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

The NYSE does not believe that the proposed rule change would result in 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 NYSE 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 such 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 filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NYSE. All submissions should refer to File No. SR–NYSE–2002–62 and should be submitted by December 31, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.[9]

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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[9] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3473]

State of Alaska

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on December 4, 2002, I find that the Kenai Peninsula Borough, Kodiak Island Borough, and Chignik Bay area to include Chignik, Chignik Lake, Chignik Lagoon in the State of Alaska constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe winter storms, flooding, coastal erosion and tidal surge occurring on October 23, 2002 and continuing through November 12, 2002. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on February 3, 2003 and for economic injury until the close of business on September 4, 2003 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P.O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853–4795.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following areas and jurisdictions may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Lake and Peninsula Borough, Matunuska-Susitna Borough, Municipality of Anchorage, Chugach Regional Educational Attendance Areas (REAA), and Iditarod Area REAA in the State of Alaska.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere:	5.875
Homeowners without credit available elswhere:	2.937
Businesses with credit available elsewhere:	6.648
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere:	3.324
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere:	5.500
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without credit available elswhere:	3.324

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 347311. For economic injury the number is 9T6600 for Alaska.

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

Dated: December 9, 2002.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

International Standards on the Transport of Radioactive Materials; Conference

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of international conference.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested persons that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Maritime Organization, and the Universal Postal Union are co-sponsoring an international conference on the safe transport of radioactive materials. The conference will take place at the Austria Centre, Vienna, Austria from July 7 through July 11, 2003. The objective of the conference is to exchange information on issues related to the safe transport of radioactive material and to formulate recommendations regarding further international co-operation in this area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Boyle, Radioactive Materials Branch, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590; Phone: (202) 366–2993, Facsimile: (202) 366–3753, email: *rick.boyle@rspa.dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The conference is directed to a broad spectrum of professionals dealing with the safe transport of radioactive material. The preliminary agenda includes topical sessions on: adequacy and effectiveness of the international transport regulations; effectiveness of radiation protection in transport; packaging and transport of nuclear fuel cycle material; packaging and transport of non-nuclear fuel cycle material; compliance and quality assurance programming; liability in the transport of radioactive material; and emergency response and preparedness. There is no