

stock option plans will no longer be retained in the Exchange's shareholder approval rules.

Based on these reasons, the Commission has determined that it is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest that the proposed rule change, which will extend the Pilot through February 28, 2003, or such earlier date as the NYSE's pending rule proposal requiring shareholder approval of equity-compensation plans is approved by the Commission, become operative on December 30, 2002.²⁷ 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 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 Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the above-mentioned self-regulatory organization. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR-NYSE-2002-67 and should be submitted by January 21, 2003.

²⁷ For purposes only of accelerating the operative date of this proposal, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁸

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3473]

State of Alaska; Amendment #1

In accordance with information received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the above-numbered declaration is hereby amended to reopen the incident period for this disaster due to additional flooding.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is September 4, 2003.

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

Dated: December 23, 2002.

Allan I. Hoberman,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3467]

State of Ohio; Amendment #2

In accordance with a notice received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated December 20, 2002, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to include Ashland, Auglaize, Coshocton, Franklin, Henry, Huron, Lorain, Medina, Sandusky, Union, Wayne, and Wood Counties in the State of Ohio as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and tornadoes occurring on November 10, 2002.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in Champaign, Darke, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Fulton, Guernsey, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Muskingum, Pickaway, Richland, Shelby, Tuscarawas, and Williams Counties in the State of Ohio may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. All other counties contiguous to the above named primary counties have been previously declared.

²⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is January 17, 2003, and for economic injury the deadline is August 18, 2003.

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

Dated: December 23, 2002.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Identification of Countries Under Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974: Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242), requires the United States Trade Representatives (USTR) to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. (Section 182 is commonly referred to as the "Special 301" provisions in the trade act.) In addition, the USTR is required to determine which of these countries should be identified as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies or practices which are basis of a country's identification as a priority foreign country are normally the subject of an investigation under the Section 301 provisions of the trade act. Section 182 of the Trade Act contains a special rule for the identification of actions by Canada affecting United States cultural industries.

USTR requests written submissions from the public concerning foreign countries' acts, policies, and practices that are relevant to the decision whether particular trading partners should be identified under Section 182 of the Trade Act.

DATES: Submissions must be received on or before 12 noon on Friday, February 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: *fr0061@ustr.gov.*

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