

contain the total package of registration, communications, and e-mail software. This software will be contained in one compact disk (CD-ROM). The NASD will charge a \$300 software subscription fee for each copy of the Main Office software purchased. The "Branch Filing" software, a subset of the Main Office package, will be available on 3½" diskettes and will enable firms to create an Initial U-4/DRP filing off-line for processing through the Main Office software functionality. The NASD will charge \$10.00 for each set of Branch Filing software purchased.

An annual software subscription fee of \$300 will be charged to offset the manufacture, packaging, and distribution of future releases of the software. Updated versions will be manufactured and shipped each year. These versions will contain enhancements to prior versions and are deemed necessary to keep all software current. This fee will be assessed for each copy of the software maintained by the firm.¹

The NASD believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(5) of the Act which requires that the rules of the NASD provide for equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges in that the proposed rule change allows the NASD to recover the costs of manufacturing, packaging, distributing and updating the software to be used in the new CRD system.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The NASD does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received

¹ NASD member firms that had fewer than 50 registered representatives on April 26, 1996, may comply with the NASD's requirement to file electronically with the new CRD system through any of three methods: (1) They may file electronically on their own by purchasing the NASD's software; (2) they may utilize a third party vendor to file on their behalf; or (3) through December 31, 1997, for a prescribed fee, these firms may file paper forms with the NASD which will process the forms through its own internal processing unit. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 37439 (July 15, 1996); 61 FR 37950 (July 22, 1996) (File No. SR-NASD-96-21).

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective on October 3, 1996, pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act and subparagraph (e) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder in that it establishes or changes a due, fee or other charge.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of a rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act, the Commission may summarily abrogate the 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.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statement 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 to 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 NASD. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NASD-96-36 and should be submitted by November 12, 1996.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority, 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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COMMISSION ON UNITED STATES-PACIFIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICY

Office of the United States Trade Representative

Commission on United States Pacific Trade and Investment Policy; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Commission on United States-Pacific Trade and Investment Policy/ Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice that the next meeting of the Commission on United States-Pacific Trade and Investment Policy is scheduled for October 18, 1996, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public.

SUMMARY: The Commission on United States-Pacific Trade and Investment Policy will hold a meeting on October 18, 1996, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public. The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues affecting U.S. trade policy with Asia and discussion of the Commission's final recommendations for its report to the President. Pursuant to section 2155(f)(2) of Title 19 of the United States Code, the USTR has 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.

DATE: The meeting is scheduled for October 18, 1996, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Patent Policy Dissemination, Crystal Square 4, Suite 700, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway (Route 1) Arlington, VA 22202, unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Adams, Executive Director of the Commission on United States-Pacific Trade and Investment Policy, Room 400, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20508, (202) 395-9679.

Nancy Adams,

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Charlene Barshefsky,

Acting United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.