

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

Because the foregoing rule change eliminates fees charged clearing members by OCC, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)⁶ thereunder. At any time within sixty 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 purposes 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 in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of OCC. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR-OCC-2002-01 and should be submitted by April 11, 2002.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3939]

Bureau of Human Resources, Office of Recruitment; 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-3091, Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval 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: New collection.

Originating Office: HR/REE/REC.

Title of Information Collection:

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program.

Frequency: Annual.

Form Number: DS-3091.

Respondents: College students.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Average Hours Per Response: 15.

Total Estimated Burden: 3,750.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information 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 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 FURTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Richard Esper, Chief of Student Programs, Office of Recruitment, Bureau of Human Resources, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW, Room H-518, Washington, DC 20522; 202-261-8924. 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, who may be reached on 202-395-3897.

Dated: February 26, 2002.

Ruben Torres,

Executive Director, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3913]

Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union; Notice of Meeting

The Department of State announces that the Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII) will convene on Friday, April 19, 2002, beginning at 10 a.m. in Room 1107, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC.

The Advisory Committee will recommend grant recipients for the FY 2002 competition of the Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union in connection with the "Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act of 1983, as amended." The agenda will include opening statements by the Chairman and members of the Committee and, within the Committee, discussion, approval, and recommendation that the Department of State negotiate grant agreements with certain "national organizations with an interest and expertise in conducting research and training concerning the countries of Eastern Europe and the independent states of the former Soviet Union," based on the guidelines contained in the call for applications published in the **Federal Register** on November 23, 2001. Following committee deliberation, interested members of the public may make oral statements concerning the Title VIII program in general.

This meeting will be open to the public; however, attendance will be limited to the seating available. Entry into the Department of State building is controlled and must be arranged in advance of the meeting. Those planning to attend should notify Susan Nelson, INR/RES, U.S. Department of State, (202) 736-4610 by Tuesday, April 16, 2002, providing their date of birth, Social Security number, and any requirements for special needs. All attendees must use the 2201 C Street,

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

NW, entrance to the building. Visitors who arrive without prior notification and without a photo ID will not be admitted.

Dated: March 8, 2002.

Kenneth E. Roberts,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Public Comments on Twenty-Three Accessions to the World Trade Organization and on U.S. Participation in Negotiations for the Terms of These Accessions: Algeria, Andorra, Azerbaijan, the Bahamas, Belarus, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Kazakhstan, Laos, Lebanon, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nepal, Samoa, the Seychelles, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tonga, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, and Yugoslavia

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United States participates in negotiations for the terms of accession for new Members to the WTO. The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting written comments from the public concerning U.S. commercial interests and other issues related to the accessions of 23 countries seeking to join the WTO, and to assist the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in participation in negotiations for the terms of those accessions. These countries are the Azerbaijan Republic (Azerbaijan), Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (The Bahamas) the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria (Algeria), the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Yugoslavia), Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Independent State of Samoa (Samoa), the Republic of the Sudan (Sudan), the Kingdom of Bhutan (Bhutan), the Kingdom of Cambodia (Cambodia), the Kingdom of Nepal (Nepal), the Kingdom of Tonga (Tonga), the Lao Democratic People's Republic (Laos), the Lebanese Republic (Lebanon), Principality of Andorra (Andorra), the Republic of Belarus (Belarus), the Republic of Cape Verde

(Cape Verde), the Republic of Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan), the Republic of Seychelles (the Seychelles), the Republic of Tajikistan (Tajikistan), the Republic of Uzbekistan (Uzbekistan), the Republic of Yemen (Yemen), and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam). With respect to Vietnam, comments may take into consideration submissions made in response to previous requests for written comments in the context of Vietnam's WTO accession and the negotiation of a Bilateral Trade Agreement.

Public comments should include, but not be limited to, information concerning those countries' current trade policies and practices which affect market access for U.S. exports, e.g., tariffs, non-tariff measures; trade and investment in services; other aspects of the trade regime affecting U.S. trade interests subject to WTO provisions; and other conditions or practices that impair the ability of these countries to grant the benefit of WTO provisions to their trading partners. Comments received will be considered in developing U.S. positions and objectives for the multilateral and bilateral negotiations that will determine the terms of WTO accession for Algeria, Andorra, Azerbaijan, The Bahamas, Belarus, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Kazakhstan, Laos, Lebanon, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nepal, Samoa, the Seychelles, the Sudan, Tajikistan, Tonga, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, and Yugoslavia.

DATES: Public comments should be received by noon on Wednesday, May 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Public comment should be submitted to: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. Attention: Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cecilia Leahy Klein, USTR Director for WTO Accessions (202-395-3063) concerning the WTO accession process and issues related to WTO rules; Paul Moore (pmoore@ustr.gov), USTR Director for Market Access and Sarah Sipkins (ssipkins@ustr.gov), USTR Director for Tariffs (202-395-5097) concerning issues related to goods market access negotiations; Sharon Sheffield (ssheffield@ustr.gov), Director for Agricultural Trade Policy (202-395-6127) concerning issues related to trade in agricultural products or agricultural support; or Christina Lund (clund@ustr.gov), USTR Senior Advisor for Services and Intellectual Property Rights and Paul Burkhead

(pburkhead@ustr.gov), USTR Director for Services Trade Affairs (202-395-4510) concerning issues related to services market access. Procedural inquiries concerning the public comment process should be directed to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representatives, (202) 395-3475.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The countries of Algeria, Andorra, Azerbaijan, The Bahamas, Belarus, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Kazakhstan, Laos, Lebanon, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nepal, Samoa, the Seychelles, the Sudan, Tajikistan, Tonga, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, and Yugoslavia have applied for accession to the WTO. Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization states that the terms of WTO Membership for these countries will be negotiated with current WTO Members bilaterally and in meetings of the Working Parties established by the Members of the WTO to conduct the negotiations. The results of these negotiations will include a Working Party report and Protocol of Accession, specifying how the applicants for accession will implement WTO Agreements, and Schedules of specific commitments and concessions on market access for imported goods and services, which will be annexed to the Protocol.

The Chairman of the Trade Policy Staff Committee invites written comments from the public on trade and other measures currently applied by Algeria, Andorra, Azerbaijan, The Bahamas, Belarus, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Kazakhstan, Laos, Lebanon, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nepal, Samoa, the Seychelles, the Sudan, Tajikistan, Tonga, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, and Yugoslavia that could be subject to the provisions of the WTO, particularly tariffs applied to imports, and other market access issues for goods and services, or practices or measures that could affect the competitiveness of U.S. goods and services in those markets. All comments received will be considered in developing U.S. positions and objectives for participation in these negotiations.

Market access issues for goods of interest to the TPSC include, but are not limited to: (a) Comments on possible tariff reductions and the removal of restrictive border measures such as quotas or import licensing requirements; (b) uniform application of the trading system; (c) the provision of national