

decimal pricing environment.⁶ The pilot was extended twice.⁷ The Exchange now requests an extension of the current pilot through January 14, 2002. Other than extending the date of the pilot through January 14, 2002, the Exchange does not propose to make any substantive or typographical changes to the pilot.

2. Statutory Basis

The CHX believes the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with the requirements of section 6(b).⁸ In particular, the CHX believes the proposal is consistent with section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁹ in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and to perfect the mechanism of, a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, 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 inappropriate burden on competition.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not:

- (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;
- (ii) Impose any significant burden on competition; and
- (iii) Become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁰ and rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹¹

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43204 (August 24, 2000), 65 FR 53065 (August 31, 2000)(SR-CHX-00-22).

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 43974 (February 16, 2001), 66 FR 11621 (February 26, 2001)(SR-CHX-2001-03)(extending pilot through July 9, 2001) and 44488 (June 28, 2001), 66 FR 35684 (July 6, 2001)(SR-CHX-2001-13)(extending pilot through November 5, 2001).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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.

The Exchange has requested that the Commission accelerate the operative date. The Commission finds good cause to designate the proposal both effective and operative upon filing with the Commission because such designation is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Acceleration of the operative date will allow the pilot to continue uninterrupted through January 14, 2002, the deadline for which self-regulatory organizations must file proposed rule changes to set the minimum price variation for quoting in a decimals environment. For these reasons, the Commission finds good cause to designate that the proposal is both effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.¹²

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submission 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 CHX. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CHX-2001-20 and should be submitted by December 12, 2001.

¹² For purposes only of accelerating the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Announcement of meeting location.

DATES: November 29, 2001 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hampton Ballroom, the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, (202) 234-0700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The **Federal Register** notice announcing the November 29 meeting of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security did not include a meeting location. The purpose of this announcement is to provide the meeting location.

The Commission will meet commencing Thursday, November 29, at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m., with a break for lunch between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Commission will be deliberating on how to administer personal accounts and how to ensure long-term solvency in the Social Security program.

Dated: November 16, 2001.

Michael A. Anzick,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3802]

Notice of Declaration of Foreign Countries as Reciprocating Countries for the Enforcement of Family Support (Maintenance) Obligations

AGENCY: Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State.

This notice amends and supplements Department of State Public Notice 3315, 65 FR 31953 (May 19, 2000).

Section 459A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 659A) authorizes the Secretary of State with the concurrence of the Secretary of Health and Human

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Services to declare foreign countries or their political subdivisions to be reciprocating countries for the purpose of the enforcement of family support obligations if the country has established or has undertaken to establish procedures for the establishment and enforcement of duties of support for residents of the United States. These procedures must be in substantial conformity with mandatory elements set out in the statute: procedures for the establishment of paternity and support orders for children and custodial parents; a system for the enforcement of orders, including procedures for the collection and distribution of payments under such orders; providing administrative and legal services without cost to the U.S. applicant; and the designation of an agency to serve as a Central Authority.

Once such a declaration is made, support agencies in jurisdictions of the United States participating in the program established by Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (the IV-D program) must provide enforcement services under that program to such reciprocating countries as if the request for service came from a U.S. state.

The declaration authorized by the statute may be made "in the form of an international agreement, in connection with an international agreement or corresponding foreign declaration, or on a unilateral basis." The Secretary of State has authorized either the Legal Adviser or the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs to make such a declaration after consultation with the other.

As of this date, the following countries (or Canadian provinces) have been designated foreign reciprocating countries:

Country	Effective date
Australia	May 21, 2001.
Canadian Provinces:	
British Columbia	Dec. 15, 1999.
Manitoba	July 11, 2000.
Nova Scotia	Dec. 18, 1998.
Czech Republic	May 3, 2000.
Ireland	Sept. 10, 1997.
Poland	June 14, 1999.
Portugal	Mar. 17, 2001.
Slovak Republic	Feb. 1, 1998.

Information

Each of these countries (or Canadian provinces) has designated a Central Authority to facilitate enforcement and ensure compliance with the standards of the statute. Information relating to the designated Central Authorities, and the procedures for processing requests may be obtained by contacting Stephen

Grant, Director, Office of the United States Central Authority for International Child Support, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW, 4 Aerospace Building, Washington, DC 20447; phone (202) 260-5943, fax (202) 401-5539, email sgrant@acf.dhhs.gov.

Questions regarding this notice, the status of negotiations, declarations and agreements may be obtained by contacting Mary Helen Carlson at the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Suite 203 South Building, 2430 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037-2851; phone (202) 776-8420, fax (202) 776-8482, email carlsonmh@ms.state.gov.

The law also permits individual states of the United States to establish or continue existing reciprocating arrangements with foreign countries when there has been no federal declaration. Many states have such arrangements with additional countries not yet the subject of a federal declaration. Information as to these arrangements may be obtained from the individual state IV-D Agency.

Jeffrey D. Kovar,

Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3805]

Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Open Meeting

The Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) will meet in open session beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2001, in Room F-3420 at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC), 4000 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade specialists, appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review progress of the working groups and to discuss current defense trade issues and topics for further study.

Members of the public may attend the open session as seating capacity allows, and will be permitted to participate in the discussion in accordance with the Chairman's instructions. Members of the

public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the committee in writing.

As access to the Department of State facilities is controlled, persons wishing to attend the meeting must notify the DTAG Executive Secretariat by COB Thursday, December 6, 2001. If notified after this date, the DTAG Secretariat cannot guarantee that State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security can complete the necessary processing required to attend the December 12 plenary.

Each non-member observer wishing to attend should provide his/her name, company or organizational affiliation, date of birth, and social security number to the DTAG Secretariat by fax to (202) 647-9779 (Attention: Mike Slack). A list will be made up for Diplomatic Security and that Reception Desk at the NFATC Visitor Center. Attendees must present a driver's license with photo, a passport, a U.S. Government ID, or other valid photo ID for entry.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Slack, DTAG Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Office of Regional Security and Arms Transfers (PM/RSAT), Room 7424 Main State, Washington, DC 20520-2422. Phone (202) 647-2882. Fax: (202) 647-9779.

Dated: November 14, 2001.

Robert W. Maggi,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3827]

Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation will meet in the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street NW., Washington, DC, December 17-18, 2001 in Conference Room 1105. Prior notification and a valid photo are mandatory for entrance into the building. One week before the meeting, members of the public planning to attend must notify Gloria Walker, Office of Historian (202-663-1124) to provide relevant dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and telephone numbers.

The Committee will meet in open session from 1:30 p.m. through 3 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2001, to discuss declassification and transfer of Department of State electronic records to the National Archives and Records Administration and the modernization