

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. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CBOE. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-CBOE-00-17 and should be submitted by June 6, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-42783; File No. SR-NASD-00-05]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Granting Approval to Proposed Rule Change by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to the Release of Disciplinary Information

May 15, 2000.

#### I. Introduction

On February 16, 2000, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD" or "Association"), through its wholly owned subsidiary NASD Regulation, Inc. ("NASD Regulation"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to amend IM-8310-2 of the Association, to provide for the publication of all final, litigated decisions issued by the Office of Hearing Officers ("OHO"),<sup>3</sup> the National

Adjudicatory Council ("NAC"), and the NASD Board, regardless of sanctions imposed.

The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000.<sup>4</sup> No comments were received on the proposal. This order approves the proposal.

#### II. Description of the Proposal

Some NASD disciplinary decisions are currently available in electronic legal research databases, such as Westlaw, Lexis-Nexis, and Books on Screen. Interpretative Material 8310-2 (the "Interpretation") permits the NASD to release any disciplinary decision: (1) Imposing a suspension, cancellation or expulsion of a member; (2) imposing a suspension or revocation of the registration of any associated person; (3) imposing a suspension or barring a member or associated person from association with all members; (4) imposing monetary sanctions of \$10,000 or more on a member or associated person; (5) containing on alleged violation of a Designated Rule; or (6) deemed by the President of NASD Regulation to involve a significant policy or enforcement determination where the release of information would be in the public interest.

The Association is proposing to amend the Interpretation to provide for the publication of all final, litigated decisions issued by the OHO, the NAC, and the NASD Board, regardless of sanctions imposed. However, the names of the parties and other identifying information mentioned in the decisions that do not meet the current enumerated publication criteria, as outlined in the Interpretation (listed above), will be redacted from these decisions.

Settlements, Letters of Acceptance, Waivers and Consents ("AWCs"), and Minor Rule Violation Plan letters are excluded from this proposal. The proposed rule change will not have any impact on the information contained in or disclosed by the Central Registration Depository system. The NASD will make available all decisions covered under this proposal that were issued after August 7, 1997, the effective date of the most recent significant changes to the NASD Code of Procedure.<sup>5</sup>

#### III. Discussion

The Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> which requires,

among other things, that the rules of an association 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. In particular, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with Section 15A(b)(7) of the Act<sup>7</sup> in that it works to adequately safeguard the interest of investors while establishing fair rules for its members and persons associated with its members.

The Commission believes that providing the public with this expanded information on disciplinary decisions will provide a clearer picture of the Association's current application and interpretation of its substantive and procedural rules. The NASD will make the information available to vendors of legal research databases. Members will have additional insight into how NASD rules are enforced, making it easier for them to comply with the rules.

*It is therefore ordered,* pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>8</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-NASD-00-05) is approved. The NASD will announce the effective date of this rule in a Notice to Members to be published within 60 days of the date on this order. The effective date will be 30 days following publication of the Notice to Members announcing Commission approval.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>9</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3253]

### State of California

Los Angeles County and the contiguous counties of Kern, Orange, San Bernardino, and Ventura in the State of California constitute a disaster area as a result of severe storms that occurred on April 18, 2000. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on July 10, 2000 and for economic injury until the close of business on February 9, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> The OHO issues decisions rendered by Hearing Officers (default decisions) and Hearing Panels.

<sup>4</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42607 (April 3, 2000), 65 FR 19421.

<sup>5</sup> See Special NASD Notice to Member 97-55 (August 1997).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78-o 3(b)(6).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78-o 3(b)(7).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Area 4 Office, P.O. Box 13795,  
Sacramento, CA 95853-4795.

The interest rates are:

*For Physical Damage*

Homeowners with credit available  
elsewhere: 7.625%

Homeowners without credit available  
elsewhere: 3.812%

Businesses with credit available  
elsewhere: 8.000%

Businesses and non-profit organizations  
without credit available elsewhere:  
4.000%

Others (including non-profit  
organizations) with credit available  
elsewhere: 6.750%

*For Economic Injury*

Businesses and small agricultural  
cooperatives without credit available  
elsewhere: 4.000%

The numbers assigned to this disaster  
are 325311 for physical damage and  
9H3200 for economic injury.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  
Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: May 9, 2000.

