

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Instead, the Exchange believes the proposed rule changes to conform certain applicable listing rules so that they are substantively similar to corresponding Nasdaq rules may enhance intermarket competition since the Exchange and Nasdaq will have substantially similar listing requirements for issuers.

Moreover, none of the proposed changes will unduly burden intra-market competition. Participants will experience no competitive impact from the proposed amendments as they are merely intended to the Exchange's corporate governance requirements so that they are substantively similar to those of other exchanges. Further, the Exchange anticipates that all issuers with Companies listed on the Exchange already comply with the proposed rules. Thus, the proposal will have no material impact to such issuers.

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

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

### 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)(iii) of the Act<sup>128</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>129</sup>

Proposed Rule Change To Modify the Quorum Requirement for Non-U.S. Companies Under Certain Limited Circumstances; and 91567 (April 14, 2021) 86 FR 20556 (April 20, 2021) (Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, To Modify the Quorum Requirement).

<sup>128</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>129</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>130</sup> normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>131</sup> the

Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay to allow the Exchange to implement the proposal as soon as possible. The Exchange states that the proposal is substantively similar or identical to Nasdaq listing rules series 5200 (General Procedures and Prerequisites for Initial and Continued Listing on the Nasdaq Stock Market), 5600 (Corporate Governance Requirements), and 5800 (Failure to Meeting Listing Standards). The Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because the proposal does not raise any new or novel issues. The proposed changes have also previously been subject to notice and comment.<sup>132</sup> Accordingly, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.<sup>133</sup>

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or

<sup>130</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>131</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>132</sup> See Section II. A, *supra*. As described above, some of the proposed changes were also previously approved by the Commission.

<sup>133</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-CboeBZX-2024-010 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-CboeBZX-2024-010. 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 (<https://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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CboeBZX-2024-010 and should be submitted on or before March 12, 2024.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>134</sup>

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### Exchange Visitor Program

**ACTION:** Notice of an arrangement through a Memorandum of

<sup>134</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Understanding and waiver of certain regulatory requirements.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Visitor Program regulations, the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State, has waived certain regulatory provisions to establish an exchange of German principals to secondary schools overseen and financed by the government of the Federal Republic of Germany within the United States.

**DATES:** This action was effective on November 15, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca Pasini, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange at 2200 C Street NW, SA-5, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20522 or via email at [JExchanges@state.gov](mailto:JExchanges@state.gov) or by telephone at (202) 826-4364.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The arrangement between the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany, establishing an exchange of German principals, fosters long-term international cooperation with U.S. communities across the United States. German exchange principals, through their leadership, promote an intercultural environment and strong bonds that last through their students' years at school, university, and beyond. The principals are instrumental in creating a global network of well-connected German and American alumni.

This exchange has been established in accordance with the existing Exchange Visitor Program regulations (22 CFR part 62), including the regulations applying to the Specialist category (22 CFR 62.26). These exchange visitors are experts in a field with specialized knowledge or skills. Program participants are required to be German citizens, hold a valid German passport, and have teaching certification for the secondary level or an advanced degree equivalent to a Master's degree in school administration or a similar field. Program participants are selected by the Federal German Foreign Office and its subordinate authority, the Central Agency for Schools Abroad. Participants are placed as principals in German schools in the United States that are recognized and overseen by the Federal Foreign Office.

Consistent with the arrangement, the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs waives certain provisions set forth in 22 CFR 62.26. Regulations at 22 CFR 62.26(i) provide that specialists shall be authorized to participate in the Exchange Visitor

Program for the length of time necessary to complete the program, which shall not exceed one year. Regulations at 22 CFR 62.26(d)(3) establish that a foreign national is eligible to participate in an exchange visitor program as a specialist if that individual does not fill a permanent or long-term position of employment while in the United States. Through the arrangement with the Federal Republic of Germany, the United States supports the purposes of the Fulbright-Hayes Act by facilitating administrative support for German schools in the United States and recognizing that international schools are an important way to allow the possibility of young people to be educated in a unique multicultural environment. The arrangement allows German principals to promote intercultural exchange throughout their program, which is permitted to be three years, subject to the terms of the principal's visa.

Subject to the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), participants may be eligible for one-time repeat participation in the program upon the exchange visitor's valid application and after meeting any other applicable requirements. Although the principal position filled by the participant may remain a long-term one for the school, varying individual principals, including program participants, may serve in that role. Accordingly, the Department waives subsections (d)(3) and (i) of 22 CFR 62.26 with respect to this program.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### Notice of Public Meeting in Preparation for International Maritime Organization Tenth Session of the Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) Meeting

The Department of State will conduct a public meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, via teleconference. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 10th session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Sub-committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE 10) to be held at IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom from Monday, March 4 to Friday, March 8, 2024.

Members of the public may participate up to the capacity of the

teleconference phone line, which can handle 500 participants, and the teleconference line will be provided to those who RSVP. To RSVP, participants should contact the meeting coordinator, LT Jeffrey Bors by email at [Jeffrey.S.Bors@uscg.mil](mailto:Jeffrey.S.Bors@uscg.mil). LT Bors will provide access information for virtual attendance.

The agenda items to be considered at SSE 10 include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- New requirements for ventilation of survival craft
- Development of design and prototype test requirements for the arrangements used in the operational testing of free-fall lifeboat release systems without launching the lifeboat
- Revision of SOLAS chapter III and the LSA Code
- Amendments to SOLAS chapter III and chapter IV of the LSA Code to require the carriage of self-righting or canopied reversible liferafts for new ships
- Development of amendments to paragraph 8.3.5 and annex 1 of the 1994 and 2000 HSC Codes
- Revision of the 2010 FTP Code to allow for new fire protection systems and materials
- Revision of the provisions for helicopter facilities in SOLAS and the MODU Code
- Development of amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2 and the FSS Code concerning detection and control of fires in cargo holds and on the cargo deck of containerships
- Validated model training courses
- Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security and environment-related conventions
- Development of provisions to consider prohibiting the use of fire-fighting foams containing fluorinated substances, in addition to PFOS, for fire-fighting on board ships
- Comprehensive review of the Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear (resolution MSC.402(96)) to address challenges with their implementation
- Amendments to the LSA Code for thermal performance of immersion suits
- Evaluation of adequacy of fire protection, detection and extinction arrangements in vehicle, special category and ro-ro spaces in order to reduce the fire risk of ships carrying new energy vehicles
- Biennial status report and provisional agenda for SSE 11