

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3) (5), (7), (9)(B), and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Casey, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for April 29, 2008 will be:

Formal orders of investigation; Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature;

Adjudicatory matters; and

A matter related to an enforcement proceeding.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: April 22, 2008.

**Nancy M. Morris,**  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-57695; File No. SR-OCC-2008-07]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to streetTRACKS Gold Shares

April 21, 2008.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on March 7, 2008, The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by OCC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> The Commission previously published notice of the proposed rule change. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57466 (March 11, 2008), 73 FR 14297

### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change would clarify the jurisdictional status of options and security futures on streetTRACKS Gold Shares by adding an interpretation following the definition of "fund share" in Article I, section 1 of OCC's By-Laws.<sup>3</sup>

### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, OCC included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. OCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.<sup>4</sup>

#### (A) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to clarify the jurisdictional status of options and security futures on streetTRACKS Gold Shares by adding an interpretation following the definition of "fund share" in Article I, section 1 of OCC's By-Laws. Under the proposed interpretation, OCC would clear and treat as securities options any option contracts on streetTRACKS Gold Shares that are traded on securities exchanges. Similarly, OCC would clear and treat as security futures any futures contracts on streetTRACKS Gold Shares.<sup>5</sup>

In its capacity as a "derivatives clearing organization" registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"), OCC filed this proposed rule change for prior approval by the CFTC pursuant to provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA") in order to foreclose any potential liability under the CEA based on an

(March 17, 2008). The Commission is republishing the notice to reflect the addition of footnote 6 in section IV, Solicitation of Comments.

<sup>3</sup> The new interpretation would replace the interpretation that was added to OCC's By-Laws in File No. SR-OCC-2008-04, which was effective upon filing. At the request of the Commission, OCC has withdrawn SR-OCC-2008-04 from consideration by the Commission in conjunction with the submission of SR-OCC-2008-07.

<sup>4</sup> The Commission has modified parts of these statements.

<sup>5</sup> The exact language of the interpretation can be found at [http://www.optionsclearing.com/publications/rules/proposed\\_changes/sr\\_occ\\_08\\_07.pdf](http://www.optionsclearing.com/publications/rules/proposed_changes/sr_occ_08_07.pdf).

argument that the clearing by OCC of options on streetTRACKS Gold Shares as securities options or the clearing of futures on that product as security futures constitutes a violation of the CEA. This rule change was filed with the CFTC as an amendment to SR-OCC-2008-04, which is pending approval at the CFTC.

The proposed rule change is consistent with the purposes and requirements of section 17A of the Act because it is designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of transactions in securities options and security futures, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in the clearance and settlement of such transactions, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a national system for the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of such transactions, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. It accomplishes this purpose by reducing the likelihood of a dispute as to the Commission's jurisdiction or shared jurisdiction in the case of security futures over derivatives based on streetTRACKS Gold Shares. The proposed rule change is not inconsistent with the By-Laws and Rules of OCC, including any proposed to be amended.

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

OCC does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition.

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

Written comments were not and are not intended to be solicited with respect to the proposed rule change, and none have been received.

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

Within thirty-five 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 ninety 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 the 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 is consistent with the Act.<sup>6</sup> 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-OCC-2008-07 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-OCC-2008-07. 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 Section, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of OCC and on OCC's Web site at <http://www.optionsclearing.com>.

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-OCC-2007-07 and should be submitted on or before May 12, 2008.

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

**Nancy M. Morris,**  
Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

##### [Public Notice 6178]

#### Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation Notice of Meeting

*Summary:* The Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation will meet in the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, NW., Washington, DC, June 2-3, 2008, in Conference Room 1205. Prior notification and a valid government-issued photo ID (such as driver's license, passport, U. S. government or military ID) are required for entrance into the building. Members of the public planning to attend must notify Steven Galpern, Office of the Historian (202-663-1130) no later than May 29, 2008, to provide date of birth, valid government-issued photo identification number and type (such as driver's license number/state, passport number/country, or U.S. government ID number/agency or military ID number/branch), and relevant telephone numbers. If you cannot provide one of the enumerated forms of ID, please consult with Steven Galpern for acceptable alternative forms of picture identification.

The Committee will meet in open session from 1:30 p.m. through 3 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2008, in the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, NW., Washington, DC, in Conference Room 1205, to discuss declassification and transfer of Department of State records to the National Archives and Records Administration and the status of the *Foreign Relations* series. The remainder of the Committee's sessions from 3:15 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2008, and 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, will be closed in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). The agenda calls for discussions of agency declassification decisions concerning

the *Foreign Relations* series and other declassification issues. These are matters not subject to public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and the public interest requires that such activities be withheld from disclosure.

Questions concerning the meeting should be directed to Marc J. Susser, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, Department of State, Office of the Historian, Washington, DC, 20520, telephone (202) 663-1123, (e-mail [history@state.gov](mailto:history@state.gov)).

Dated: April 14, 2008.

**Marc Susser,**

Executive Secretary, Department of State.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

##### [Public Notice 6181]

#### Advisory Committee on Democracy Promotion (ACDP) Meeting Notice; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on Democracy Promotion will be held on Monday, May 12, 2008 in Room 1107, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., up to the capacity of the meeting room. The Committee members will discuss various issues relating to strategies to promote democratic governance, with Secretary Rice leading the discussion from 10:30-11 a.m. Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 10(d) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)6, it has been determined that the meeting will be closed to the public from 12 to 2 p.m. because the Committee will be discussing sensitive information about the personal situation of human rights dissidents, disclosure of which would likely jeopardize the safety and welfare of these individuals and constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy.

Entry to the main State Department building is controlled and will require advance arrangements. Members of the public wishing to attend this meeting should, by Thursday, May 8, 2008, notify Karen Chen in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor—telephone: 202-647-4648—of their name, date of birth, valid government-issued ID number (see below), and citizenship, in order to arrange admittance. This includes admittance for government employees as well as others.

<sup>6</sup>In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding entered into between the CFTC and the Commission on March 11, 2008, and in particular the addendum thereto concerning *Principles Governing the Review of Novel Derivative Products*, novel derivative products that implicate areas of overlapping regulatory concern should be permitted to trade in either or both a CFTC- or Commission-regulated environment, in a manner consistent with laws and regulations (including the appropriate use of all available exemptive and interpretive authority).

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