

International Trade Policy Development. Effective September 12, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective September 12, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Technology. Effective September 22, 1995.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration. Effective September 22, 1995.

Department of Defense

Special Assistant (Programs and Legislation) to the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy). Effective September 1, 1995.

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy). Effective September 27, 1995.

Department of Education

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs. Effective September 15, 1995.

Department of Energy

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director of Public and Consumer Affairs. Effective September 29, 1995.

Department of Health and Human Services

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration. Effective September 11, 1995.

White House Liaison to the Chief of Staff. Effective September 11, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families. Effective September 15, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services. Effective September 22, 1995.

Department of Justice

Staff Assistant to the Attorney General. Effective September 7, 1995.

Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division. Effective September 11, 1995.

Assistant to the Attorney General. Effective September 11, 1995.

Staff Assistant to the Attorney General. Effective September 13, 1995.

Deputy Director, Office of Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs to the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs. Effective September 22, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General. Effective September 26, 1995.

Associate Deputy Attorney General to the Deputy Attorney General. Effective September 26, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General. Effective September 29, 1995.

Department of Labor

Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training. Effective September 14, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective September 14, 1995.

Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health. Effective September 14, 1995.

Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Policy. Effective September 22, 1995.

Department of State

Foreign Affairs Officer to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Labor, External and Multilateral Affairs. Effective September 1, 1995.

Resources, Plans and Policy Advisor to the Director, Plans and Policy. Effective September 15, 1995.

Department of Transportation

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration. Effective September 27, 1995.

Department of the Treasury

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance. Effective September 15, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary (Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison). Effective September 26, 1995.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of the Communications and Legislative Affairs. Effective September 1, 1995.

Federal Maritime Commission

Special Assistant to Counsel to the Chairman. Effective September 26, 1995.

General Services Administration

Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator, Great Lakes Region. Effective September 1, 1995.

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Special Assistant to the Assistant Executive Director for Legislative Affairs. Effective September 29, 1995.

Small Business Administration

Director of International Trade to the Assistant Administrator for International Trade. Effective September 1, 1995.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Office of Human Resources. Effective September 15, 1995.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Public Comment With Respect to the Annual National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 303 of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1984, as amended, USTR is required to publish annually the National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE). With this notice, the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting interested parties to assist it in identifying significant barriers to U.S. exports of goods, services and overseas direct investment for inclusion in the NTE. Particularly important are impediments materially affecting the actual and potential financial performance of an industry sector. The TPSC invites written comments which provide views relevant to the issues to be examined in preparing the NTE.

DATES: Public comments are due not later than noon on November 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Carolyn Frank, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Room 501, Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Panulas, Associate Director for Policy Coordination, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9599.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information submitted should relate to one or more of the following nine categories of foreign trade barriers:

- (1) Import policies (e.g., tariffs and other import charges, quantitative restrictions, import licensing, and customs barriers);
- (2) Standards, testing, labeling, and certification (including unnecessary restrictive application of phytosanitary standards, refusal to accept U.S. certification of conformance to foreign

product standards, and environmental restrictions);

(3) Government procurement (e.g., "buy national" policies and closed bidding);

(4) Export subsidies (e.g., export financing on preferential terms and agricultural export subsidies);

(5) Lack of intellectual property protection (e.g., inadequate patent, copyright, and trademark regimes);

(6) Services barriers (e.g., limits on the range of financial services offered by foreign financial institutions, regulations of international data flows, restrictions on the use of data processing, and quotas on imports of foreign films, and barriers to the provision of services by professionals (e.g., lawyers, doctors, accountants, engineers, nurses, etc.));

(7) Investment barriers (e.g., limitations on foreign equity participation and on access to foreign government-funded R&D consortia, local content, technology transfer and export performance requirements, and restrictions on repatriation of earnings, capital, fees and royalties);

(8) Lack of government action against: (a) anticompetitive practices of state-owned and private firms that restrict the sale of U.S. products and services, and (b) corrupt practices (including illicit payments) that may result in lost opportunities for U.S. suppliers of goods and services; and

(9) Other barriers (i.e., barriers that encompass more than one category listed above or that affect a single sector).

In comparison with last year's NTE, we are asking that particular emphasis be placed on any practices that may violate U.S. trade agreements. In addition, this year's report will include information concerning whether foreign governments have in place adequate laws and regulations to combat *corrupt practices*, such as the bribery of public officials, in connection with government purchase and licensing decisions.

We are also interested in receiving any new or updated information pertinent to the barriers covered in last year's report as well as those being added this year. Please note that the information not used in the NTE will be maintained for use in future negotiations.

It is MOST IMPORTANT that your submission contain estimates of the potential increase in exports that would result from the removal of the barrier, as well as a clear discussion of the method(s) by which the estimates were computed. Estimates should fall within the following value ranges: under \$5 million; \$5 million to \$25 million; \$25

million to \$50 million; \$50 million to \$100 million; \$100 million to \$500 million; or over \$500 million. Such assessments enhance USTR's ability to conduct meaningful comparative analyses of a barrier's effect over a range of industries.

Please note that interested parties discussing barriers in more than one country should provide a separate submission (i.e., one that is self-contained) for each country.

Written Comments

All written comments should be addressed to: Carolyn Frank, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street N.W., Room 501 Washington, D.C. 20508.

All submissions must be in English and should conform to the information requirements of 15 CFR 2003.

A party must provide ten copies of its submission which must be received at USTR no later than noon on November 30, 1995. If the submission contains business confidential information, ten copies of a non-confidential version must also be submitted. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and of each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of each page, "public version" or "non-confidential."

Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public inspection shortly after the filing deadline. Inspection is by appointment only with the staff of the USTR Public Reading Room and can be arranged by calling (202) 395-6186.

Frederick L. Montgomery,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-36417; File No. SR-BSE-95-12]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Boston Stock Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting Approval to Proposed Rule Change and Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Proposed Rule Change Relating to Specialist Concentration

October 25, 1995.

On June 19, 1995, the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE" or "Exchange") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change seeking permanent approval of the Exchange's Specialist Concentration Policy.

The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on July 25, 1995.³ No comments were received on the proposal. On October 18, 1995, the BSE submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.⁴ This order approves the proposed rule change. In addition, Amendment No. 1 is approved on an accelerated basis.

The Exchange's current policy regarding the concentration of specialist units was first approved by the Commission on a six-month pilot basis ending August 7, 1990.⁵ The Commission later approved the renewal of the pilot program for additional one-year periods through September 26, 1995.⁶

The BSE's Specialist Concentration Policy pilot program establishes certain standards based on Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") ranking⁷ of specialist stocks for reviewing certain proposed mergers, acquisitions, and other combinations between or among specialist units. The proposed policy

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 35987 (July 18, 1995), 60 FR 38065.

⁴ See Letter from Karen Aluise, Assistant Vice President, BSE, to Glen Barentine, Team Leader, SEC (Oct. 13, 1995). Amendment No. 1 is described *infra* at note 8 and accompanying text.

⁵ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 27684 (Feb. 7, 1990), 55 FR 5527 (approving File No. SR-BSE-89-05).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 28327 (Aug. 10, 1990), 55 FR 33794 (approving File No. SR-BSE-90-11); 29551 (Aug. 13, 1991), 56 FR 41380 (approving File No. SR-BSE-91-06); 31037 (Aug. 13, 1992), 57 FR 37854 (approving File No. SR-BSE-92-08); 32753 (Aug. 16, 1993), 58 FR 44707 (approving File No. SR-BSE-93-15); and 34716 (Sept. 26, 1994), 59 FR 50026 (approving File No. SR-BSE-94-12).