

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Extension:

Rule 17a-7, SEC File No. 270-238,
OMB Control No. 3235-0214
Rule 17e-1, SEC File No. 270-224,
OMB Control No. 3235-0217
Rule 19a-1, SEC File No. 270-240,
OMB Control No. 3235-0216
Rule 31a-1, SEC File No. 270-173,
OMB Control No. 3235-0178

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of extension on previously approved collections of information:

Rule 17a-7 [17 CFR 270.17a-7] under the Act requires registered investment companies to keep various records in connection with certain purchase or sale transactions between investment companies and certain of their affiliates. The annual burden of meeting this requirement is estimated to be about one hour for each of an estimated 500 recordkeepers that enter into subject transactions each year, for a total annual burden of 500 hours.

Rule 17e-1 [17 CFR 270.17e-1] under the Act governs the remuneration a broker affiliated with an investment company may receive in connection with securities transactions by the investment company. The rule requires an investment company's board of directors to establish, and review, as necessary, procedures reasonably designed to provide that the remuneration to an affiliated broker is a fair amount compared to that received by other brokers in connection with transactions in similar securities during a comparable period of time. Each quarter, the board must determine that all transactions effected pursuant to the rule during the preceding quarter complied with the established procedures. Rule 17e-1(c) also requires the investment company to (i) maintain permanently a written copy of the procedures adopted by the board for complying with the requirements of the rule; and (ii) maintain for a period of six years a written record of each transaction subject to the rule setting forth the amount and source of the

commission, fee or other remuneration received; the identity of the broker; the terms of the transaction; and the materials used to determine that the transactions were effected in compliance with the procedures adopted by the board.

The Commission estimates that approximately 1,462 funds rely upon Rule 17e-1 each year. The total average annual burden for Rule 17e-1 per respondent is estimated to be 10 hours, for a total annual burden of 14,620 hours.

Rule 19a-1 [17 CFR 270.19a-1] under the Act sets forth specific requirements for the information which must be included in statements made pursuant to Section 19(a) by registered management investment companies (funds). The rule requires that the statement indicate what portions of the payment are made from net income, net profits and paid-in capital. When any part of the payment is made from net profits, Rule 19a-1 requires that the statement disclose certain other information relating to the appreciation or depreciation of portfolio securities. If an estimated portion is subsequently determined to be significantly inaccurate, a correction must be made on a statement made pursuant to Section 19(a) or in the first report to shareholders following the discovery of the inaccuracy.

It is estimated that approximately 3,000 funds are subject to the rule each year. It is estimated that compliance with the rule's requirements imposes a total annual burden per fund of approximately 30 minutes. The total annual burden for all funds is estimated at 1,500 hours.

Rule 31a-1 [17 CFR 270.31a-1] under the Act requires registered investment companies, and every underwriter, broker, dealer or investment adviser which is a majority-owned subsidiary of a registered investment company, to maintain and keep current accounts, books and other documents which constitute the record forming the basis for financial statements required to be filed pursuant to Section 30 [15 U.S.C. 80a-29] of the Act and of the auditor's certificates relating thereto. The rule lists specific records to be maintained by registered investment companies. The rule also requires certain underwriters, brokers, dealers, depositors and investment advisers to maintain such records as they are required to maintain under federal securities laws.

It is estimated that Rule 31a-1 imposes an average burden of approximately 5,260 hours annually per investment company. It is further

estimated that approximately 5,000 investment companies are subject to the rule each year, so that the total annual burden for all investment companies would be 26,300,000 hours. Most of the records required to be maintained by the rule are the type that generally would be maintained as a matter of good business practice and to prepare the investment company's financial statements.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission at the address below. Any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for compliance with Commission rules and forms should be directed to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 and Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

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Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.
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Master Investment Trust, Series II; Notice of Application

January 7, 1997.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

ACTION: Notice of Application for Deregistration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

APPLICANT: Master Investment Trust, Series II.

RELEVANT ACT SECTION: Order requested under section 8(f) of the Act.

FILING DATE: The application was filed on September 23, 1996 and amended on December 19, 1996.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicant requests an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be