Harmonization Work