

to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹² for approving the establishment of the Pilot which would expire on November 1, 1999 (or until such earlier time as the Commission grants the Exchange's request for permanent approval of the program), prior to the thirtieth day after publication in the **Federal Register**.

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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0609. 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 inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-99-29 and should be submitted by August 23, 1999.

V. Commission's Findings and Order Granting Partial Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change

The Commission finds that the portion of the proposed rule change relating to the establishment of the Pilot is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.¹³ Specifically, the Commission believes the proposal is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁴ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public.

The Commission finds that the revisions and codification of the continued listing criteria set forth in the

proposed Pilot, which should ensure that companies that fail to satisfy the continued listing criteria are identified, reviewed, and then subjected to specified delisting procedures, are consistent with the Act and should enhance investor protection. Moreover, the Pilot should ensure that those companies falling below the NYSE's continued listing criteria are provided with transparent, detailed procedures for addressing their status. The Commission further believes that the proposed Pilot is consistent with the Exchange's obligation to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market by codifying its continued listing criteria, thereby encouraging the NYSE to apply uniformly its criteria in listing and, if necessary, delisting securities on the Exchange. Lastly, the Commission believes that the proposed continued listing criteria, established in the Pilot, should help to ensure the stability of the marketplace, as well as protect investors, by enabling the NYSE to identify listed companies that may not have sufficient trading depth and liquidity to warrant continued listing.

The Commission finds good cause for approving the Pilot prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of notice thereof in the **Federal Register**. The Commission believes that accelerated approval of the Pilot will enable the Exchange to minimize the interruption in its continued listing and delisting of these securities and allow for an orderly transition for its issuers, while providing the Commission adequate time to carefully consider the Exchange's proposal seeking permanent approval of the proposed changes to its continued listing criteria.¹⁵

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁶ that the Pilot program proposed by the Exchange (File No. SR-NYSE-99-29) is approved until November 1, 1999, or until the Commission approves the proposal permanently.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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¹⁵ The Commission's approval of the Pilot should not be interpreted as suggesting that the Commission is predisposed to approving the proposal on a permanent basis.

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3099]

Registration for the Diversity Immigrant (DV-2001) Visa Program

ACTION: Notice of registration for the seventh year of the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

This public notice provides information on the procedures for obtaining an opportunity to apply for one of the 55,000 (maximum) immigrant visas to be made available in the Diversity Immigrant Visa (DV) category during Fiscal Year 2001. This notice is issued pursuant to 22 CFR 42.33(b)(2) which implements sections 201(a)(3), 201(e), 203(c) and 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, (8 U.S.C. 1151, 1153, and 1154(a)(1)(G)).

Entry Procedures for Immigrant Visas To Be Made Available in the DV Category During Fiscal Year 2001

ENTRIES FOR THE DV-2001 MAIL-IN PERIOD MUST BE RECEIVED BETWEEN NOON (EASTERN TIME) ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1999 AND NOON (EASTERN TIME) ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1999. Entries received before or after these dates will be disqualified regardless of when they are postmarked. Entries sent to an incorrect address will also be disqualified.

How Visas Are Apportioned

Visas are apportioned among six geographic regions with a greater number of visas going to regions with lower rates of immigration, and no visas going to countries sending more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. in the past five years. No one country can receive more than 7 percent of the diversity visas issued in any one year. For DV-2001, natives of the following are NOT ELIGIBLE to apply:

CANADA
CHINA (mainland and Taiwan, except Hong Kong S.A.R.)
COLOMBIA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
EL SALVADOR
HAITI
INDIA
JAMAICA
MEXICO
PHILIPPINES
POLAND
SOUTH KOREA
UNITED KINGDOM (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories
VIETNAM

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹³ In approving this Pilot, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Requirements

To enter, an applicant must be able to claim nativity in an eligible country, AND must meet either the education or training requirement of the DV program. Nativity in most cases is determined by the applicant's place of birth. However, if a person was born in an ineligible country but his/her spouse was born in an eligible country, such person can claim the spouse's country of birth rather than his/her own. Also, if a person was born in an ineligible country, but neither of his/her parents was born there or resided there at the time of the birth, such person may be able to claim nativity in one of the parents' country of birth. Education or Training: To enter, an applicant MUST have EITHER a high school education or its equivalent, defined in the U.S. as successful completion of a 12-year course of elementary and secondary education; OR two years of work experience within the past five years in an occupation requiring at least two years of training or experience to perform. U.S. Department of Labor definitions will apply. If a person does not meet these requirements, he/she SHOULD NOT submit an entry to the DV program.

