

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

The proposed rule change has been filed by NASD as constituting a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act¹³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(1) thereunder,¹⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission.

At any time within 60 days of this filing, the Commission may summarily abrogate this proposal 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 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. Comments may also be submitted electronically at the following e-mail address: rule-comments@sec.gov. All comment letters should refer to File No. SR-NASD-2003-197. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review comments more efficiently, comments should be sent in hardcopy or by e-mail but not by both methods. 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 number

SR-NASD-2003-197 and should be submitted by February 3, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3559]

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Amendment #3

In accordance with a notice received from the Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency, effective December 19, 2003, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to include the municipalities of Aibonito and Naranjito as disaster areas due to damages caused by severe storms, flooding, mudslides and landslides beginning on November 10, 2003 and continuing through November 23, 2003.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous municipalities of Barranquitas, Cidra, Comerio, and Corozal may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. All other municipalities contiguous to the above named primary municipalities have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is January 20, 2004, and for economic injury the deadline is August 23, 2004.

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

Dated: December 22, 2003.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends Part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter S2 covers the Deputy Commissioner, Operations. Notice is given that

Subchapter S2R, the Office of Central Operations, is being amended to reflect the realignment of the Center for Management Support and the Center for Human Resources into one center; *i.e.*, the Center for Human Resources. The new material and changes are as follows:

Section S2R.10 The Office of Central Operations—(Organization):

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner, Office of Central Operations (S2R).

4. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Management Operations and Support (S2RC).

Delete:
b. The Center for Management Support (S2RC2).

Reletter:
“c” to “b”;
“d” to “c”;
“e” to “d”;
“f” to “e”.

Section S2R.20 The Office of Central Operations—(Functions):

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner, OCO (S2R) provides internal operations and management support and assistance to the Associate Commissioner and all OCO components.

4. The Assistant Associate Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2RC) is responsible for the direction of six centers which perform systems, management, program, material resources, personnel management services, and security and integrity support functions for OCO.

Delete: “six” prior to the word “centers”.

Add: five
b. The Center for Management Support (S2RC2):

Delete: b in its entirety.

Reletter:
“c” to “b”;
“d” to “c”;
“e” to “d”;
“f” to “e”.

d. The Center for Human Resources (S2RC5): Add: 14. In the area of Labor Management and Employee Relations: Maintain responsibility for all aspects of the mid-term and impact and implementation bargaining process that pertain only to OCO; process grievances through all steps of the grievance procedure; in consultation with the Office of General Counsel, represent OCO managers at all stages of the arbitration process, including the preparation of position papers and briefs; and process all aspects of systems violations in accordance with guidance issued by the Office of Human Resources and the Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Add: 15. Develops and conducts OCO-wide operational training and employee development activities. Analyzes and evaluates training and effectiveness. Ensures that required Agency-level, other Government agency, and private vendor training is provided.

Add: 16. Resource Planning and Management

Dated: December 24, 2003.

Reginald F. Wells,

Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4582]

Determinations Pursuant to Executive Order 13224

In the Matter of the Amended Designations of the Kurdistan Freedom and Democracy Congress also known as the Freedom and Democracy Congress of Kurdistan, also known as KADEK, also known as the Kurdistan Workers' Party, also known as the PKK, also known as Partiya Karkeran Kurdistan, also known as the People's Defense Force, also known as Halu Mesru Savunma Kuvveti (HSK), also known as Kurdistan People's Congress (KHK), also known as People's Congress of Kurdistan, also known as KONGRA-GEL, as a Foreign Terrorist Organization pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act and pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224.

Based upon a review of the administrative record assembled in this matter, and in consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Deputy Secretary of State has concluded that there is a sufficient factual basis to find that the Kurdistan Workers' Party, also known as the Freedom and Democracy Congress of Kurdistan and other aliases, has changed its name to the Kurdistan People's Congress (KHK), also known as People's Congress of Kurdistan, and also known as KONGRA-GEL, and that the relevant circumstances described in Section 219(a)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (the "INA") (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(1)), and in Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended ("E.O. 13224"), still exist with respect to that organization.

Therefore, the Deputy Secretary of State hereby further amends the designation of that organization as a foreign terrorist organization, pursuant to Section 219(a)(4)(B) of the INA (8

U.S.C. 1189(a)(4)(B)), and further amends the 2001 designation of that organization pursuant to Section 1(b) of E.O. 13224, to include the following new names: Kurdistan People's Congress (KHK), People's Congress of Kurdistan, KONGRA-GEL.

Consistent with the determination in section 10 of Executive Order 13224 that "prior notice to persons determined to be subject to the Order who might have a constitutional presence in the United States would render ineffectual the blocking and other measures authorized in the Order because of the ability to transfer funds instantaneously", no prior notice need be provided to any person subject to this determination who might have a constitutional presence in the United States, because to do so would render ineffectual the measures authorized in the Order.

Dated: January 5, 2004.

Cofer Black,

*Coordinator for Counterterrorism,
Department of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Opportunity To Participate, Criteria Requirements and Application Procedure for Participation in the Military Airport Program (MAP).

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of criteria and application procedures for designation or redesignation, for the fiscal year 2004 MAP.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the criteria, application procedures, and schedule to be applied by the Secretary of Transportation in designating or redesignating, and funding capital development annually for up to 15 current (joint-use) or former military airports seeking designation or redesignation to participate in the Military Airport Program (MAP).

The MAP allows the Secretary to designate current (joint-use) or former military airports to receive grants from the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). The Secretary is authorized to designate an airport (other than an airport designated before August 24, 1994) only if:

(1) The airport is a former military installation closed or realigned under the Title 10 U.S.C. § 2687 (announcement of closures of large

Department of Defense installations after September 30, 1977), or under Section 201 or 2905 of the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base Closure and Realignment Acts; or

(2) the airport is a military installation with both military and civil aircraft operations.

The Secretary shall consider for designation only those current or former military airports, at least partly converted to civilian airports as part of the national air transportation system, that will reduce delays at airports with more than 20,000 hours of annual delays in commercial passenger aircraft takeoffs and landings, or will enhance airport and air traffic control system capacity in metropolitan areas or reduce current and projected flight delays (49 U.S.C. 47118(c)).

DATES: Airport sponsors should send applications for new designation and redesignation in the MAP to the FAA Regional Airports Division or Airports District Office that serves the airport. That office must receive applications on or before February 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit an original and two copies of Standard Form (SF) 424, "Application for Federal Assistance," prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102, available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_forms.html, along with any supporting and justifying documentation. Applicant should specifically request to be considered for designation or redesignation to participate in the fiscal year 2004 MAP. Submission should be sent to the Regional FAA Airports Division or Airports District Office that serves the airport. Applicants may find the proper office on the FAA Web site <http://www.faa.gov/arp/regions.cfm> or may contact the office below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Murdock (oliver.murdock@faa.gov) or Leonard C. Sandelli (len.sandelli@faa.gov), National Planning Division (APP-400), Office of Airport Planning and Programming, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20591, (202) 267-8244, or (202) 267-8785, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Description of the Program

The MAP provides capital development assistance to civil airport sponsors of designated current (joint-use) military airfields or former military airports that are included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). Airports designated to