

to margin requirements for security futures contracts.¹¹

2. Statutory Basis

NASD believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,¹² in that NASD's rules are 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 public interest by establishing margin rules for security futures that are comparable with those developed by the NYSE.

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

NASD has received one written comment on the original proposed rule change that was filed with the Commission on November 15, 2002, and amended on January 15, 2003.¹³ NASD is currently considering the comments.

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

Because the proposed rule change: (i) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) does not become operative for 30 days (or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest) after the date of the filing, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁴ and rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁵ 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.

A proposed rule change filed under rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally must not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. In addition, a self-

regulatory organization filing a proposed rule change under rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) normally must give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change five days prior to the date of filing. However, rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. NASD has requested that the Commission waive both the five-day pre-filing requirement and designate that the proposed rule change become operative immediately to allow the Pilot to continue in effect on an uninterrupted basis and for NASD to consider comments it has received on the Pilot.

The Commission believes it is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest to waive the five-day pre-filing requirement and designate the proposal immediately operative.¹⁶ Accelerating the operative date and waiving the pre-filing requirement should permit NASD to permit customers to continue to trade securities futures contracts in securities accounts on an uninterrupted basis while NASD considers the comments it has received on the Pilot. The Commission notes that NASD anticipates filing a new proposed rule change to adopt the Pilot on a permanent basis. Accordingly, the Commission designates the proposed rule change to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.

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 NASD.

All submissions should refer to SR-NASD-2003-31 and should be submitted by April 4, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of reporting requirements submitted for OMB review.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to submit proposed reporting and recordkeeping requirements to OMB for review and approval, and to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the agency has made such a submission.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 14, 2003. If you intend to comment but cannot prepare comments promptly, please advise the OMB Reviewer and the Agency Clearance Officer before the deadline.

Copies: Request for clearance (OMB 83-1), supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to: Agency Clearance Officer, Jacqueline White, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; and OMB Reviewer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacqueline White, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7044.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Re-Certification of Size for Multiple Award Schedule and Other Multiple Award Contract.

No: N/A.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Description of Respondents: Small Business Concerns.

Responses: 6,000.

¹¹ See *supra* note 8.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

¹³ See *supra* note 10.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁶ For purposes only of accelerating the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Annual Burden: 3,000.

Jacqueline White,
 Chief, Administrative Information Branch.
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3480]

State of Tennessee

Knox, Rhea and Sequatchie Counties and the contiguous counties of Anderson, Bledsoe, Blount, Cumberland, Grainger, Grundy, Hamilton, Jefferson, Loudon, Marion, Meigs, Roane, Sevier, Union, Van Buren and Warren in the State of Tennessee constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by heavy rains and flooding that began on February 14, 2003, and continued through February 16, 2003. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on May 5, 2003 and for economic injury until the close of business on December 8, 2003 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations:

U.S. Small Business Administration,
 Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore
 Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	5.875
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	2.937
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	6.378
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	3.189
Others (Including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	5.500
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	3.189

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 348006 and for economic damage is 9U4200.

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

Dated: March 6, 2003.

Hector V. Barreto,
 Administrator.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed the Week Ending March 7, 2003

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: OST-2003-14661.

Date Filed: March 6, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC2 EUR-ME 0155 dated 6 March 2003

Mail Vote 270—TC2 Europe-Israel Resolution 070iy Excursion Fares and Resolution 074ey

Pex Fares from Israel to Europe Intended effective date: 1 April 2003

Docket Number: OST-2003-14669.

Date Filed: March 7, 2003.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject:

PTC2 EUR 0496 dated 11 March 2003 Mail Vote 271—TC2 Europe

Resolution 010r—TC2 Within Europe Special Passenger

Amending Resolution

Intended effective date: 20 March 2003

Dorothy Y. Beard,

Chief, Docket Operations & Media Management, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[DOCKET NO. MARAD-2003-14680]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before May 13, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Taylor E. Jones II, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW.,

Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-3423; FAX: (202)366-3128, or E-mail: taylor.jones@marad.dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title of Collection:* Request for Transfer of Ownership, Registry, and Flag, or Charter, Lease, or Mortgage of U.S. Citizen-Owned Documented Vessels.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0006.

Form Numbers: MA-29, MA-29A, and MA-29B.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval.

Summary of Collection of Information: This collection provides information necessary for MARAD to approve the sale, transfer, charter, lease, or mortgage of U.S. documented vessels to non-citizens; or the transfer of such vessels to foreign registry and flag; or the transfer of foreign flag vessels by their owners as required by various contractual requirements.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will enable MARAD to determine whether the vessel proposed for transfer will initially require retention under the U.S.-flag statutory regulations.

Description of Respondents: Respondents are vessel owners who have applied for foreign transfer of U.S.-flag vessels.

Annual Responses: 100 responses.

Annual Burden: 200 hours.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT (or EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Dated: March 11, 2003.