

securities sufficient to further describe the special characteristics of these products.

Rule 9b-1 provides that an options market must file five preliminary copies of an amended ODD with the Commission at least 30 days prior to the date definitive copies of the ODD are furnished to customers, unless the Commission determines otherwise, having due regard for the adequacy of information disclosed and the protection of investors.⁵ The Commission has reviewed the Supplement, and finds that it is consistent with the protection of investors and in the public interest to allow the distribution of the Supplement as of the date of this order.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Rule 9b-1 under the Act,⁶ that the proposed Supplement regarding options on interests in unit investment trusts, investment companies, and similar entities holding portfolios of equity securities (SR-ODD-98-1) is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program (SSA/Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Public Debt (BPD))—Match Number 1038

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of computer matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a computer matching program that SSA plans to conduct with BPD.

DATES: SSA will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The matching program will be effective as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefax

to (410) 966-0869 or writing to the Associate Commissioner for Program Support, 4400 West High Rise Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Associate Commissioner for Program Support as shown above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. General

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. (Pub. L.) 100-503) amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) by establishing the conditions under which computer matching involving the Federal Government could be performed and adding certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such individuals.

The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. Among other things, it requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

- (1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;
- (2) Obtain the approval of the matching agreement by the Data Integrity Boards (DIB) of the participating Federal Agencies;
- (3) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;
- (4) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and
- (5) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating or denying an individual's benefits or payments.

B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act

We have taken action to ensure that this computer matching program complies with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: November 12, 1998.

Kenneth S. Apfel,

Commissioner of Social Security.

Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Public Debt (BPD)

A. Participating Agencies

SSA and BPD.

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of this matching program is to establish conditions and procedures for BPD's disclosure of certain savings bond information useful to SSA in verifying eligibility and payment amounts of individuals under the supplemental security income (SSI) program. The SSI program was created under title XVI of the Social Security Act (the Act) to provide benefits under the rules of that title to individuals with income and resources below levels established by law and regulations.

C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Sections 1631(e)(1)(B) and (f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(1)(B) and (f)).

D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

SSA will provide BPD with a finder file, extracted from SSA's Supplemental Security Income Record System, containing Social Security numbers of individuals who have applied for or receive SSI payments. This information will be matched with BPD files in BPD's savings bond registration system of records (United States savings-type securities) and a reply file of matched records will be furnished to SSA. Upon receipt of BPD's reply file, SSA will match identifying information from the BPD file with SSA's records to determine preliminarily whether the data pertain to the relevant SSI applicant or recipient before beginning the process of verifying bond ownership and taking any necessary benefit actions.

E. Inclusive Dates of the Match

The matching program shall become effective upon signing of the agreement by both parties to the agreement and approval of the agreement by the Data Integrity Boards of the respective agencies, but no sooner than 40 days after notice of this matching program is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later.

The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date

⁵ This provision is intended to permit the Commission either to accelerate or extend the time period in which definitive copies of a disclosure document may be distributed to the public.

⁶ 17 CFR 240.9b-1.

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(39).

and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket No. 301-117]

Section 304 Determination: Intellectual Property Laws and Practices of the Government of Paraguay; Termination of Intellectual Property Review of Paraguay Under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of determination, termination and monitoring.

SUMMARY: Having concluded the investigation undertaken pursuant to section 302 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Trade Act"), the United States Trade Representative (USTR) has determined pursuant to section 304(a)(1)(A)(ii) that certain acts, policies and practices of the Government of Paraguay concerning the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights are unreasonable and discriminatory and constitute a burden or restriction on United States commerce. On November 17, 1998, the United States and Paraguay signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which the Government of Paraguay committed to take a number of near-term and longer-term actions to address the practices that were the subject of this investigation. In light of the foregoing, the USTR has determined: not to take further action at this time; to terminate the investigation; and to monitor Paraguay's implementation of the MOU. The GSP review of Paraguay's intellectual property practices has also been terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Claude Burcky, Director for Intellectual Property, (202) 395-6864; Kellie Meiman, Director for Mercosur and the Southern Cone, (202) 395-5190; or GERALYN S. RITTER, Assistant General Counsel, (202) 395-6800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 16, 1998, the USTR identified Paraguay as a "priority foreign country" under the "Special 301" provisions of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2242). In identifying Paraguay as a "priority foreign country," the USTR noted deficiencies in Paraguay's acts, policies, and practices regarding intellectual

property, including a lack of effective action to enforce intellectual property rights. The USTR also observed that the Government of Paraguay had failed to enact adequate and effective intellectual property legislation covering patents, copyrights and trademarks. As required under Section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Trade Act, (19 U.S.C. 2412(b)(2)(A)), the USTR initiated an investigation of these acts, policies and practices on February 17, 1998. On August 4, 1998, the USTR extended the investigation until November 17, 1998, in light of the complex and complicated issues involved, pursuant to section 304(a)(3)(B) of the Trade Act. On October 16, 1998, the USTR proposed to determine under section 304(a)(1)(A)(ii) that the Government of Paraguay's acts, policies and practices regarding intellectual property are unreasonable, discriminatory and burden or restrict U.S. commerce, and requested public comment on what action, if any, to take in response.

During bilateral negotiations held to resolve these issues, the Government of Paraguay indicated that it has undertaken and will undertake a number of actions to improve the protection of intellectual property rights in Paraguay. For example, since this investigation was initiated, Paraguay has passed new copyright and trademark laws, and has undertaken efforts to legalize government use of software. The Government of Paraguay also has made efforts to improve enforcement of intellectual property rights, including conducting a number of notable recent seizures of counterfeit and pirated products. Despite these efforts, however, piracy and counterfeiting of U.S. products continue to be serious problems in Paraguay.

On November 17, 1998, the United States and Paraguay signed an MOU that includes an Enforcement Action Plan to address the issues that were the subject of this investigation. The MOU contains specific near-term and longer-term obligations that, when fully implemented, will greatly strengthen Paraguayan intellectual property law and enforcement procedures. For example, Paraguay has committed to implement institutional reforms to strengthen enforcement at its borders and to pursue amendments that will facilitate effective prosecution of copyright piracy. Paraguay also has committed to take immediate action against known centers of piracy and counterfeiting, and to coordinate the anti-piracy efforts of its customs, police, prosecutorial and tax authorities. In addition, Paraguay has agreed to pursue reform of its patent law, and to ensure

that its government ministries use only authorized software.

Section 304 Determination

The USTR determines pursuant to section 304(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Trade Act that acts, policies, and practices of the Government of Paraguay with respect to the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights are unreasonable and discriminatory and constitute a burden or restriction on U.S. commerce. In light of the MOU signed by the Government of Paraguay on November 17, 1998, the USTR has determined not to take further action at this time under section 301(b)(2) of the Trade Act and has terminated this investigation. Pursuant to section 306 of the Trade Act, the USTR will monitor Paraguay's implementation of the MOU and will determine what further action to take under section 301(a) of the Trade Act if Paraguay does not satisfactorily implement the MOU.

Termination of GSP Review

In 1996, a review of Paraguay's protection of intellectual property rights was initiated in response to a petition filed by Nintendo. In light of the above-referenced MOU and Paraguay's recent steps to improve intellectual property protection, the GSP review is terminated.

Joanna K. McIntosh,

Chairman, Section 301 Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

**Aviation Proceedings, Agreements
Filed During the Week Ending
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The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

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Subject:

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