

2. By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Attention: Docket and Service Branch.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

1. The interest of the requester in the proceeding;

2. How the interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in Section 2.1205(h).

3. The requester's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

4. The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with Section 2.1205(d).

In accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.1205(f), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail to:

1. The applicant, Fansteel, Inc., Number Ten Tantalum Place, Muskogee, OK, 74403-9296; Attention: Mr. John J. Hunter; and

2. The NRC staff, by delivering to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Questions with respect to this action should be referred to NRC's project manager for Fansteel, Inc., Michael Adjodha, at (301) 415-8147 or by electronic mail at meal@nrc.gov.

For further details with respect to this action, the application for amendment request is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 6th day of April 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Theodore S. Sherr,

Chief, Licensing and International Safeguards Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, NMSS.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Statement of policy.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation is announcing its policy to use alternative dispute resolution for resolving appropriate disputes in a timely and cost-efficient manner in accordance with the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996 and the Presidential Memorandum of May 1, 1998, implementing that act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 12, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Israel Goldowitz, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005-4026; 202-326-4020. (For TTY/TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4020.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On October 8, 1991 (56 FR 50740), the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation requested comments to help it develop a policy on use of alternative dispute resolution in accordance with statutory requirements. The PBGC did not receive any comments.

The PBGC recognizes that, in appropriate circumstances, there may be more effective methods to resolve issues that would otherwise be resolved through adversarial administrative or judicial processes. Although there is never an entitlement to alternative dispute resolution, the voluntary use of alternative dispute resolution, such as mediation, fact-finding, neutral evaluation, and arbitration, often can provide faster, less expensive, and more effective resolution of disputes that arise with employees, contractors, the regulated community and others with whom the agency does business. In recognition of this, it is the PBGC's policy to ensure that its staff: (1) Will be knowledgeable about alternative means of dispute resolution, (2) will examine the suitability of using alternative means of dispute resolution to resolve issues that would otherwise be resolved through adversarial administrative or judicial processes, and (3) in appropriate disputes, will use alternative means of dispute resolution in a good faith effort to achieve consensual resolution of issues in controversy involving the agency.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 6th day of April, 1999.

David M. Strauss,

Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Bestfoods, Common Stock, Par Value \$.25) File No. 1-4199

April 5, 1999.

Bestfoods ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 12d2-2(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified security ("Security") from listing and registration on the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX" or "Exchange").

The reasons cited in the application for withdrawing the Security from listing and registration include the following:

The Security is currently listed for trading on the PCX, the Chicago Stock Exchange, and the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). The Company has considered all the direct and indirect costs arising from maintaining these multiple listings and has determined to withdraw the Security from listing on the PCX and maintain its listing on the NYSE.

The Company has complied with the rules of the PCX by filing with the Exchange a certified copy of resolutions adopted by the Company's Board of Directors authorizing withdrawal of its Security from listing on the PCX as well as correspondence setting forth in detail to the Exchange the reasons for such proposed withdrawal, and the facts in support thereof.

The Exchange has informed the Company that it has no objection to the withdrawal of the Company's Security from listing on the Exchange.

This application relates solely to the withdrawal of the Security by the Company from listing on the PCX and shall have no effect upon the continued listing of such Security on the NYSE. By reason of section 12(b) of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, the Company shall continue to be obligated to file reports under section 13 of the Act with the Commission and with the NYSE.

Any interested person may, on or before April 26, 1999, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Exchange and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on