

company may choose its specialist unit. For example, a newly-listing company that is related to an already listed company may choose to stay with the current specialist for the listed company or choose to go through the Allocation Committee.³ The newly-listing company may choose to stay with the current specialist for the related listed company even if such unit is under an allocation freeze imposed by the MPC as long as the unit is not subject to a performance improvement action.

Similarly, under the Allocation Policy, the newly-listing company may choose its specialist from among a group of specialist units chosen by the Allocation Committee. The Allocation Committee has the ability to exclude or include the current specialist for the related company in such a group. If the specialist unit was under an allocation freeze imposed by the MPC, it would not be precluded from being placed in the group or chosen by the newly-listing company as long as the allocation freeze was not the result of a performance improvement action.

c. Floor Member Qualifications and Continuing Education. The Exchange also proposes to amend Rule 103A to make mandatory: (i) Participation by proposed Floor members in an Exchange-sponsored educational program before such individuals would be permitted to act as members on the Floor; and (ii) participation by all Floor members in an Exchange-sponsored educational program, conducted semi-annually, and at such other times as may be appropriate in connection with any particular matter or matters. Rule 103A would also make it mandatory for Floor members to participate in any testing programs the Exchange may introduce from time to time in connection with the mandatory education program.

d. Stock Assignments and Reassignments and Organizational Changes of Specialist Units. The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 103A to codify the Committee's authority with respect to approving stock assignments and reassignments, assignments in special stock situations, and organizational changes to specialist units. Such situations typically involve: (i) Changes in a specialist unit's organizational structure effecting control of the specialist unit, such as split-ups and mergers; (ii) withdrawal of individual specialists from one specialist unit, where the specialists propose to register with another unit and transfer certain securities to such

other unit; and (iii) assignments of newly-listed securities to a specialist unit already registered in a security with a trading relationship to the newly-listed securities (e.g., a corporate restructuring of a listed company; stocks involved in mergers of listed companies; and immediate relisting of a listed company that delisted for technical reasons). In all of these situations, the MPC will review the proposal, and approve the matter if the Committee believes that market quality in the securities subject to the proposal will not be eroded.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act,⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(5),⁵ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and protect investors and the public interest. The amendments to Rule 103A are consistent with these objectives in that they facilitate high quality member performance through the reallocation of stocks by the MPC and the Floor member qualification and mandatory education program.

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

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve the proposed rule change, or

(B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

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 NW, Washington, DC 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, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NYSE. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-99-44 and should be submitted by April 4, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Inquiries Regarding Security Classification Program

AGENCY: Selective Service System.

ACTION: Notice.

Pursuant to Executive Order 12958, Sec. 5.6(c)(2), notice is hereby given that any queries regarding Selective Service System (SSS) Security Information should be directed to the Readiness Division, Operations Directorate, Selective Service System.

Address for receipt of public comments or inquires regarding this notice: Justo Gonzalez, Jr., COL EN, Director of Operations, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209-2425.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42487 (March 2, 2000).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.3-3(a)(12).

Dated: March 8, 2000.

Gil Coronado,

Director.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, these notices announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request approval on a new, and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimate is accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Terri A. Dickerson, Associate Administrator, Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Certification & Eligibility, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW, Suite 8000A.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri A. Dickerson, Associate Administrator, 202-619-1727 or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* "8(a) Business Development and Small Disadvantaged Business Programs Application".

Form No: 1010.

Description of Respondents: Small Disadvantaged Businesses and 8(a) eligible Companies.

Annual Responses: 10,000.

Annual Burden: 30,000.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; New System of Records; New Routine Use Disclosures; and Alterations to Existing Systems of Records

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: New System of Records, Proposed Routine Uses and Alterations to Existing Systems of Records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (e)(11)), we are issuing public notice of our intent to:

(1) Establish a new system of records, the Social Security Title VIII Special Veterans Benefits Claims Development and Management Information System, and routine uses applicable to this system, and

(2) Alter two existing systems of records entitled the Claims Folders System and the Supplemental Security Income Record.

The proposed new system of records and the two altered systems of records will maintain information collected for use in connection with SSA's implementation of title VIII of the Social Security Act (the Act), Special Veterans Benefits (SVB). We invite public comment on these proposals.

DATES: We filed a report of the proposed new system of records and proposed altered systems of records with the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Director, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget on February 18, 2000. We also requested a waiver of the OMB 40-day advance notice requirements. If OMB does not grant the waiver we will not implement the proposal before March 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals may comment on this publication by writing to the SSA Privacy Officer, Social Security Administration, 3-F-1 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. All comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Joan Peddicord (new system of records) or Ms. Hazel Brodie (alterations to the existing systems), Social Insurance Policy Specialists, Social Security Administration, Room 3-C-3 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, telephone (410) 966-6491 or (410) 965-1744, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Purpose of the Proposed New System of Records, the Social Security Title VIII Special Veterans Benefits Claims Development and Management Information System and Proposed Alterations to Existing Systems of Records, the Claims Folders System and the Supplemental Security Income Record

A. General Background

On December 14, 1999, Public Law 106-169, the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999, was enacted into law. Section 251 of this law added title VIII to the Act, providing a new benefit program, Special Benefits for Certain World War II Veterans. Under this title, veterans of the U.S. military and the organized military forces of the Philippines (while in the service of the U.S. Armed Forces) during World War II, who are age 65 or older on or before December 14, 1999, and who are eligible for supplemental security income (SSI) benefits in both the month of enactment and the month of application for the special benefit, and whose total benefit income is less than the title VIII benefit amount are entitled to a title VIII benefit for each month the individual resides outside the United States.

SSA is responsible for the administration of the SVB to eligible veterans under title VIII of the Act. In order to administer this program SSA must collect and maintain personally identifiable information about applicants for title VIII SVB and be able to retrieve specific information about each applicant's claim. Thus, SSA's maintenance of this information requires it to modify existing systems of records and to create a new system of records under the Privacy Act. Information about the applicants for SVB will be maintained in a new system of records, the Social Security Title VIII Special Veterans Benefits Claims Development and Management Information System, and in two existing systems of records, the Claims Folders System and the Supplemental Security Income Record.

B. Proposed New System of Record, the Social Security Title VIII Special Veterans Benefits Claims Development and Management Information System

1. Purpose

All information in this system of records will be maintained under the claimant/beneficiary's name and SSN. The system of records will be designed to permit electronic entry and retrieval of claims development and tracking and management information about title VIII SVB claims. This electronic record will