

fixed income securities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7)(ii) of the Board's Regulation Y; and investment advisory activities, especially advice with respect to real estate equity and debt investments, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 19, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

[Docket No. R-0997]

Treatment of U.S. Companies Operating in Government Debt Market in the Netherlands

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice of study and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Primary Dealers Act of 1988, which became effective on August 23, 1989, the Federal Reserve may not designate or permit the continuation of the designation of any person of a foreign country as a primary dealer in government debt instruments if such foreign country does not accord to U.S. companies the same competitive opportunities in the underwriting and distribution of government debt instruments issued by such country as such country accords to its domestic companies. Pursuant to this Act, the Federal Reserve is reviewing the government debt market of the Netherlands and requests public comment on the treatment of U.S. companies with respect to the Netherlands' government debt market, focusing in particular on the treatment of U.S. companies relative to domestic firms.

DATE: Comments must be received by February 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, which should refer to Docket No. R-0997, may be mailed to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20551, to the attention of Mr. William W. Wiles, Secretary. Comments addressed to the attention of Mr. Wiles may also be delivered to the Board's mailroom between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. weekdays and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mailroom and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C

Street, NW. Comments will be available for inspection and copying by members of the public in the Freedom of Information Office, Room MP-500, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, except as provided in section 261.8 of the Board's Rules Regarding the Availability of Information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen O'Day, Associate General Counsel (202/452-3786), or Ann Misback, Managing Senior Counsel (202/452-3788), Legal Division; or Larry Promisel, Senior Advisor (202/452-3533), Division of International Finance; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. For the hearing impaired *only*, Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), Diane Jenkins (202/452-3544), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets NW., Washington, D.C. 20551.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Primary Dealers Act of 1988 ("Act"), 22 U.S.C. §§ 5341-5342, the Federal Reserve may not permit a person of a foreign country to act as a primary dealer in U.S. government securities if the person's home country does not accord U.S. companies the same competitive opportunities as the foreign country accords domestic companies in underwriting and distributing government debt obligations of such foreign country. A "person of a foreign country" includes any foreign individual or company that directly or indirectly controls a primary dealer.

A subsidiary of a bank organized in the Netherlands proposes to be designated as a primary dealer in U.S. government securities. Accordingly, in order to make the determination required by the Act, the Federal Reserve is undertaking a study of the government debt market of the Netherlands to determine whether U.S. companies are accorded national treatment in their access to that market.

The Federal Reserve would welcome the views of U.S. firms or other persons on the specific respects in which U.S. companies are accorded, or are not accorded, the same competitive opportunities in the underwriting and distribution of Dutch government debt instruments as the Netherlands accords to Dutch domestic companies. All such comments, which should be submitted by February 27, 1998, would be considered in the context of the study of this market.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 19, 1997.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on April 10, 1997 and allowed 60-days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

5 CFR 1320.5 (General requirements) Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements: Finale Rule requires that the agency inform the potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This information is required to be stated in the 30-day **Federal Register** Notice.

Proposed Collection

Title: The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Study. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 0925-0281). *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This project involves a physical examination and a survey of an additional sample of 45-64 year old persons living in the same communities as the original ARIC Study participant. Information from this sample and from the original cohort collected 10 years earlier will be used to assess temporal trends in selected atherosclerosis risk factor domains. *Frequency of Response:* The recruited individuals will participate in a home interview and an in-clinic examination. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households. *Type of Respondents:* Adults 45-64 years old. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8356; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 4.071; *Average Burden Hours per Response:* 0.5211; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 17,726. The cost to the respondents consists of their time; time