

In response to these concerns, the Exchange proposes reductions of initial and annual branch office fees, retroactive to January 1, 2003, as follows:

- \$350 for each of the first 1,000 branch offices (unchanged);
- \$150 for each of the next 2,000 branch offices (reduced from \$250);
- \$125 for each branch office over 3,000 (reduced from \$225).

## 2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with the requirement under section 6(b)(4)<sup>6</sup> of the Exchange Act, which require that an exchange have rules that provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities.

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

The Exchange believes that the proposal does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act.

### C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

The Exchange did not receive or solicit any 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, as amended, 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 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 Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-2003-24 and should be submitted by October 24, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to the delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4504]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DSP-122, Supplemental Registration for the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program; OMB Control Number 1405-0098

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**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:* Revision of Currently Approved Collection.

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (CA/VO).

*Title of Information Collection:*

Supplemental Registration For The Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Form Number:* DSP-122.

*Respondents:* Aliens applying for a Diversity Visa.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 47,000 per year.

*Average Hours Per Response:* .5 hours.

*Total Estimated Burden:* 23,500 hours per year.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection 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 proposed 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 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Brendan Mullarkey of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E St., NW., RM L-703, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached on (202) 663-1166. 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: September 26, 2003.

**Janice L. Jacobs,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### Office of Visa Services

[Public Notice 4506]

### Notice of Information Collection Under Emergency Review: Form DS-5501, Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form; OMB Control Number 1405-xxxx

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The following summarizes the information collection proposal to be submitted to OMB:

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).