

**RRB-46**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Personnel Security Files.

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31. The following section in RRB-46 is revised, and a purpose section is added, to read as follows:

**PURPOSE(S):**

The purpose of this system of records is to maintain files documenting the processing of investigations on RRB employees and applicants for employment used in making security/suitability determinations.

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**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are kept in a locked cabinet; only authorized persons are permitted access.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Records are destroyed upon notification of death or not later than 5 years after separation or transfer of employee

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**RRB-48**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Employee Identification Card Files (Building Passes).

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32. A purpose section is added to RRB-48 to read as follows:

**PURPOSE(S):**

The purpose of this system of records is to validate employees who have been given access to the building.

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**RRB-49**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Telephone Call Detail Records.

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33. A purpose section is added to RRB-49 to read as follows:

**PURPOSE(S):**

The purpose of this system of records are to verify the correctness of telephone service billing and to detect and deter possible improper use of agency telephones by agency employees and contractors.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-43458; File No. SR-BSE-00-14]

**Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. To Amend Its Transaction Fee Schedule and Floor Operations Fee Schedule**

October 18, 2000.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4<sup>2</sup> thereunder, notice hereby is given that on September 28, 2000, the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been substantially prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

**I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change**

The BSE proposes to amend its Transaction Fee Schedule to increase the amount of monthly transaction-related revenue the BSE must generate before it shares excess revenue with eligible members. Additionally, the BSE proposes to amend its Floor Operations Fee Schedule to include a per-trade credit for executions in Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs") for which registration fees are required. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the principal office of the BSE and at the Commission.

**II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**

In its filing with the Commission, the BSE included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received regarding the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The BSE has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

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

*A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change*

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend the BSE's Revenue Sharing Program. Currently, the Exchange's Transaction Fee Schedule states that the minimum amount of monthly transaction-related revenue the BSE must generate before it shares excess revenue with member firms in \$1.4 million. The BSE proposes to raise this threshold to \$1.5 million in order to help meet the budgeted costs of operating the Exchange in the upcoming fiscal year.

In addition, the proposed rule change would amend the Exchange's Floor Operations Fee Schedule to include a \$2 per-trade credit for each trade in certain ETFs that are executed on the BSE and routed to a specialist firm on the Exchange. Member firms must pay a registration fee for trading certain ETFs on the Exchange. Only those ETFs for which member firms must pay a registration fee would be subject to the \$2 per-trade credit. The maximum annual credit that a specialist could receive per ETF would be capped at the amount the specialist paid for that ETF's annual registration fee.

2. Basis

The BSE believes that the proposed rule change is permissible under section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>3</sup> in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade; to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities; to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system; and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The BSE has stated that the proposed rule change is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>4</sup> The Exchange also believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b)(4) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4), in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members. Telephone conversation between Kathy Marshall, Vice President, and John Boese, Assistant Vice President, BSE, and Michael Gaw, Attorney-Adviser, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, on October 18, 2000.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition.

*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 comments on the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange and therefore has become effective pursuant to Section 19(B)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>5</sup> and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4<sup>6</sup> thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such 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 purpose of the Act.

**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 at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-BSE-00-14 and should be submitted by November 16, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of the Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Notice of Meeting of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ISAC-14)**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority business (ISAC-14) will hold an open meeting on November 13, 2000 from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2000, unless otherwise notified

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce, Room 4830, located at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, unless otherwise notified.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Millie Sjoberg, Department of Commerce, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-4792 or Dominic Bianchi, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395-6120.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ISAC-14 will hold an open meeting on November 13, 2000 from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Agenda topics to be addressed will be:

1. A briefing on issues regarding infrastructure security;
2. A briefing on new Carousel Legislation;
3. A briefing on the Export Finance Matchmaker program;
4. A briefing on E-Commerce as it relates to the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas; and
5. Committee business.

**Dominic Bianchi,**

*Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.*

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Implementation of Tariff-Rate Quota for Imports of Beef**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that USTR has determined that New Zealand, pursuant to its request, is a participating country for purposes of the export certification program for imports of beef under the tariff-rate quota.

**DATES:** The action is effective January 1, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suchada Langley, Senior Economist for Agricultural Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508; telephone: (202) 395-6127.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States maintains a tariff-rate quota on imports of beef as part of its implementation of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization. The in-quota quantity of that tariff-rate quota is allocated in part among a number of countries. As part of the administration of that tariff-rate quota, USTR provided, in 15 CFR part 2012, for the use of export certificates with respect to imports of beef from countries that have an allocation of the in-quota quantity. The export certificates apply only to those countries that USTR determines are participating countries for purposes of 15 CFR part 2012.

On September 26, 2000, USTR received a request and the necessary supporting information from the government of New Zealand to be considered as a participating country for purposes of the export certification program. Accordingly, USTR has determined that, effective January 1, 2001, New Zealand is a participating country for purposes of 15 CFR part 2012. As a result, effective on and after January 1, 2001, imports of beef from New Zealand will need to be accompanied by an export certificate in order to qualify for the in-quota tariff rate. However, imports exported from New Zealand prior to January 1, 2001, including exports currently warehoused, will not require an export certificate. In order for the export certificate to be valid, it has to be used

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).