

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 these filings also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NFA. Electronically submitted comments will be posted on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.sec.gov>). All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NFA-2002-05 and should be submitted by November 7, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-46631; File No. SR-NYSE-2002-24]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") to Amend NYSE Rule 342 ("Offices—Approval, Supervision and Control")

October 9, 2002.

On July 12, 2002, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend NYSE Rule 342 ("Offices—Approval, Supervision and Control"). The proposed amendments would recognize the National Association of Securities Dealers' General Securities Principal Examination ("Series 24 Examination") as an acceptable qualification alternative to the General Securities Sales Supervisor Qualification Examination ("Series 9/10 Examination") for supervisory persons whose duties do not include the supervision of options or municipal securities sales activity. In addition, the amendments update and clarify certain provisions of the Rule. The NYSE filed an amendment to the proposed rule

change on August 16, 2002.³ The proposed rule change, as amended, was published for notice and comment in the **Federal Register** on September 5, 2002.⁴ The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule change.

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange⁵ and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6 of the Act⁶ and the rules and regulations thereunder. The Commission believes that the NYSE's amendments to NYSE Rule 342 to eliminate, when possible, duplicative examination qualification requirements and to update and clarify certain provisions of the Rule are reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁷ that the proposed rule change, as amended (SR-NYSE-2002-24), be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

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Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Pub.L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for new information collections, revisions to OMB-approved information collections and extensions (no change) of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden

³ See letter from Mary Yeager, Assistant Secretary, NYSE, to Nancy Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated August 15, 2002, and attachments ("Amendment No. 1").

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 46425 (August 28, 2002), 67 FR 56863.

⁵ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below: (OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, D.C. 20503, Fax: 202-395-6974. (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1338 Annex Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400.

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The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding the information collections would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at (410) 965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

1. Application for Supplemental Security Income—20 CFR, Subpart C, 416.305-.335-0960-0229

The information collected using Form SSA-8000-BK is needed and used to determine eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and the amount of benefits payable. The respondents are applicants for SSI payments.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection, *Number of Respondents:* 1,249,933, *Frequency of Response:* 1, *Average Burden Per Response:* 40 minutes, *Estimated Annual Burden:* 833,289 hours.

2. Application for Wife's or Husband's Insurance Benefits—20 CFR, Subpart D, 404.330-.333; Subpart G, 404.603-0960-0008

SSA needs and uses the information collected on Form SSA-2-F6 to determine if an applicant (including a divorced applicant) can be entitled to benefits as the spouse of the worker and the amount of the spouse's benefits. The respondents are applicants for wife's or

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(75).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

husband's benefits, including those who are divorced.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection, *Number of Respondents:* 700,000, *Frequency of Response:* 1, *Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes, *Estimated Annual Burden:* 175,000 hours.

3. Supplemental Security Income Claim Information Notice—20 CFR, Subpart B, 416.210–0960–0324

Form SSA–L8050 is used by SSA to ensure that all sources of potential income, which can be used to provide for the support and maintenance of an individual receiving SSI, are utilized. SSI is intended to supplement other income available to an individual. The respondents are applicants/recipients of SSI who may be eligible for benefits from public or private programs.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection, *Number of Respondents:* 7,500, *Frequency of Response:* 1, *Average Burden Per Response:* 10 minutes, *Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,250 hours.

4. Reporting Changes that Affect Your Social Security Payment—20 CFR 404, Subpart D and Subpart E–0960–0073

SSA uses the information collected on Form SSA–1425 to determine continuing entitlement to title II Social Security benefits and to determine the proper benefit amount. The respondents are Social Security beneficiaries who need to report an event that could affect payments.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection, *Number of Respondents:* 70,000, *Frequency of Response:* 1, *Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes, *Estimated Annual Burden:* 5,833.

