

alternative approach to the reporting of clearing numbers and cancelled trade indicators, by utilizing data collected by FINRA's Trade Reporting Facilities, FINRA's OTC Reporting Facility or FINRA's Alternative Display Facility.⁵²

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 2, is consistent with the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments on Amendment No. 2 to the Proposed Rule Change

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning whether Amendment No. 2 to 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-NYSEArca-2020-01 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-NYSEArca-2020-01. 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 the Exchange. 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-NYSEArca-2020-01 and should be submitted on or before July 16, 2020.

V. Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 2

The Commission finds good cause to approve the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 2, prior to the thirtieth day after the publication of notice of the filing of the amendments in the **Federal Register**. As discussed above, Amendment No. 2 to the proposed rule change amends the proposed rule change by: (1) Reflect exemptive relief granted by the Commission subsequent to the initial filing of this proposed rule change; (2) removing from the proposed rule change revisions that are subject to a proposed amendment that has not yet been approved by the Commission; and (3) making other edits and corrections for consistency and clarity.

Amendment No. 2 modifies the proposed rule change to, among other things, be consistent with exemptive relief granted by the Commission, which was granted after the initial filing of the proposed rule change.⁵³ Specifically, the proposal implements exemptive relief already granted by the Commission and modifies Industry Member CAT reporting requirements to be consistent with such exemptive relief. Granting accelerated approval of the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 2, would allow the Exchange to implement these changes at the start of Phase 2a Industry Member reporting to CAT, which is scheduled for June 22, 2020.⁵⁴ Accordingly, the Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵⁵ to approve the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 2, on an accelerated basis.

VI. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (SR-NYSEArca-2020-01), as modified by Amendment No. 2, is hereby approved on an accelerated basis.

⁵³ See, *supra* note 7.

⁵⁴ See CAT Timeline, available at: <https://www.catnmsplan.com/timeline>.

⁵⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵⁶

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11081]

Notice of Department of State Sanctions Actions on March 17, 2020 Pursuant to Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019, Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Syria

SUMMARY: The Secretary of State imposed sanctions on one individual on March 17, 2020 pursuant to E.O. 13894, Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Syria.

DATES: The Secretary of State's determination and selection of certain sanctions to be imposed upon the one individual identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section were effective on March 17, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Taylor Ruggles, Director, Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and Implementation, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, tel.: (202) 647 7677, email: RugglesTV@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 2(a) of E.O. 13894, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the United States Trade Representative, and with the President of the Export-Import Bank, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and other agencies and officials as appropriate, is authorized to impose on a person any of the sanctions described in section 2(c) of E.O. 13894 upon determining that the person met any criteria set forth in section 2(a)(i)(A) of E.O. 13894.

In an action on March 17, 2020, the Secretary of State determined, pursuant to Section 2(a)(i)(A) of E.O. 13894, that Syrian Defense Minister Ali Abdullah Ayoub is responsible for or complicit in, has directly or indirectly engaged in, attempted to engage in, or financed, the obstruction, disruption, or prevention of a ceasefire in northern Syria.

⁵⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

⁵² See *supra* note 7.

Pursuant to Section 2(c) of E.O. 13894, the Secretary of State selected the following sanctions to be imposed upon Ali Abdullah Ayoub:

- Prohibit any United States financial institution that is a U.S. person from making loans or providing credits to Ali Abdullah Ayoub totaling more than \$10,000,000 in any 12-month period, unless Ali Abdullah Ayoub is engaged in activities to relieve human suffering and the loans or credits are provided for such activities (Section 2(c)(i) of E.O. 13894)

- prohibit any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and in which Ali Abdullah Ayoub has any interest (Section 2(c)(ii) of E.O. 13894);

- prohibit any transfers of credit or payments between banking institutions or by, through, or to any banking institution, to the extent that such transfers or payments are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve any interest of Ali Abdullah Ayoub (Section 2(c)(iii) of E.O. 13894);

- block all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person of Ali Abdullah Ayoub, and provide that such property and interests in property may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in (Section 2(c)(iv) of E.O. 13894);

- prohibit any United States person from investing in or purchasing significant amounts of equity or debt instruments of Ali Abdullah Ayoub (Section 2(c)(v) of E.O. 13894);

- restrict or prohibit imports of goods, technology, or services, directly or indirectly, into the United States from Ali Abdullah Ayoub (Section 2(c)(vi) of E.O. 13894).

Taylor V. Ruggles,

Director, Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and Implementation, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 55X)]

Wisconsin Central Ltd.— Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Manitowoc County, Wis.

Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and*

Discontinuances of Service to discontinue service over approximately five miles of rail line between milepost 74.00 at Manitowoc and milepost 69.00 at Newton, all of which is in Manitowoc County, Wis. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 54220 and 53063.

WCL has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) overhead traffic (to the extent any exists) can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) ¹ to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be effective on July 25, 2020, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues must be filed by July 2, 2020, and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) ² must be filed by July 6, 2020.³ Petitions for reconsideration must be filed by July 15, 2020, with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001.

¹ Persons interested in submitting an OFA to subsidize continued rail service must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the intent to file an OFA for subsidy and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

² The filing fee for OFAs can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

³ Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, interim trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Because there will be an environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require environmental review.

A copy of any petition filed with Board should be sent to WCL's representative, Bradon J. Smith, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 N Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: June 22, 2020.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2020–0025]

Request for Comments Concerning the Extension of Particular Exclusions Granted Under the September 2019 Product Exclusion Notice From the \$16 Billion Action Pursuant to Section 301: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Effective August 23, 2018, the U.S. Trade Representative imposed additional duties on goods of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$16 billion as part of the action in the Section 301 investigation of China's acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. The U.S. Trade Representative initiated the exclusion process in September 2018 and granted multiple sets of exclusions. The second set of exclusions was granted in September 2019, and are scheduled to expire on September 20, 2020. The U.S. Trade Representative has decided to consider a possible extension for up to 12 months of particular exclusions granted in September 2019. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) invites public comment on whether to extend particular exclusions.

DATES:

July 1, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. ET: The public docket on the web portal at <https://comments.USTR.gov> will open for parties to submit comments on the possible extension of particular exclusions.