Procedures for Submitting an Entry Form

Only ONE entry form may be submitted by or for each applicant during the registration period. Submission of more than one entry will disqualify the person. The applicant must personally sign the entry, preferably in his/her native alphabet. Failure of the applicant to personally sign his/her own entry will result in disqualification.

Completing the Entry Form

There is no specific format for the entry. Simply use a plain sheet of paper and type or clearly print in the English alphabet (preferably in the following order): (Failure to provide ALL of this information will disqualify the applicant.)

1. FULL NAME, with the last (surname/family) name underlined
EXAMPLES: *Public*, Sara Jane (or) *Lopez*, Juan Antonio
2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH
Date: Day, Month, Year EXAMPLE: 15 November 1961
Place: City/Town, District/County/Province, Country EXAMPLE: Munich, Bavaria, Germany
The name of the country should be that which is currently in use for the place where the applicant was born (Slovenia, rather than

- Yugoslavia; Kazakstan rather than Soviet Union, for example).
3. THE APPLICANT'S NATIVE COUNTRY IF DIFFERENT FROM COUNTRY OF BIRTH
If the applicant is claiming nativity in a country other than his/her place of birth, this must be clearly indicated on the entry. This information must match with what is put on the upper left corner of the entry envelope. (See "MAILING THE ENTRY" below.) If an applicant is claiming nativity through spouse or parent, please indicate this on the entry. (See "Requirements" section for more information on this item.)
 4. NAME, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE AND CHILDREN (IF ANY) (Failure to provide all of this information will disqualify the applicant.)
 5. FULL MAILING ADDRESS This must be clear and complete, as any communications will be sent there. A telephone number is optional, but useful.
 6. PHOTOGRAPH. Attach a recent, preferably less than 6 months old, photograph of the applicant, 1.5 inches (37 mm) square in size, with the applicant's name printed on the back. The photograph (not a photocopy) should be attached to the entry with clear tape—DO NOT use staples or paperclips, which can jam the mail processing equipment.
 7. SIGNATURE: Failure to personally sign the entry will disqualify the applicant.

Mailing the Entry

Submit the entry by regular or air mail to the address matching the region of the applicant's country of nativity. Entries sent by express or priority mail, fax, hand, messenger, or any means requiring receipts or special handling will not be processed.

The envelope must be between 6 and 10 inches (15 to 25 cm) long and 3½ and 4½ inches (9 to 11 cm) wide. Postcards are NOT acceptable, nor are envelopes inside express or oversized mail packets. In the upper left hand corner of the envelope the applicant must show his/her country of nativity, followed by the applicant's name and full return address. The applicant must provide both the country of nativity and the country of the address, even if both are the same. Failure to provide this information will disqualify the entry. The mailing address for all entries is the same EXCEPT for the ZIP (POSTAL) CODE. The address is: DV-2001 Program, National Visa Center,

Portsmouth NH (ZIP CODE as appropriate. See below.), U.S.A.

The Zip Codes are:

ASIA—00210
SOUTH AMERICA/CENTRAL AMERICA/CARIBBEAN—00211
EUROPE—00212
AFRICA—00213
OCEANIA—00214
NORTH AMERICA—00215

For the DV Program, the regions are divided as follows:

(1) ASIA: ZIP CODE: 00210 (extends from Israel to the northern Pacific islands, and includes Indonesia):

AFGHANISTAN
BAHRAIN
BANGLADESH
BHUTAN
BRUNEI
BURMA
CAMBODIA
HONG KONG S.A.R.
INDONESIA
IRAN
IRAQ
ISRAEL
JAPAN
JORDAN
NORTH KOREA
KUWAIT
LAOS
LEBANON
MALAYSIA
MALDIVES
MONGOLIA
NEPAL
OMAN
PAKISTAN
QATAR
SAUDI ARABIA
SINGAPORE
SRI LANKA
SYRIA
THAILAND
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
YEMEN

NB: In Asia CHINA—mainland born and Taiwan born, INDIA, PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA, and VIETNAM DO NOT QUALIFY for this year's diversity program. HONG KONG S.A.R. DOES QUALIFY. Applicants born in MACAU MAY APPLY for this year's DV Program, however, they will become ineligible on December 20, 1999 when control of Macau reverts to China, unless legislation is enacted which would allow Macau's continued eligibility for the DV Program.