5. Medicaid Use Report, 20 CFR 416.268—0960–0267

The information required by this regulation is used by SSA to determine if an individual is entitled to special SSI payments. The respondents are SSI recipients whose payments were stopped based on earnings from work.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection, *Number of Respondents:* 60,000, *Frequency of Response:* 1, *Average Burden Per Response:* 3 minutes, *Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,000 hours.

6. Quickstart Enrollment—31 CFR 209 and 210—0960–0564

The information collected is needed by SSA to facilitate electronic transmission of data for direct deposit of funds to a payee's account. The

respondents are Social Security beneficiaries and SSI recipients requesting direct deposit to their financial institutions.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection, *Number of Respondents:* 3,950,000, *Frequency of Response:* 1, *Average Burden Per Response:* 3 minutes, *Estimated Annual Burden:* 197,500 hours.

7. Request for Internet Services Representative Payee, 20 CFR 401.45 Report—0960–NEW

Background

SSA is developing an Internet Representative Payee Report form (I623) to electronically report on the use of benefit payments made on behalf of Social Security beneficiaries and SSI recipients. As part of this process, SSA will conduct a proof of concept (POC) test that will be limited to 40 organizational representative payees. During the projected 6-month POC test, participating organizations will use the I623 to complete and file the representative payee report instead of using the paper SSA–623.

The Collection

Organizations participating in the POC will designate up to three employees that will be authenticated using SSA's existing Integrated Registration for Employers and Submitters (IRES) OMB control number 0960–0626. Once authenticated, the employee will be required to enter a Personal Identification Number (PIN) and Password to gain access to the online I623 application. The PIN and Password will serve as the electronic signature. SSA will use the information collected through the I623 to determine whether the payments provided to the representative payee have been used for the beneficiary's current maintenance and personal needs and whether the representative payee continues to be concerned with the beneficiary's welfare. The respondents are organizational representative payees designated to receive funds on behalf of Social Security beneficiaries and/or SSI recipients.

Type of request: New information collection, *Number of Respondents:* 40 organizations, *Frequency of Response:* 117.5 per respondent, *Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes, *Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,175 hours.

8. Letter to Employer Requesting Information about Wages Earned by a Beneficiary—20 CFR, Subpart I, 404.801—0960–0034

SSA uses the data collected on form SSA–L725 to establish the exact amount of wages earned by a beneficiary in situations where the information in SSA records is incomplete or has been questioned. The respondents are employers of wage earners whose earnings records are incomplete or have been questioned.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection, *Number of Respondents:* 150,000, *Frequency of Response:* 1, *Average Burden Per Response:* 40 minutes, *Estimated Annual Burden:* 100,000 hours.

II

The information collection listed below has been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410–965–0454 or by writing to the address listed above.

Application for Parent's Insurance Benefits—20 CFR 404.370–.374 and 404.601–603—0960–0012

The information collected on form SSA–7 is used by SSA to determine entitlement of an individual to parent's Social Security title II benefits. The respondents are parents who were dependent on the worker for at least one-half of their support.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection, *Number of Respondents:* 1,400, *Frequency of Response:* 1, *Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes, *Estimated Annual Burden:* 350 hours.

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Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 4164]****Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs****Fulbright American Studies Institutes for Foreign University Faculty****NOTICE:** Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP).

SUMMARY: The Study of the U.S. Branch, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, announces an open competition for two (2) assistance awards. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(C)(3) may apply to develop and implement one of the following two post-graduate level Fulbright American Studies Institute programs designed for multinational groups of 18 experienced foreign university faculty and educators:

A. Managing Diversity: The American Experience

B. American Political Development: Ideas and Institutions.

These programs are intended to provide participants with a deeper understanding of American life and institutions, past and present, in order to strengthen curricula and to improve the quality of teaching about the United States at universities abroad. Programs should therefore be designed to elucidate the topic or theme of the Institute as well as American civilization as a whole.

Programs are six weeks in length and will be conducted during the Summer of 2003.

