

general, to protect investors and the public interest. FINRA believes the proposed rule change will provide greater clarity to members and the public regarding FINRA's rules by deleting the re-filing requirements in Rule 2214.03 to conform to changes approved in SR-FINRA-2016-018 and by making technical updates in Rules 7730(g)(6) and 9217.

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

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change brings clarity and consistency to FINRA rules without adding any burden on firms.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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. 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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-FINRA-2017-036 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2017-036. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 website (<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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2017-036, and should be submitted on or before January 31, 2018.

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

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10262]

Call for Expert Reviewers To Contribute to the U.S. Government Review of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on the Impacts of Global Warming of 1.5 °C Above Preindustrial Levels and Related Global Greenhouse Gas Emission Pathways in the Context of Strengthening the Global Response to the Threat of Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Efforts to Eradicate Poverty. (Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C)

The United States Global Change Research Program (*USGCRP*), in cooperation with the Department of State, requests expert review of the second-order draft of the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C, including the first draft of its Summary for Policymakers (SPM).

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) established the IPCC in 1988. As reflected in its governing documents (the IPCC's "principles and procedures"), the role of the IPCC is to assess on a comprehensive, objective, open, and transparent basis the scientific, technical, and socio-economic information relevant to understanding the scientific basis of risk of human-induced climate change, its potential impacts and options for adaptation and mitigation. IPCC reports should be neutral with respect to policy, although they may need to deal objectively with scientific, technical, and socio-economic factors relevant to the application of particular policies. The principles and procedures for the IPCC and its preparation of reports can be found at: <https://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/ipcc-principles/ipcc-principles.pdf> and <http://ipcc.ch/pdf/ipcc-principles/ipcc-principles-appendix-a-final.pdf>. At the 44th Session of the Panel (Bangkok, Thailand, October 17–20, 2016), the IPCC approved the outline for the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5C. Writing team nominations were submitted by the IPCC deadline of December 11, 2016, and author appointments made on January 23, 2017. The Table of Contents for the Special Report can be viewed here: http://ipcc.ch/meetings/session44/l2_adopted_outline_sr15.pdf. As reflected in the IPCC's principles and procedures, review is an essential part of the IPCC process. Since the IPCC is an intergovernmental body, review of IPCC documents involves both peer review by experts and review by governments. The

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

purpose of these reviews is to ensure that the Reports present a comprehensive, objective, and balanced view of the areas they cover.

All IPCC reports go through two broad reviews: a “first-order draft” reviewed by experts, and a “second-order draft” reviewed by both experts and governments. The IPCC Secretariat has informed the U.S. Department of State that the second-order draft of the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C is available for Expert and Government Review.

As part of the U.S. Government Review, starting on 8 January 2018, experts wishing to contribute to the U.S. Government review are encouraged to register via the USGCRP Review and Comment System (<https://review.globalchange.gov/>). Instructions and the report itself will be available for download. The USGCRP coordination office will compile U.S. expert comments and submit to the IPCC, on behalf of the Department of State, by the prescribed deadline. U.S. experts have the opportunity to submit properly formatted comments via the USGCRP Review and Comment System (<https://review.globalchange.gov/>) from 8 January to 8 February 2018. To be considered for inclusion in the U.S. Government submission, comments must be received by 8 February 2018.

Experts may choose to provide comments directly through the IPCC’s Expert Review process, which occurs in parallel with the U.S. Government Review. Registration opened on 15 December 2017, and runs through 18 February 2018: <https://www.ipcc.ch/apps/comments/sr15/sod/register.php>

The Government and Expert Review of the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C ends February 25, 2018.

This notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Holly Kirking-Loomis,

Acting Director, Office of Global Change, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10257]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “The Second Buddha: Master of Time” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be

included in the exhibition “The Second Buddha: Master of Time,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Rubin Museum of Art, New York, New York, from on or about February 2, 2018, until on or about January 7, 2019, at the Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York, from on or about February 9, 2019, until on or about May 19, 2019, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elliot Chiu in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA–5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 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. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257–1 of December 11, 2015). I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

Alyson Grunder,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2017–0130]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this provides the public notice that on December 20, 2017, the Association of American Railroads (AAR), on behalf of itself and its member railroads, petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain

provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 232, *Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices*. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2017–0130.

In its petition, AAR requests a waiver of compliance from the requirement of 49 CFR 232.205(b)—*Class I brake test—initial terminal inspection*, 232.209(a)—*Class II brake tests—intermediate inspection*, 232.211(a)—*Class III brake tests—trainline continuity inspection*, and 232.217(c)—*Train brake tests conducted using yard air*; for the common element that the test or inspection must be performed if (among other requirements) the car or cars have been off-air for more than four hours. AAR requests that the four-hour off-air restrictions in these four regulations be replaced by a 24-hour off-air restriction, which would reflect substantial advancements in air brake technology since the rule was promulgated, and would harmonize United States and Canadian operations.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202–493–2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m.