(2) SOUTH AMERICA/CENTRAL AMERICA/CARIBBEAN: ZIP CODE: 00211 (extends from Central America (Guatemala) and the Caribbean nations to Chile.)

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ARGENTINA
BARBADOS

BELIZE
 BOLIVIA
 BRAZIL
 CHILE
 COSTA RICA
 CUBA
 DOMINICA
 ECUADOR
 GRENADA
 GUATEMALA
 GUYANA
 HONDURAS
 NICARAGUA
 PANAMA
 PARAGUAY
 PERU
 ST. KITTS & NEVIS
 ST. LUCIA
 ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES
 SURINAME
 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
 URUGUAY
 VENEZUELA

NB: In South America COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EL SALVADOR, HAITI, JAMAICA, and MEXICO DO NOT QUALIFY for this year's Diversity Program.

(3) EUROPE : ZIP CODE: 00212
 (Extends from Greenland to Russia, and includes all countries of the former USSR).

ALBANIA
 ANDORRA
 ARMENIA
 AUSTRIA
 AZERBAIJAN
 BELARUS
 BELGIUM
 BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
 BULGARIA
 CROATIA
 CYPRUS
 CZECH REPUBLIC
 DENMARK *
 ESTONIA
 FINLAND
 FRANCE *
 GEORGIA
 GERMANY
 GREECE
 HUNGARY
 ICELAND
 IRELAND
 ITALY
 KAZAKSTAN
 KYRGYZSTAN
 LATVIA
 LICHTENSTEIN
 LITHUANIA
 LUXEMBOURG
 MACEDONIA, THE FORMER
 YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF
 MALTA
 MOLDOVA
 MONACO
 MONTENEGRO
 NETHERLANDS *

NORTHERN IRELAND
 NORWAY
 PORTUGAL *
 ROMANIA
 RUSSIA
 SAN MARINO
 SERBIA
 SLOVAKIA
 SLOVENIA
 SPAIN
 SWEDEN
 SWITZERLAND
 TAJIKISTAN
 TURKEY
 TURKMENISTAN
 UKRAINE
 UZBEKISTAN
 VATICAN CITY

NB: In Europe GREAT BRITAIN and POLAND DO NOT QUALIFY for this year's diversity program. GREAT BRITAIN (UNITED KINGDOM) includes the following dependent areas: ANGUILLA, BERMUDA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, CAYMAN ISLANDS, FAULKLAND ISLANDS, GIBRALTAR, MONTSERRAT, PITCAIRN, ST. HELENA, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Note that for purposes of the Diversity Program only, Northern Ireland is treated separately; *NORTHERN IRELAND DOES QUALIFY* and is listed among the qualifying areas.

* Includes components and dependent areas overseas.

(4) AFRICA: ZIP CODE: 00213
 (includes all countries on the African continent and adjacent islands):

ALGERIA
 ANGOLA
 BENIN
 BOTSWANA
 BURKINA FASO
 BURUNDI
 CAMEROON
 CAPE VERDE
 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
 CHAD
 COMOROS
 CONGO
 CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
 THE
 COTE D'IVOIRE (IVORY COAST)
 DJIBOUTI
 EGYPT
 EQUATORIAL GUINEA
 ERITREA
 ETHIOPIA
 GABON
 GAMBIA, THE
 GHANA
 GUINEA
 GUINEA-BISSAU
 KENYA
 LESOTHO
 LIBERIA
 LIBYA
 MADAGASCAR

MALAWI
 MALI
 MAURITANIA
 MAURITIUS
 MOROCCO
 MOZAMBIQUE
 NAMIBIA
 NIGER
 NIGERIA
 RWANDA
 SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
 SENEGAL
 SEYCHELLES
 SIERRA LEONE
 SOMALIA
 SOUTH AFRICA
 SUDAN
 SWAZILAND
 TANZANIA
 TOGO
 TUNISIA
 UGANDA
 ZAMBIA
 ZIMBABWE

(5) OCEANIA: ZIP CODE: 00214
 (includes Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and all countries and islands of the South Pacific):

AUSTRALIA *
 FIJI
 KIRIBATI
 MARSHALL ISLANDS
 MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES
 OF
 NAURU
 NEW ZEALAND *
 PALAU
 PAPUA NEW GUINEA
 SOLOMON ISLANDS
 TONGA
 TUVALU
 VANUATU
 WESTERN SAMOA

* Includes components and dependent areas overseas.

