

that the current requirement of receiving authorization from (and only from) the carrying member of the customer account in which a member or associated person intends to share is not the most effective regulatory approach to address the potential risks of such arrangements. NASD believes that it is important that employing members be notified and affirmatively authorize sharing in a customer's account so that they are better able to supervise their associated persons and ensure compliance with NASD rules and other applicable laws and regulations.

In addition, neither Rule 2330(f)(1)(A) nor Rule 2330(f)(2) require a member or its associated persons to obtain the prior written authorization of the customer in whose account they intend to share. NASD believes that it is important for a customer to provide his or her written approval prior to a member or its associated persons sharing in the profits or losses in that customer's account. NASD believes that it is important that customers be provided the opportunity to affirmatively authorize a member or associated person to share in their accounts.

Therefore, NASD is proposing to amend Rules 2330(f)(1)(A) and 2330(f)(2) to require that, when sharing in a customer's account, associated persons obtain the prior written authorization of their employing member and that members and their associated persons obtain the prior written authorization of the customer in whose account they will be sharing. NASD notes that, notwithstanding a member's or associated person's compliance with the requirements of Rule 2330(f), the conduct permitted under Rule 2330(f) may trigger notice and other requirements under other NASD rules, including NASD Rules 3030, 3040, and 3050. Rule 2330(f) does not affect the applicability of such other rules to these arrangements.

2. Statutory Basis

NASD believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,⁷ which require, among other things, that the Association's rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the

among other things, requires an associated person to notify his or her employer member in writing prior to opening an account or placing an initial order for the purchase or sale of securities with another member and to notify that member in writing of his or her employment relationship with the employer member.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

public interest. Specifically, the proposed rule change is intended to facilitate compliance with Rule 2330(e) by clarifying the conduct prohibited by the rule, and to strengthen the regulatory protections provided in Rule 2330(f).

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

NASD does not believe that the proposed rule change will 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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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 proposal 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 NASD. All submissions should refer to File No.

SR-NASD-2002-180 and should be submitted by January 27, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-47104; File No. SR-NYSE-2002-39]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") To Amend NYSE Rule 123D With Respect to Openings, Reopenings and Halts in Trading for Stocks Traded on the Exchange

December 30, 2002.

On August 29, 2002, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend NYSE Rule 123D: Openings and Halts in Trading. The proposed amendments would shorten the minimum time period between tape indications and reopenings in stocks that are subject to a trading halt during the trading day. The proposed rule change, as amended, was published for notice and comment in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 2002.³ The commission received no comments on the proposed rule change.

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange⁴ and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6 of the Act⁵ and the rules and regulations thereunder. The Commission believes that the NYSE's amendments to NYSE Rule 123D to revise the procedures for re-opening after a trading halt strike a reasonable balance between preserving the price discovery process and

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 46852 (November 19, 2002), 67 FR 70796.

⁴ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

providing timely opportunities for investors to participate in the market.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁶ that the proposed rule change (SR-NYSE-2002-39), be, and hereby is, approved.

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 4142]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Thomas Gainsborough, 1727-1788"

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Thomas Gainsborough, 1727-1788," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, from on or about February 9, 2003 to on or about May 11, 2003; the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA, from on or about June 15, 2003 to on or about September 14, 2003; and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Orde F. Kittrie, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, (telephone: 202/401-4779). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: December 20, 2002.

Miller Crouch,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Application of Boston-Maine Airways Corp., D/B/A PAN AM Clipper Connection for Issuance of Amended Certificate Authority

AGENCY: Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of order to show cause (Order 2002-12-20) Docket OST-00-7668.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation is directing all interested persons to show cause why it should not issue an order (1) finding Boston-Maine Airways Corp. d/b/a Pan Am Clipper Connection fit, willing, and able to conduct operations using large aircraft, and (2) awarding it an amended certificate to engage in interstate scheduled air transportation of persons, property, and mail, using large aircraft.

DATES: Persons wishing to file objections should do so no later than January 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Objections and answers to objections should be filed in Docket OST-00-7668 and addressed to Department of Transportation Dockets (SVC-124, Room PL-401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 and should be served upon the parties listed in Attachment A to the order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janet A. Davis, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room 6401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9721.

Dated: December 27, 2002.

Read C. Van De Water,

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 201: Aeronautical Operational Control (AOC) Message Hazard Mitigation (AMHM)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 201 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 201: Aeronautical Operational Control.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 21-23, 2003 11 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Continental Airlines, Flight Training Facility, 17441 JFK Blvd., Houston, TX.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (1) RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036-5133; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 201 meeting. The agenda will include:

- January 21-23:
 - Opening Session (Welcome, Introductory and Administrative Remarks, Review Federal Advisory Committee Act and RTCA Procedures, Review Agenda, Background)
 - Review Terms of Reference per the December 5, 2002, RTCA Program Management Committee
 - Review proposed Phase I document outline
 - Collect input from action item groups
 - Draft other sections of Phase I Document
 - Review and revise drafts, make further action item assignments
 - Closing Session (Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Closing Remarks, Adjourn)

Note: This agenda will be followed as appropriate over the course of 3 days. Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).