

Corporation for publication on the "Tape" as administrative messages. A print of the NYSE listed portion of the basket would appear on Tape B reflecting the Exchange-listed portion of the basket transactions.

On T+3 members will report to the Exchange the names and number of shares of each Amex-listed stock included in the basket. On T+4, the Exchange will publish this information in its Daily Sales Report.

The Amex will waive all transaction fees in connection with the execution of coupled orders for Amex-listed securities which are part of an aggregate-price basket trade otherwise being done in the NYSE's Crossing Session II.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

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

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will impose no 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 solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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 Exchange 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. 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 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 Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-96-43 and should be submitted by December 17, 1996.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster Loan Area #9250]

Massachusetts (With Contiguous Counties in New Hampshire and Rhode Island); Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

Barnstable, Bristol and Essex Counties and the contiguous counties of Dukes, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, and Suffolk in the State of Massachusetts; Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties in New Hampshire; and Bristol, Newport, and Providence Counties in Rhode Island constitute an economic injury disaster area as a result of a fishery resource disaster as determined by the Secretary of Commerce. The incident period of this disaster is from December 12, 1994 and continuing. Eligible small businesses without credit available elsewhere and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance until the close of business on August 20, 1997 at the address listed below:

U.S. Small Business Administration,
Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow

Blvd. South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls,
New York 14303

or other locally announced locations. The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 4 percent.

The number assigned to this disaster for economic injury is 925000 for the State of Massachusetts, 925100 for New Hampshire, and 9252 for Rhode Island.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002)

Dated: November 20, 1996.

Ginger Lew,

Acting Administrator.

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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2911; Amendment #2]

New Hampshire; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated November 14, 1996, the above-named Declaration is hereby amended to include Merrimack and Sullivan Counties in the State of New Hampshire as a disaster area due to damages caused by a fall northeaster rainstorm which occurred October 20 through October 26, 1996.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous county of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire, and the contiguous counties of Windham and Windsor in the State of Vermont may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. All other counties contiguous to the above-named counties have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for loans for physical damage is December 28, 1996, and for loans for economic injury the deadline is July 29, 1997.

The number assigned to this disaster for economic injury is 925300 for Vermont.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: November 19, 1996.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).