

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Investment Company Act of 1940; Release No. 32242/August 29, 2016; Order Under Sections 26(c) and 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”)

In the Matter of:

Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America
Allianz Life Variable Account A
Allianz Life Variable Account B
Allianz Variable Insurance Products Trust
5701 Golden Hills Dr.
Minneapolis, MN 55416–1297
Allianz Life Insurance Company of New York
Allianz Life of NY Variable Account C
28 Liberty Street, 38th Floor
New York, NY 10005–1423
(812–14580):

Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, Allianz Life Variable Account A, Allianz Life Variable Account B, Allianz Life Insurance Company of New York, Allianz Life of NY Variable Account C (collectively, the “Section 26 Applicants”); and Allianz Variable Insurance Products Trust (together with the Section 26 Applicants, the “Section 17 Applicants”) filed an application on November 16, 2015, and an amended and restated application on June 27, 2016. The Section 26 Applicants requested an order pursuant to section 26(c) of the Act to approve the substitutions of shares of certain registered management investment companies with shares of certain other registered management investment companies (“Substitutions”). The Section 17 Applicants requested an order under section 17(b) of the Act exempting them from section 17(a) of the Act to the extent necessary to permit them to engage in certain in-kind transactions in connection with the Substitutions.

On August 3, 2016, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 32207). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a hearing and stated that an order disposing of the application would be issued unless a hearing was ordered. No request for a hearing has been filed, and the Commission has not ordered a hearing.

The matter has been considered, and it is found that the Substitutions are consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

It is also found that the terms of the proposed transactions, including the

consideration to be paid or received, are reasonable and fair and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned, and that the proposed transactions are consistent with the policy of each registered investment company concerned, as recited in its registration statement and reports filed under the Act, and with the general purposes of the Act.

Accordingly, in the matter of Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, *et al.* (File No. 812–14580),

It is ordered, under section 26(c) of the Act, that the proposed Substitutions are approved, effective immediately, subject to the conditions contained in the application, as amended.

It is further ordered, under section 17(b) of the Act, that the requested exemption from section 17(a) of the Act is granted, effective immediately, subject to the conditions contained in the application, as amended.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–2736.

Extension:

Rule 12h–1(f), SEC File No. 270–570, OMB Control No. 3235–0632.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 12h–1(f) (17 CFR 240.12h–1(f)) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) provides an exemption from the Exchange Act Section 12(g) registration requirements for compensatory employee stock options of issuers that are not required to file periodic reports under the Exchange Act. The information required under Exchange Act Rule 12h–1 is not

filed with the Commission. Exchange Act Rule 12h–1(f) permits issuers to provide the required information to the option holders either by: (i) Physical or electronic delivery of the information; or (ii) written notice to the option holders of the availability of the information on a password-protected Internet site. We estimate that it takes approximately 2 burden hours per response to prepare and provide the information required under Rule 12h–1(f) and that the information is prepared and provided by approximately 40 respondents. We estimate that 25% of the 2 hours per response (0.5 hours per response) is prepared by the company for a total annual reporting burden of 20 hours (0.5 hours per response × 40 responses).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct your written comment to Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: August 29, 2016.

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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