

necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act and the CEA, as they were amended by the CFMA. In fact, the CFMA is designed to promote an even regulatory playing field among securities and futures registrants—and among NFA members and NASD members—so that neither group has a competitive advantage over the other. NFA's rule change achieves that objective.

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

NFA worked with Member committees and industry trade associations in developing the rule change. NFA did not, however, publish the rule change for comment by its membership. NFA received one written comment letter from an industry trade association, which generally supported the rule change.

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

The proposed rule change has become effective on August 20, 2001, which is the date of approval of the proposed rule change by the CFTC.

Within 60 days of the date of effectiveness of the proposed rule change, the Commission, after consultation with the CFTC, may summarily abrogate the proposed rule change and require that the proposed rule change be refiled in accordance with the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Exchange Act.²⁸

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change conflicts with the Exchange Act. Persons making written submissions should file nine copies of the submission with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Comments also may be submitted electronically to the following e-mail address: *rule-comments@sec.gov*. 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 these filings also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NFA. Electronically submitted comments will be posted on the Commission's Internet website (<http://www.sec.gov>). All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NFA-2001-01 and should be submitted by October 18, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-44825; File No. SR-NYSE-2001-29]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to Eliminating the Exchange's Discretion To Exempt Relief Specialists From Registration and Approval

September 20, 2001.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on August 21, 2001, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE" 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 prepared by the NYSE. 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 NYSE proposes to amend NYSE Rule 103 (Registration of Specialists) to delete the provision that grants the Exchange the discretion to exempt relief specialists from registration and approval requirements.

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

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 NYSE Rule 103 (Registration of Specialists) to delete the provision that grants the Exchange the discretion of exempt relief specialists from registration and approval requirements.

NYSE Rule 103 requires that members acting as specialists be registered with and approved by the Exchange as such. NYSE Rule 103 provides for exempting relief specialists under conditions that the Exchange may prescribe. However, the Exchange has required and will continue to require the registration and approval of relief specialists in order to help insure that the role of specialist is entrusted to qualified individuals. The Exchange, therefore, proposes to remove the exemptive provision from NYSE Rule 103.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5),⁴ in particular, because it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

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

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

²⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(75).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 178f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

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. 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-2001-29 and should be submitted by October 18, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Form Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Clearance

The following form has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35):

SSS FORM—404

Title: Potential Board Member Information.

Need And/Or Use: Is used to identify individuals willing to serve as members of local, appeal or review boards in the Selective Service system.

Respondents: Potential board members.

Burden: A burden of 15 minutes or less on the individual respondent.

Copies of the above identified form can be obtained upon written request to the Selective Service System, Reports Clearance Officer, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2425.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed extension of clearance of the form should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to the Selective Service System, Reports Clearance Officer, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2425.

A copy of the comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer, Selective Service System, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Alfred Rascon,

Director.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends Part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority that covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter S4 covers the Deputy Commissioner for Systems. Notice is given that Chapter S4 is being amended to reflect the addition of a new subordinate staff office to subchapter S4N, the Office of Information Technology Architecture. The new material and changes are as follows:

Section S4.10 The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Systems—(Organization):

Establish:

H. The Data Administration Staff (S4NF)

Section S4N.20 Office of Information Technology Architecture—(Functions):

Establish:

H. Data Administration Staff (S4NF)

1. Responsible for all SSA-wide data administration.

2. Directs the development of Systems-wide policies, procedures and standards for the specific phases of the life cycle development process and development of methods to assure the quality of systems products.

3. Directs the integration of data and process models, as well as software designs.

4. Directs the development of requirements for standardizing data collection across application areas.

5. Provides program expertise and process management direction and oversight for crosscutting segments for all SSA systems initiatives, legislative initiatives or projects involving the initiation, interpretation and/or the implementation of administrative and programmatic systems.

6. Provides a variety of high level coordinate, analytical, consultative and advisory services to SSA as a whole relative to very visible and complex systems initiatives.

Dated: September 18, 2001.

Larry G. Massanari,

Acting Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3746]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee on Ocean Dumping; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee will hold an open meeting on October 16, 2001, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to obtain public comment on the issues to be addressed at the October 22-26, 2001, Twenty-third Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Convention, which is the global international treaty regulating ocean dumping. The meeting will also review the results of the Twenty-fourth Scientific Group Meeting of the London Convention held in May 2001.

The meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).