

applicable to a national securities exchange.⁴ In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁵ 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 also finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,⁶ which requires that the rules of an exchange not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The Commission believes that, given the electronic environment of NYSE Arca OX, reducing the exposure period from three seconds to one second could facilitate the prompt execution of orders, while continuing to provide market participants with an opportunity to compete for exposed bids and offers. To substantiate that NYSE Arca members could receive, process, and communicate a response back to the Exchange within one second, the Exchange stated that it distributed a survey to its members that regularly access the Exchange on an electronic basis. NYSE Arca stated that all but one responding firm indicated that their approximate turnaround time for responding to trading interest was equal to, or less than, 100 milliseconds, while the other responding firm simply stated that their turnaround time was “less than one second.”⁷ NYSE Arca also stated that none of the responding firms anticipated any problems related to order processing, if the Exchange was to reduce the exposure period to one second.⁸ Based on NYSE Arca’s statements regarding the survey results, the Commission believes that market participants should continue to have opportunities to compete for exposed bids and offers within a one second exposure period. Accordingly, the Commission believes that it is consistent with the Act for NYSE Arca to reduce the exposure time discussed

herein from three seconds to one second.

The Commission finds good cause to approve the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after publication for comment in the **Federal Register**. The Commission notes that the proposed rule change was noticed for a fifteen-day comment period, and no comments were received. The Commission believes that the Exchange has provided reasonable support for its belief that the Exchange’s market participants would continue to have an opportunity to compete for exposed bids and offers if the exposure period was reduced to one second as proposed. Finally, the Commission also notes that the proposed rule change is similar to recently approved proposals submitted by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated, the International Securities Exchange, LLC, and NASDAQ OMX PHLX, Inc.⁹ Therefore, the Commission finds good cause, consistent with Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁰ to approve the proposed rule change on an accelerated basis.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹¹ that the proposed rule change (SR–NYSEArca–2008–135), be, and hereby is, approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6477]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “A Circus Family: Picasso to Leger”

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et*

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 58088 (July 2, 2008), 73 FR 39747 (July 10, 2008)(SR–CBOE–2008–16); 58224 (July 25, 2008), 73 FR 44303 (July 30, 2008) (SR–ISE–2007–94); and 59081 (December 11, 2008), 73 FR 76432 (December 16, 2008) (SR–Phlx–2008–79).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹² 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875]. I hereby determine that the object to be included in the exhibition “A Circus Family: Picasso to Leger,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, is of cultural significance. The object is imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit object at the Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD, from on or about February 22, 2009, until on or about May 17, 2009, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453–8048). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA–44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547–0001.

Dated: December 22, 2008.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6478]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Turner to Cezanne: Masterpieces from the Davies Collection, National Museum Wales”

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Turner to Cezanne: Masterpieces from the Davies Collection, National Museum Wales,” imported from abroad for temporary

⁴ 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).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

⁷ See Notice.

⁸ *Id.*