(6) NORTH AMERICA: ZIP CODE: 00215 (includes the Bahamas):

BAHAMAS, THE

NB: In North America, CANADA DOES NOT QUALIFY for this year's Diversity Program.

Important Notice: Applicants must meet ALL eligibility requirements under the U.S. law in order to be issued visas. Processing of applications and issuance of diversity visas to successful applicants and their eligible family members MUST occur by September 30, 2001. Family members may not obtain diversity visas to follow to join the applicant in the U.S. after this date. There is NO initial fee, other than postage required to enter the DV-2001 program. The use of an outside intermediary or assistance to prepare a DV-2001 entry is entirely at the applicant's discretion. Qualified entries received directly from applicants or through intermediaries have equal chances of being selected by computer. There is no advantage to mailing

early, or mailing from any particular locale. Every application received during the mail-in period will have an equal random chance of being selected within its region. However, more than one application per person will disqualify the person from registration.

Selection of Winners

The selection of winners is made at random and no outside service can legitimately improve an applicant's chances of being chosen or guarantee that an entry will win. Any service that claims it can improve an applicant's odds is promising something it cannot lawfully deliver.

Notifying Winners

Only successful entrants will be notified. They will be notified by mail between April and July of 2000 at the address listed on their entry. Winners will also be sent instructions on how to apply for an immigrant visa, including information on the fee for immigrant visas and a separate visa lottery surcharge. Successful entrants must complete the immigrant visa application process and meet all eligibility requirements under U.S. law to be issued a visa.

Being selected as a winner in the DV Lottery does not automatically guarantee being issued a visa even if the applicant is qualified, because the number of entries selected and registered is greater than the number of immigrant visas available. Those selected will, therefore, need to complete and file their immigrant visa applications quickly. Once all the diversity visas have been issued or on September 30, 2001, whichever is sooner, the DV Program for Fiscal Year 2001 will end.

Obtaining Instructions on Entering the DV Lottery

Interested persons may call (202) 331-7199, which describes the various means to obtain further details on entering the DV-2001 program. Applicants overseas may contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate for instructions on the DV lottery. DV information is also available in the Visa Bulletin on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov> or via the Consular Affairs automated fax at (202) 647-3000 (code 1103). Calls to the automated fax service must be made from a fax machine using the receiver or voice option of the caller's fax equipment.

Dated: July 27, 1999.

Mary A. Ryan,

Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending July 23, 1999

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

Docket Number: OST-99-6000

Date Filed: July 19, 1999

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association

Subject:

PTC23 ME-TC3 0069 dated 20 July 1999

Mail Vote 025—Resolution 010y
TC23/TC123 Middle East-Japan/Korea Special Passenger Amending Resolution from Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates to Japan/Korea

Intended effective date: 1 August 1999.

Docket Number: OST-99-6007

Date Filed: July 21, 1999

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association

Subject:

CTC COMP 0204 dated 23 July 1999 (adoption including all amendments to resolutions and rate tables)

Mail Vote 017—Resolution 010pp
Special Cargo Amending Resolution—Libya Except to/from USA/US Territories

Intended effective date: 1 October 1999.

Docket Number: OST-99-6020

Date Filed: July 23, 1999

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association

Subject:

PTC COMP 0484 dated 27 July 1999 (adoption including all amendments to resolutions and fares tables)

Mail Vote 018—Resolution 010t
Special Passenger Amending Resolution from Libya (Except to USA/US Territories)

Intended effective date: 15 August 1999.

Dorothy W. Walker,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-99-23]

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.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before August 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. _____, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-cmts@faa.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cherie Jack, (202) 267-7271 or Terry Stubblefield, (202) 267-7624, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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).