

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should contact the Advisory Committee at the address or telephone number listed below at least five business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provisions will be made to include on the agenda presentations from individuals who have not yet had an opportunity to address the Advisory Committee. Priority will be given to Gulf War veterans and their families. The Advisory Committee Chair is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. People who wish to file written statements with the Advisory Committee may do so at any time.

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Dated: April 2, 1996.

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Federal Register Liaison Officer, Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following open meeting during the week of April 8, 1996.

An open meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1C30.

The subject matter of the open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., will be:

Consideration of whether to propose a new regulation containing anti-manipulation rules governing securities offerings. The new regulation would simply, modify, and, in some cases, eliminate provisions that otherwise restrict the activities of issuers, underwriters, and others participating in a securities offering. The new regulation is proposed to be adopted under various provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") and, if adopted, would replace current Rules 10b-6, 10b-6A, 10b-7, 10b-8, and 10b-21 under the Exchange Act. Related amendments to Items 502(d) and 508 of both Regulations S-B and S-K, and to Rules 10b-18 and 17a-2 under the Exchange Act, also

will be considered. For further information, contact M. Blair Corkran or K. Susan Grafton at (202) 942-0772.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: April 3, 1996.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to the Waiver of Transaction Fees

March 29, 1996.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on March 18, 1996, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Amex proposes to waive the monthly equity transaction charge for executions in World Equity Benchmark Shares ("WEBS") for the first 90 days of trading.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in

Sections (A), (B) and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

(A) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to waive, for the first 90 days of trading in WEBS, the monthly equity transaction charge for executions of on-floor and off-floor orders, including those for the accounts of floor members, Registered Options Traders, customers, and firm proprietary accounts. WEBS are issued by Foreign Fund, Inc., an open-end management investment company, and are listed on the Exchange pursuant to Exchange Rule 1000A.²

Each WEBS Index Series invests primarily in equity securities traded in foreign markets in an effort to track the performance of a specified foreign equity market index. Seventeen WEBS Index Series have been listed on the Exchange: Australia Index Series, Austria Index Series, Belgium Index Series, Canada Index Series, France Index Series, Germany Index Series, Hong Kong Index Series, Italy Index Series, Japan Index Series, Malaysia Index Series, Mexico (Free) Index Series, Netherlands Index Series, Singapore (Free) Index Series, Spain Index Series, Sweden Index Series, Switzerland Index Series, and United Kingdom Index Series.

The investment objective of each of the initial seventeen Index Series is to seek to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance of publicly traded securities in the aggregate in particular foreign markets, as represented by a particular foreign equity securities index compiled by Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI").

The Exchange believes it is appropriate to waive transaction charges for an initial 90-day period in order to promote additional investor and professional interest in WEBS with the aim of enhancing liquidity.

The Amex believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers, and other persons using the Exchange's facilities.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1) (1988).

² See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36947 (March 8, 1996), 61 FR 10606.