The Bureau is seeking detailed proposals from colleges, universities, consortia of colleges and universities, and other not-for-profit academic organizations that have an established reputation in one or more of the following fields: political science, international relations, law, history, sociology, literature, American studies, and/or other disciplines or sub-disciplines related to the program themes.

It is the Bureau's intention to fund one institute in each of the above two thematic areas, subject to the number and quality of proposals received and the availability of funding.

Applicant institutions must demonstrate expertise in conducting post-graduate programs for foreign educators, and *must have a minimum of four years experience in conducting international exchange programs.* Bureau guidelines stipulate that grants to organizations with less than four years experience in conducting

international exchanges are limited to \$60,000. As it is expected that the budget for these programs will exceed \$60,000, organizations that can not demonstrate at least four years experience will not be eligible to apply under this competition.

The project director or one of the key program staff responsible for the academic program must have an advanced degree in one of the fields listed above. Staff escorts traveling under the cooperative agreement must have demonstrated qualifications for this service. Programs must conform with Bureau requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. Bureau programs are subject to the availability of funds.

Program Information

Overview and Objectives: Fulbright American Studies Institutes are intended to offer foreign scholars and teachers whose professional work focuses on the United States the opportunity to deepen their understanding of American society, culture and institutions. Their ultimate goal is to strengthen curricula and to improve the quality of teaching about the U.S. in universities abroad.

Programs should be six weeks in length and must include an academic residency segment of at least four weeks duration at a U.S. college or university campus (or other appropriate location). A study tour segment of not more than two weeks should also be planned and should directly complement the academic residency segment; the study tour should include visits to one or two additional regions of the United States.

All institutes should be designed as intensive, academically rigorous seminars intended for an experienced group of fellow scholars from outside the United States. The institutes should be organized through an integrated series of lectures, readings, seminar discussions, regional travel and site visits, and they should also include some opportunity for limited but well-directed independent research.

Applicants are encouraged to design thematically coherent programs in ways that draw upon the particular strengths, faculty and resources of their institutions as well as upon the nationally recognized expertise of scholars and other experts throughout the United States. All Fulbright American Studies Institute programs, regardless of their particular thematic focus, should seek to:

1. Provide participants with a survey of contemporary scholarship within the institute's governing academic discipline, delineating the current

scholarly debates within the field. In this regard, the seminar should indicate how prevailing academic practice in the discipline represents both a continuation of and a departure from past scholarly trends and practices. It is therefore critical that a variety of scholarly viewpoints be represented, including bringing in presenters from other institutions, as appropriate. Please note that the ways these alternative schools of thought will be presented should be clearly described in the proposal;

2. Bring an interdisciplinary or multi-disciplinary focus to bear on the program content if appropriate;

3. Give participants a multi-dimensional view of U.S. society and institutions that reflects a broad and balanced range of perspectives and responsible views. Programs should include the views not only of scholars, cultural critics and public intellectuals, but also those of other professionals outside the university such as government officials, journalists and others who can substantively contribute to the topics at issue; and,

4. Insure access to library and material resources that will enable grantees to continue their research, study and curriculum development upon returning to their home institutions.

Program Descriptions

A. Managing Diversity: The American Experience

The "Fulbright American Studies Institute on Managing Diversity: The American Experience" should provide 18 experienced foreign university faculty and scholars with a deeper understanding of the American experience with immigration and race and ethnic relations. The institute should impart an appreciation for how the U.S. has responded to both the challenges and opportunities presented by the increasing national-origin, ethnic and religious diversity of its population. While program might focus on the experience of selected immigrant/ethnic groups, it should include attention to the development of laws and policies governing immigration and citizenship and the impact of immigration on American society, politics and culture more broadly. Other topics/issues that might be addressed include: identity formation in immigrant/ethnic communities; the politics of bilingualism; social, economic, and cultural adaptation and political incorporation of immigrants; coalitions and conflicts among ethnic/racial groups; the role of ethnic lobbies in