

Small Business Administration

Special Assistant to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Economic Development. Effective January 26, 1995.

U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

Secretary (Office Automation) to the Assistant Director, Intelligence, Verification and Information Support Bureau. Effective December 23, 1994.

United States Information Agency

Director, Office of Thematic Programs to the Associate Director, Bureau of Information. Effective December 19, 1994.

Senior Assistant to the Director, United States Information Agency. Effective December 19, 1994.

Senior Advisor to the Associate Director, Bureau of Information. Effective January 10, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective January 12, 1995.

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Lorraine A. Green,

Deputy Director.

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Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; Invitation for Applications and Benefits Change Proposals

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of the acceptance of applications from new comprehensive medical plans (HMO's) for participation in the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, and benefits change proposals from plans currently participating in the FEHB Program, for contract year 1996.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will consider new applications from HMO's for the FEHB Program contract year beginning January 1, 1996. OPM will also consider benefits change proposals from plans currently in the FEHB Program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 890.203 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, authorizes OPM to invite applications from HMO's to participate in the FEHB Program, and to consider changes in rates and benefits for health benefits plans currently participating in the Program, when it determines that it

is in the best interests of enrollees and the Program to do so. By this notice, OPM is officially announcing its decision to consider applications from new HMO's, and benefits change proposals from participating plans, for contract year 1996.

OPM is extending the deadline for the submission of the completed application from January 31 to March 31, 1995. Plans must submit evidence demonstrating they meet all requirements for approval by March 31, 1995. However, that date would be extended, if OPM requests additional information, to 30 days from the date of OPM's request. All rate and benefits submissions are due by May 31, 1995.

Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King,

Director.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Public Hearings on Establishment of a Tariff-Rate Quota on Imported Tobacco

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 125(f) of the Trade Act of 1974, the Office of the United States Trade Representative has scheduled a public hearing on the potential establishment of a tariff-rate quota on certain imported tobaccos.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning public hearings and/or public comments, contact Carolyn Frank, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) (202-395-9557). All other questions should be directed to Thomas Hushek, Senior Economist for Agricultural Affairs (202-395-6127).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 28, 1994, the United States notified the Secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1947 (GATT 1947) of its proposal to modify certain concessions with respect to tobacco, in accordance with the provisions and procedures of Article XXVIII, paragraph 5 of the GATT 1947. (This notification was provided again on February 27, 1995 to the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization, in accordance with Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994). In July 1994, the United States entered into negotiations and consultations pursuant to Article XXVIII with qualifying GATT

contracting parties (initial negotiating rights holders and principal and substantial suppliers).

Pursuant to Article XXVIII, the United States proposes to establish a tariff-rate quota on nine current tariff categories of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) (2401.10.60, 2401.20.30, 2401.20.80, 2401.30.30, 2401.30.60, 2401.30.90, 2403.10.00, 2403.91.40, and 2403.99.00) to cover flue-cured, burley and other light air-cured tobaccos that are imported to be used in the manufacture of cigarettes for domestic consumption. The in-quota tariff rates would be equal to the Uruguay Round concession rates. The over-quota tariff rates would be as high as 350 percent *ad valorem*.

Other tobaccos, including oriental and cigar type tobaccos, would not be subject to the quantitative limitations of the tariff-rate quota. Imported flue-cured, burley and other light air-cured tobaccos used to manufacture products other than cigarettes would also not be subject to the tariff-rate quota.

Imported flue-cured, burley and other light air-cured tobaccos used to manufacture exported cigarettes would be eligible for manufacturing duty-drawback on an identity-preserved basis. Under section 422 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, upon proclamation of the tariff-rate quota, section 1106(a) of the Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1993 (7 U.S.C. 1314i), which concerns domestic marketing assessments for imported tobacco, would not be in effect for any calendar year other than 1994.

Section 125(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2135) provides that whenever the United States, acting in pursuance of any of its rights or obligations under any trade agreement entered into pursuant to that Act, section 350 of the Tariff Act 1930 or section 201 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, withdraws or modifies any obligation with respect to the trade of any foreign country or instrumentality, the President is authorized to proclaim increased duties or other import restrictions, for such periods as he deems necessary or appropriate, in order to exercise the rights or fulfill the obligations of the United States. As amended by section 421 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, section 125(c) authorizes the President to proclaim increased duties on the nine tariff categories of tobacco of up to 350% above the rates existing on January 1, 1975.

