

"all or none" or "fill or kill" instructions, and the orders may not be executed until the procedures in Exchange Rule 6.47(b) and Options Floor Procedure Advice A-6 have been satisfied, and crowd members have been given a reasonable time to participate in the trade.

Fifth, in no event may the aggregate exempted position under Commentary .08 exceed the number of contracts specified in the exemption's table, *i.e.*, twice the applicable standard limit, excluding interest rate options which are set at three times the applicable standard limit.

Sixth, the facilitation firm may not increase the exempted options position once it is closed, unless approval from the Exchange is again received pursuant to a reapplication under Commentary .08.

In summary, the Commission believes that the safeguards built into the facilitation exemption process discussed above should serve to minimize the potential for disruption and manipulation, while at the same time benefitting market participants by allowing member firms greater flexibility to facilitate large customer orders. This structure substantially mirrors the firm facilitation exemption process that was recently approved for the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. ("CBOE").<sup>8</sup> The PSE also has surveillance procedures to surveil for compliance with the rule's requirements. Accordingly, the Commission believes it is appropriate to extend the benefits of a firm facilitation exemption to non-multiply-listed PSE option issues.

The Commission finds good cause to approve the proposed rule change, including Amendment No. 1, prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of notice of filing thereof in the Federal Register. Specifically, by accelerating the approval of the Exchange's rule proposal, as amended, the Commission is conforming the Exchange's firm facilitation exemption to the relief recently approved for the CBOE. Accelerated approval of the proposed rule change will thereby provide for the desired uniformity of the exchanges' position limit exemptions. Any other course of action could lead to unnecessary investor confusion. In addition, the CBOE's proposal was noticed for the entire twenty-one day comment period and generated no responses. Accordingly, the Commission believes that it is

consistent with Sections 6(b)(5) and 19(b)(2) of the Act to approve the proposed rule change, as amended, on an accelerated basis.

## V. Conclusion

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)<sup>9</sup> of the Act, that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-PSE-96-10), as amended, is hereby approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

Margaret H. McFarland,

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## Self-Regulatory Organizations; Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting Approval to Proposed Rule Change and Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval to Amendment No. 1 Relating to Amendment of Its By-Laws To Require That the Chairman of Each Standing Committee Must Be a Member of the Board of Governors

May 9, 1996.

### I. Introduction

On January 22, 1996, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to require that the Chairman of each Standing Committee of the Exchange's Board of Governors must be a member of the Board of Governors.

The proposed rule change was published for comment in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36832 (February 12, 1996), 61 FR 6280 (February 16, 1996). No comments were received on the proposal. On May 9, 1996, the Exchange submitted to the Commission Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.<sup>3</sup> This order

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2) (1988).

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a) (12) (1994).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> See Letter from Murray L. Ross, Secretary, Phlx, to Jon Kroeper, Attorney, SEC, dated May 8, 1996 ("Amendment No. 1"). Amendment No. 1 amends the text of the proposed rule change to delay the implementation of the proposed rule change until March 26, 1997, which is the organizational meeting of the Phlx Board of Governors after the next scheduled annual election of governors. In its April 17, 1996 meeting, the Board resolved by

approves the proposal, including Amendment No. 1 on an accelerated basis.

### II. Description

The proposed rule change to Article X, Section 10-1(a) of the Exchange's By-Laws mandates that, effective March 26, 1997, the Chairman of each Standing Committee of the Phlx's Board of Governors shall be a member of the Board of Governors. The proposed rule change is intended to update the structural composition of the Standing Committees and make them more directly responsive to the Board of Governors.

### III. Discussion

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with the requirements of Section 6(b).<sup>4</sup> Specifically, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(1)<sup>5</sup> requirement that an exchange be organized to carry out the purposes of the Act and to enforce compliance by its members and persons associated with its members with the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

By requiring that the Chairman of each Standing Committee of the Board of Governors<sup>6</sup> must be a member of the Board of Governors, the proposed rule change will enable the Board to more closely oversee the exercise of the authority it has delegated to the Standing Committees and increase the responsiveness of the Committees to the Board's concerns therewith. As a result, the proposed rule change may enhance the Board's ability to perform its responsibilities under the By-Laws and Rules of the Exchange and, in turn, the

consensus to retain for the 1996-97 governance year recently appointed Chairmen of Standing Committees that are not members of the Board. Amendment No. 1 also contains representations by the Exchange as to the application of its conflict of interest policy to Standing Committees of the Board and the Chairmen thereof. See *infra* note 7 for a description of such representations.

