

Trinity Place, New York, New York, to the NYSE trading systems and facilities located at 11 Wall Street, New York, New York (the "NYSE Alternext Trading Systems"), which will be operated by the NYSE on behalf of NYSE Alternext (the "Equities Relocation").

NYSE Rule 18 establishes a compensation fund and provides a procedure for compensating NYSE member claimants in the event of an Exchange system failure.⁶ The Commission recently approved Amex's proposal to adopt a rule substantially similar to NYSE Rule 18.⁷ This rule, NYSE Alternext Equities Rule 18, provides a procedure for compensating NYSE Alternext member claimants in the event of an NYSE Alternext systems failure. Specifically, under NYSE Alternext Equities Rule 18, NYSE Alternext members and member organizations affected by a failure of the NYSE Alternext Trading Systems would have the right to submit claims for compensation to NYSE Alternext. NYSE Alternext's Compensation Review Panel would then decide the validity of NYSE Alternext claims.

Because NYSE Alternext will operate on the Exchange's trading systems after the Equities Relocation, NYSE proposes to amend NYSE Rule 18 to provide a mechanism for NYSE Alternext itself to seek reimbursement from NYSE for the amounts that NYSE Alternext undertakes to pay out to NYSE Alternext members under NYSE Alternext Equities Rule 18 as a result of an Exchange system malfunction.⁸ Thus, after the NYSE Alternext Compensation Review Panel has determined the number and amount of claims that NYSE Alternext deems valid, NYSE Alternext would submit to the NYSE a separate claim for each valid claim made by NYSE Alternext members or member organizations, subject to the same requirements under NYSE Rule 18 as any other NYSE claimant. NYSE Alternext will not, however, be required to provide verbal notice of its claims to the Exchange's Division of Floor Operations.

In the event that the total amount of valid claims by NYSE members and

NYSE Alternext exceeds the available funds in the NYSE Rule 18 compensation fund, NYSE Alternext would receive a partial payment of claims pursuant to NYSE Rule 18(c), and NYSE Alternext's obligation to compensate its members for valid claims would be reduced by a like percentage.⁹ In the event that a reduction is required, in calculating any such reduction, NYSE officials would consider each claim submitted by NYSE Alternext as a separate claim, so that all claimants from both the Exchange and NYSE Alternext will share equitably from the compensation fund.

NYSE also proposes technical changes to NYSE Rule 18, including corrections to the numbering of certain subparagraphs of the Rule.

III. Discussion and Commission Findings

The Commission has carefully reviewed the proposed rule change and finds that it is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.¹⁰ In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹¹ which, among other things, requires that the rules of a national securities exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Commission believes that the proposed amendments to NYSE Rule 18 provide for a fair and reasonable process by which NYSE Alternext may participate in the compensation fund established by the Exchange to reimburse claimants for losses suffered due to a malfunction of systems operated by the Exchange.

⁹ In the Notice, NYSE stated that it does not anticipate that the additional claims by NYSE Alternext would create a substantial burden on the fund in the event of a system malfunction in view of: (i) The probable volume of trading on NYSE Alternext; (ii) the fact that to date, the existing compensation fund has been sufficient to pay all valid claims in full; and (iii) the current amount available in the supplemental fund. Notice at 52440.

¹⁰ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹² that the proposed rule change (SR-NYSE-2008-78) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration # 11479]

Kentucky Disaster # KY-00017

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the Commonwealth of Kentucky (FEMA-1802-DR), dated 10/09/2008.

Incident: Severe Wind Storm associated with Tropical Depression Ike
Incident Period: 09/14/2008 through 09/15/2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/09/2008.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/08/2008.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 07/09/2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 10/09/2008, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Ballard, Boone, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Caldwell, Calloway, Campbell, Carlisle, Carroll, Crittenden, Daviess, Fulton, Gallatin, Graves, Hancock,

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 56085 (July 17, 2007), 72 FR 40348 (July 24, 2007) (SR-NYSE-2007-09) (adopting NYSE Rule 18); 56718 (October 29, 2007), 72 FR 62506 (November 5, 2007) (SR-NYSE-2007-95) (approving certain amendments to NYSE Rule 18). For a complete discussion of Rule 18, see the Notice, *supra* note 4.

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-58705 (October 1, 2008) 73 FR 58995 (October 8, 2008) (SR-Amex-2008-63).

⁸ NYSE Alternext members and member organizations would not be able to submit their claims directly to the NYSE.

Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Jefferson, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, Mccracken, Mclean, Meade, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Oldham, Shelby, Trigg, Trimble, Union, Webster.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.250
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage and economic injury is 11479.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration # 11478]

North Carolina Disaster # NC-00016

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of North Carolina (FEMA-1801-DR), dated 10/08/2008.

Incident: Tropical Storm Hanna. Incident Period: 09/04/2008 through 09/15/2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/08/2008

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/08/2008.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 07/08/2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 10/08/2008, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address

listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Beaufort, Brunswick, Person.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.250
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage and for economic injury is 11478.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration # 11480]

Oklahoma Disaster # OK-00025

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Oklahoma (FEMA-1803-DR), dated 10/09/2008.

Incident: Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding. Incident Period: 09/12/2008 through 09/19/2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/09/2008.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/08/2008.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 07/09/2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 10/09/2008, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential

services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Alfalfa, Cimarron, Dewey, Ellis, Grant, Harper, Kay, Major, Woods, Woodward.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) with Credit Available Elsewhere:	5.250
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere:	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage and economic injury is 11480.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6414]

Bureau of Verification, Compliance and Implementation: Imposition of Measures Against Foreign Persons, Including a Ban on U.S. Government Procurement

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A determination has been made that thirteen foreign persons have engaged in activities that warrant the imposition of measures pursuant to Section 3 of the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act, which provides for penalties on entities and individuals for the transfer to or acquisition from Iran since January 1, 1999, the transfer to or the acquisition from Syria since January 1, 2005, or the transfer to or acquisition from North Korea since January 1, 2006, of equipment and technology controlled under multilateral control lists (Missile Technology Control Regime, Australia Group, Chemical Weapons Convention, Nuclear Suppliers Group, Wassenaar Arrangement) or otherwise having the potential to make a material contribution to the development of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or cruise or ballistic missile systems. The