**Kris Swedin,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster  
#9H25]**

**State of Connecticut (and Contiguous  
Counties in the State of Rhode Island)**

New London County and the  
contiguous counties of Hartford,  
Middlesex, Tolland, and Windham in  
Connecticut, and Kent and Washington  
Counties in Rhode Island constitute an  
economic injury disaster loan area as a  
result of a fire that occurred on March  
6, 2000 in the Village of Mystic, in the  
Town of Groton. Eligible small  
businesses and small agricultural  
cooperatives without credit available  
elsewhere may file applications for  
economic injury assistance as a result of  
this disaster until the close of business  
on February 2, 2001 at the address listed  
below or other locally announced  
locations: U.S. Small Business  
Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office,  
360 Rainbow Blvd, South, 3rd Floor,  
Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rate for eligible small  
businesses and small agricultural  
cooperatives is 4 percent.

The economic injury number for the  
State of Rhode Island is 9H2600.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  
Program No. 59002)

Dated: May 8, 2000.

**Kris Swedin,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Declaration of Disaster #3252]**

**State of Kansas**

As a result of the President's major  
disaster declaration on May 3, 2000, I  
find that Crawford, Labette, and Neosho  
Counties in the State of Kansas  
constitute a disaster area due to  
damages caused by severe storms and  
tornadoes that occurred April 19-20,  
2000. Applications for loans for  
physical damage as a result of this  
disaster may be filed until the close of  
business on July 2, 2000, and for loans  
for economic injury until the close of  
business on February 5, 2001 at the  
address listed below or other locally  
announced locations: U.S. Small  
Business Administration, Disaster Area  
3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite  
102, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

In addition, applications for economic  
injury loans from small businesses  
located in the following contiguous  
counties may be filed until the specified  
date at the above location: Allen,  
Bourbon, Cherokee, Montgomery,  
Wilson, and Woodson Counties in  
Kansas; Barton, Jasper, and Vernon  
Counties in Missouri; and Craig and  
Nowata Counties in Oklahoma.

The interest rates are:

*For Physical Damage*

Homeowners with credit available  
elsewhere: 7.625%

Homeowners without credit available  
elsewhere: 3.812%

Businesses with credit available  
elsewhere: 8.000%

Businesses and non-profit organizations  
without credit available elsewhere:  
4.000%

Others (including non-profit  
organizations) with credit available  
elsewhere: 6.750%

*For Economic Injury*

Businesses and small agricultural  
cooperatives without credit available  
elsewhere: 4.000%

The number assigned to this disaster  
for physical damage is 325212. For  
economic injury the numbers are  
9H2200 for Kansas, 9H2300 for  
Missouri, and 9H2400 for Oklahoma.

Dated: May 8, 2000.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  
Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster  
Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Region III Advisory Council Meeting;  
Public Meeting**

The South Atlantic States, Regulatory  
Fairness Board will hold a public  
hearing on June 22, 2000, at Morgan  
State University, Main Lecture Hall,  
Schaefer Building, located at 5200  
Perring Parkway, Room 241, Baltimore,  
Maryland to receive comments and  
testimony from small businesses and  
representatives of trade associations  
concerning federal regulatory  
enforcement or compliance activities.  
Transcripts of these proceedings will be  
posted on the Internet. These transcripts  
are subject only to limited review by the  
National Ombudsman. For further  
information, call Elestine Harvey (312)  
353-0880.

**Bettie Baca,**

*Counselor to the Administrator/Public  
Liaison.*

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Finding Regarding the Social  
Insurance System of Bosnia and  
Herzegovina**

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration.  
**ACTION:** Notice of finding regarding the  
Social Insurance System of Bosnia and  
Herzegovina.

**FINDING:** Section 202(t)(1) of the Social  
Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(1))  
prohibits payment of monthly benefits  
to any individual who is not a United  
States citizen or national for any month  
after he or she has been outside the  
United States for 6 consecutive months,  
and prior to the first month thereafter  
for all of which the individual has been  
in the United States. This prohibition  
does not apply to such an individual  
where one of the exceptions described  
in sections 202(t)(2) through 202(t)(5) of  
the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
402(t)(2) through 402(t)(5)) affects his or  
her case.

Section 202(t)(2) of the Social  
Security Act provides that, subject to  
certain residency requirements of  
section 202(t)(11), the prohibition