

responsibilities under Section 6(c) of the Act⁹ in evaluating whether an individual subject to a statutory disqualification or who cannot meet such standards of training, experience, and competence as are prescribed by the rules of the Exchange or those who have engaged in acts or practices inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade should be denied membership.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition 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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹¹

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally may not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing.¹² However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)¹³ permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file this proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change. In addition, the Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay to allow the Exchange to utilize the U4 and U5 Forms without any undue delay. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it would allow the

Exchange to immediately use the revised Forms U4 and U5, which are currently being used by NASD.¹⁴ For this reason, the Commission designates the proposal to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.¹⁵

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such proposed 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. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSE-2006-53 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2006-53. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NYSE. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2006-53 and should be submitted on or before September 21, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Overseas Buildings Operations; Industry Advisory Panel: Meeting Notice

The Industry Advisory Panel of the Overseas Buildings Operations will meet on Thursday, September 14, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The meeting will be held at the Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., (entrance on 23rd Street), Room 1105—Washington, DC. The majority of the meeting is devoted to an exchange of ideas between the Department's Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations' senior management and the panel members, on design, operations and building maintenance. Members of the public are asked to kindly refrain from joining the discussion until Director Williams opens the discussion to the public. Please arrive no later than 9 a.m. (Security check-in desk opens at 8:30 a.m.)

Register by e-mailing: iapr@state.gov. Mail to: iapr@state.gov prior to September 6 (only one person per company may register). Your response should include your date of birth and social security number, which will be used by Diplomatic Security to issue a temporary pass to enter the building. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Sprague on 703/875-7173.

Charles E. Williams,

Director & Chief Operating Officer, Overseas Buildings Operations, Department of State.

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⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(c).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹² *Id.*

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁴ See SR-NASD-2005-030, *supra* note.

¹⁵ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).