Before taking any action under section 125 to increase duties, the President is required by section 125(f) to provide for public hearings at which time interested

persons will be given a reasonable opportunity to be present, to produce evidence and to be heard.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS: Pursuant to section 125(f) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2135), the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), chaired by the Office of the United States Trade Representative, has scheduled a public hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 4, 1995, at the White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, Washington, DC.

REQUESTS TO PRESENT ORAL TESTIMONY: Parties wishing to testify orally at the hearings must provide written notification of their intention by noon, March 24, 1995 to Carolyn Frank, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 501, 600 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. The notification should include (1) the name of the person presenting the testimony, their address and telephone number; (2) the organization or company they are representing, if appropriate; and (3) a brief summary of their presentation, including the product(s), with HTSUS numbers. Those parties presenting oral testimony must also submit a written brief, in 20 copies by noon, March 24, 1995. Remarks at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the Chairman and the interagency panel. Participants should provide 30 typed copies of their oral statement at the time of the hearings. Any confidential material must be clearly marked as such on the cover page (or letter) and succeeding pages. Such submissions must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary thereof.

WRITTEN BRIEFS: Those persons not wishing to participate in the hearing may submit written comments, in twenty typed copies, no later than noon, March 29, 1995 to Carolyn Frank, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 501, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Comments should state clearly the position taken and describe with particularity the evidence supporting that position. Any business confidential material must be clearly marked as such on the cover page (or letter) and succeeding pages. Such submissions must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary thereof.

Nonconfidential submissions will be available for public inspection at the USTR Reading Room. An appointment

to review the file may be made by calling Brenda Webb (202-395-6186).

Frederick L. Montgomery,
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.
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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Notice of Commission Visit

Members of the Commission staff will attend a meeting in the Arlington Ballroom in the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia on March 13, 1995. At the meeting, representatives of the United States Postal Service will discuss potential proposals to amend the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule with mailers interested in reclassification. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm and conclude at approximately 4:00 pm.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated Relating to the Authority of the Committee on Floor Procedure

March 7, 1995.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1), notice is hereby given that on February 10, 1995, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated ("CHX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. On March 1, 1995, the Exchange submitted to the Commission Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.¹ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit

¹ See letter from David Rusoff, Foley & Lardner, to Jennifer Choi, SEC, dated February 27, 1995. The original filing incorrectly references Rule 3 of Article IV of the Exchange Rules as the rule to be amended. Amendment No. 1 alters the proposed rule change to reference Rule 3 of Article XII as the correct rule to be amended.

comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

At present, Rule 3 of Article XII provides the Committee on Floor Procedure with the authority to summarily fine members and exclude them from the Exchange premises under certain circumstances. The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 3 and interpretation .02 thereunder to provide the Committee on Floor Procedure with the same authority over persons associated with a member.² Under the current Rule 3, the Committee on Floor Procedure or an appropriately designated subcommittee has the authority to summarily fine and exclude from the Exchange a member whose conduct is deemed to be improper and to recommend investigations pursuant to Rule 1 of Article XII regarding any conduct on the floor of the Exchange. Specifically, any member of the Floor Committee or a member of its appropriately designated subcommittee may summarily fine any member for conduct classified as Class B³ in an amount not to exceed \$100. For conduct classified as Class A offenses,⁴ any member of the Floor Committee or a member of its appropriately designated subcommittee with the concurrence of two other floor officials (floor governors if immediately available) may summarily fine a member in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 and summarily exclude a member from the Exchange for no longer than the remainder of the trading day.

For either class of offenses, a member, who has been adversely affected by any action taken under Rule 3, except for a summary exclusion,⁵ by any person or

² The Exchange does not specifically define the term "associated person" in its Rules. For purposes of Rule 3, Article XII, the Exchange refers to an associated person as defined in Section 3(a)(18) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Conversation with David Rusoff, Foley & Lardner, and Jennifer Choi, Attorney, SEC, dated February 27, 1995. Section 3(a)(18) defines an "associated person of a broker or dealer" as any "partner, officer, director, or branch manager of such broker or dealer (or any person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions), any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with such broker or dealer, or any employee of such broker or dealer * * *."

³ Class B violations involve minor offenses such as dress code and smoking violations.

⁴ Class A represents more serious violations than Class B and includes such conduct as fighting, threatening speech, and other conduct that is detrimental to the interest or welfare of the Exchange.

⁵ A member summarily excluded has the right to petition for reinstatement after a sufficient "cooling-off" period has elapsed.