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(1).

<sup>6</sup> Presently, the Standing Committees of the Phlx Board of Governors consist of the following: an Admissions Committee, an Allocation, Evaluation and Securities Committee, an Arbitration Committee, an Audit Committee, a Business Conduct Committee, an Elections Committee, an Executive Committee, a Finance Committee, a Foreign Currency Options Committee, a Marketing Committee, a Nominating Committee, and an Options Committee. See Phlx By-Laws, Art. X, § 10-1(a).

<sup>8</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36964 (March 13, 1996), 61 FR 11453 (March 20, 1996) (File No. SR-CBOE-95-68).

Exchange's performance of its obligations under the Act.<sup>7</sup>

The Commission finds good cause for approving Amendment No. 1 prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of notice thereof in the Federal Register. Amendment No. 1 merely delays the implementation of the rule until the 1997-98 governance year, and does not propose new substantive provisions to the proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission believes that consistent with Section 19(b)(2), good cause exists to accelerate approval of Amendment No. 1.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rules change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to Amendment No. 1 between the Commission and any persons, 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-96-04 and should be submitted by [insert date 21 days from date of publication].

#### V. Conclusion

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>8</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-Phlx-96-04), as amended, is approved.

<sup>7</sup> In Amendment No. 1 the Exchange has represented that Art. IV, § 4-8 of the Phlx By-Laws, which provides that "no person shall participate in the adjudication of a matter in which he is personally interested," specifically applies to members of the Board of Governors acting as such. The Exchange also has represented that it has applied this conflict of interest provision to the conduct of all Standing Committee, subcommittee, hearing panel and panel members. Moreover, in the context of the proposed rule change, the Exchange has represented that no Chairman of a Standing Committee may participate in the deliberation or voting on any matter in which such member or his or her affiliated firm may have an interest in the outcome. See Amendment No. 1, *supra* note 3.

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>9</sup>

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-96-24]

#### Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. D. Michael Smith, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-7470.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

Issued in Washington, D.C., on May 10, 1996.

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#### Dispositions of Petitions

*Docket No:* 009SW

*Petitioner:* Kaman Aerospace Corporation

*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 27.1(a)

*Description of Relief Sought:* To allow an increase in the maximum gross weight of the Kaman Model K-1200

from 6,000 lbs. to 6,500 lbs. while maintaining the original normal category rotorcraft certification.  
*GRANT, April 25, 1996, Exemption No. 6433*

*Docket No:* 25726

*Petitioner:* Valley Flying Service, Inc.  
*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 21.197(c)(2)

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To allow the issuance of a special flight permit with continuing authorization to the petitioner for aircraft that are operated and maintained in accordance with §§ 135.411(a)(1) and 135.419.

*DENIAL, March 18, 1996, Exemption No. 6414*

*Docket No:* 25738

*Petitioner:* CCAir, Inc.  
*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 21.197(c)

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To allow the issuance of a special flight permit with continuing authorization to the petitioner for aircraft that are operated and maintained in accordance with §§ 135.411(a)(1) and 135.419.

*DENIAL, March 18, 1996, Exemption No. 6415*

*Docket No:* 28269

*Petitioner:* Learjet, Inc.  
*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 25.562(c)(5) and 25.785(a)

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To allow exemption from the Head Injury Criterion (HIC) of §§ 25.562(c)(5) and 25.785(a) for passenger seating in Learjet Model 45 airplanes.

*PARTIAL GRANT, April 9, 1996, Exemption No. 6420*

*Docket No:* 28345

*Petitioner:* Air Vegas, Inc.  
*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 135.180(a)

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit Air Vegas, Inc., to operate 6 turbine-powered Beechcraft C99 (B-C99) airplanes that have a passenger seat configuration of 15 seats without those airplanes being equipped with an approved traffic alert and collision avoidance system (TCAS I).

*DENIAL, April 4, 1996, Exemption No. 6419*

*Docket No:* 28452

*Petitioner:* Boeing Commercial Airplane Group  
*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 25.562(b)(2)

*Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:* To permit exemption from the floor warpage testing requirement of § 25.562(b)(2), as amended by Amendment 25-64, for

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).