

2. Statutory Basis

NASD Regulation believes that the Notice to Members is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,⁵ which requires, among other things, that the Association's rules be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. NASD Regulation believes that member firms that permit customers to engage in extended hours trading have an obligation under just and equitable principles of trade to disclose to such customers the material risks of extended hours trading. Similarly, members that advertise the opportunities and benefits of extended hours trading must also disclose the materials risks. NASD Regulation believes that this Notice to Members is an important element to protect investors and the public interest with respect to extended hours trading.⁶

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

NASD Regulation does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(1)⁸ in that it constitutes a stated policy and interpretation with respect to the meaning of an existing rule.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of a rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act, the Commission may summarily abrogate the rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

⁶ In reviewing this proposal, the Commission has considered its impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.196-4(f)(1).

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0609. 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 Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASD-00-01 and should be submitted by February 25, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of Visa Services

[Public Notice 3211]

30-Day Notice of Information Collection; Petition to Classify Special Immigrant Under INA 203(b)(4) as an Employee Or Former Employee of the U.S. Government Abroad, Form DS-1884

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information to the Office of Management and Budget(OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Reinstatement of Form.

Originating Office: CA/VO/F/P.

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Title of Information Collection: Petition to Classify Special Immigrants Under INA 203(b)(4) as an Employee or Former Employee of the U.S. Government Abroad.

Frequency: 500.

Form Number: DS-1884.

Respondents: Foreign Applicants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Average Hours Per Response: .5 hours.

Total Estimated Burden: 250 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Daria Darnell, U.S. Department of State, 2401E ST NW, RM L-703, Washington, DC 20520, Tel: 202-663-1253. Public comments and questions should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, (202) 395-5871.

Dated: January 12, 2000.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3189]

Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International

Law: Study Group Related to the Protection of Children Conventions and Agreements; Meeting notice

There will be a public meeting of a Study Group of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law on Saturday, February 26, 2000, to discuss international protection of children issues. The meeting will be held from 9:30 to 4:30

p.m. in room 208 Vanderbilt Hall, New York University School of Law, 40 Washington Square South, New York, New York 10012. The meeting is scheduled to follow the Sixth Annual Herbert and Rose L. Rubin Symposium on International Law taking place at the School of Law on Friday, February 25, 2000, presented by the Journal of International Law and Politics:

“Celebrating Twenty Years: The Past and Promise of the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.”

The purpose of the Study Group meeting is to assist the State Department develop United States policy in regard to existing and possible future international arrangements governing the protection of children. Discussions will center on the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction; the 1996 Hague Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Cooperation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children; United States bilateral arrangements for the enforcement of family support obligations, state arrangements for the enforcement of family support obligations, the 1956 United Nations Convention on the Recovery of Maintenance Abroad, and the proposed development of a new Hague convention on the enforcement of maintenance obligations.

Presentations by experts, both domestic and foreign, at the New York University symposium on Friday will provide a comprehensive background on the 1980 Abduction and 1996 Protection Conventions. In particular, the Study Group will consider the advisability of seeking signature and ratification of the 1996 Convention. The issues covered by these conventions are also related to the extent and effectiveness of international maintenance enforcement and the feasibility of the United States concluding bilateral arrangements. The experience of the United States at the federal and state level with bilateral arrangements will affect the policy positions to be taken by the United States in its continuing consideration of such arrangements and in participating in the development of a new multilateral maintenance convention by the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

Persons interested in the Study Group or in attending the February 26 meeting in New York may request copies of the conventions to be discussed, the United States legislation authorizing bilateral arrangements and the report of the 1999

Hague Conference meeting on maintenance conventions. These documents may be requested from Ms. Rosie Gonzales by fax at (202) 776-8482, by telephone at (202) 776-8420 (you may leave your request, name, telephone number and mailing address on the answering machine) or by email to [pildb@his.com].

The Study Group meeting is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. Persons who wish to attend the meeting should notify Ms. Gonzales no later than February 23, and also provide their company or organization affiliation, mailing and email addresses and fax and telephone numbers. Any person who is unable to attend, but wishes to have his or her views considered, may send comments to Ms. Gonzales at the above fax number or email address or may address them to the office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law (L/PIL), Suite 203, South Building, 2430 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037-2856.

Persons who are also interested in and want information about the symposium on Friday, February 25 should contact Ms. Karin Wolfe, Senior Symposium Editor, Journal of International Law and Politics, New York University School of Law, 110 West Third Street, New York, NY 10012-1074; phone: (212) 998-6520, fax: (212) 995-4032.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice; Port Columbus International Airport, Columbus, OH

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the Columbus Municipal Airport Authority for Port Columbus International Airport under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Public Law 96-193) and 14 CFR Part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is January 3, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Jagiello, Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, Detroit Airports District Office, DET ADO-670.1, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111, (734) 487-7296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for the Port Columbus International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective January 3, 2000.

Under Section 103 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by the FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to title I of the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes for the reduction of existing non-compatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and related description submitted by the Columbus Municipal Airport Authority for Port Columbus International Airport. The specific maps under consideration are the noise exposure maps:

Figure 3.4, “1998 Existing Condition Noise Exposure Map”, and Figure 4.4, “2003 Future Condition Noise Exposure Map” of the submission. The FAA has determined that these maps for Port Columbus International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on January 3, 2000. The FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of FAR Part