

4310(c)(21)¹¹ into new Rule 4351. The Voting Rights Policy presently located at IM-4310 would be relocated as IM-4351.

2. Statutory Basis

The NASD believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,¹² which requires, among other things, that the Association's rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The changes proposed are designed to simplify the use of Nasdaq's rules by issuers and investors.

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

The NASD does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition.

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

The NASD has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act¹³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(3) thereunder because it is concerned solely with the administration of the NASD.¹⁴ At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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 purpose of the Act.

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, NW.,

Washington DC 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 in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection at the principal office of the NASD.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NASD-00-62 and should be submitted by December 18, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Emergency Consideration Request

In compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Social Security Administration (SSA) is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is requesting emergency consideration from OMB by 12/06/2000 of the information collections listed below.

1. Beneficiary Interview and Auditor's Observations Form-0960-NEW.

The information collected through the Beneficiary Interview and Auditor's Observations form, SSA-322, will be used by SSA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to interview beneficiaries and/or their caregivers to determine whether representative payees are complying with their duties and responsibilities. Respondents to this collection will be randomly selected Supplemental Security Income recipients and Social Security beneficiaries that have representative payees.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 38 hours.

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-30-2(a)(12).

Background Information

In May of this year Congress held hearings on SSA's representative payee program. These hearings were the result of an investigation conducted by SSA's OIG involving a representative payee who embezzled over \$300,000 of Social Security payments, and recent media attention. Following these hearings SSA began a number of initiatives to improve oversight of representative payees. One of the initiatives requested by Congress was for OIG to perform audits of representative payees. Specifically, Congress requested an independent OIG review and assessment of SSA's representative payee program. In conjunction with this oversight, Congress has further advised SSA that briefings on the representative payee program are expected and additional congressional hearings are planned in early spring. This information collection is therefore necessary to comply with the congressional reporting requirements in a timely manner and to augment other data needed for determining whether representative payees are complying with their duties.

You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments and/or OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

SSA Address

Social Security Administration,
DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W.
Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-
A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore,
MD 21235

Dated: November 20, 2000.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,
Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3464]

Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation will meet in the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street NW, Washington, D.C., December 11-12, 2000 in Conference Room 1105. Prior notification and a valid photo are mandatory for entrance into the building. One week before the meeting, members of the public planning to attend must notify Gloria Walker, Office of Historian (202-663-1124) providing relevant dates of birth,

¹¹ Existing Rule 4310(c)(21) is identical to the voting rights rules on the NYSE and Amex. See NYSE Listed Company Manual Section 313 and Amex Company Guide Section 122.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

Social Security numbers, and telephone numbers.

The Committee's sessions from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2000, will be closed in accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). The agenda calls for discussions of agency declassification decisions concerning the Foreign Relations series. These are matters not subject to public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and the public interest requires that such activities be withheld from disclosure. The remaining session of the Committee will meet in open session from 9:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2000, to discuss transfer of Department of State electronic records to the National Archives and Records Administration and the modernization of the Foreign Relations series.

Questions concerning the meeting should be directed to David Patterson, Acting, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, Department of State, Office of the Historian, Washington, DC, 20520, telephone (202) 663-1127, (e-mail history@state.gov).

Dated: November 17, 2000.

David Patterson,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Implementation of the Third Round of Accelerated Tariff Eliminations Under Provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notification of articles proposed for accelerated tariff elimination under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

SUMMARY: Section 201(b) of the North American Free Trade Agreement

Implementation Act ("the Act") (19 U.S.C. 3331(b)) grants the President, subject to the consultation and layover requirements of section 103(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 3313(a)), the authority to proclaim any accelerated schedule for duty elimination that may be agreed to by the United States, Mexico and Canada under Article 302(3) of the North American Free Trade Agreement ("the NAFTA"). This notice is intended to inform the public of the list of products with respect to which the United States has provisionally agreed to accelerate the elimination of duties as a result of the third round of consultations with Mexico and Canada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Shigetomi, Director, Mexico and NAFTA Affairs, Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 523, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20508; telephone: (202) 395-3412; fax: (202) 395-9517. The list of products with respect to which the United States has provisionally agreed to accelerate tariff elimination, as well as the lists for Mexico can be obtained from the USTR Internet Web Page, at www.ustr.gov under [World Regions/Western Hemisphere/North American Free Trade Agreement/NAFTA Reports and Publications].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 302(3) of the NAFTA provides that the Parties may consider and agree to accelerate the elimination of customs duties set out in their schedules. Pursuant to this provision, on May 27, 1999, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative ("USTR") published a **Federal Register** notice (64 FR 28857) soliciting petitions from interested persons regarding products for which accelerated tariff elimination would be appropriate. For trade between the United States and Canada, all duties subject to tariff reductions were eliminated on January 1, 1998. Therefore, this acceleration round has resulted in two parallel agreements, one between the United States and Mexico and another between Mexico and Canada.

Section 201(b) of the Act authorizes the President to proclaim such modifications in NAFTA duty treatment as the President determines to be necessary or appropriate to maintain the general level of reciprocal and mutually advantageous concessions provided in the NAFTA, subject to the consultation and layover requirements of section 103(a) of the Act. Pursuant to section 103(a), a report has been submitted to the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees that sets forth the proposed action to be proclaimed, the reasons therefore, and the advice obtained from the U.S. International Trade Commission ("USITC") and appropriate advisory committees. After expiration of the 60-day consultation and layover period, the President may proclaim the proposed changes in NAFTA duty treatment. In developing the list of products proposed for tariff acceleration, USTR considered the advice of the USITC and consulted with the appropriate private sector trade advisory groups. As was the practice under the prior NAFTA and United States-Canada Free Trade Agreement tariff acceleration processes, the United States did not agree to provide accelerated tariff elimination for any products with respect to which the domestic industry opposed tariff elimination. The United States has agreed to accelerated tariff elimination, effective January 1, 2001, on the products listed in the Annex to this notice. These products currently are dutiable when entered from Mexico under the NAFTA. Each of these products was considered during the second round of tariff acceleration discussions, but no agreement was reached at that time. However, the Governments agreed to continue appropriate domestic procedures with the goal of reaching agreement at a later date (63 FR 32036). Such agreements have now been reached on the products listed.

Peter Allgeier,

Associate U.S. Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere.

LIST OF HTS SUBHEADINGS FOR WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS PROVISIONALLY AGREED TO ACCELERATE ELIMINATION OF DUTIES FOR NAFTA QUALIFYING GOODS OF MEXICO

2905.17.00	6402.99.18	6403.51.90	6403.99.40
2921.30.10	6403.19.10	6403.59.30	6403.99.60
6402.19.05	6403.19.30	6403.59.60	6403.99.75
6402.30.30	6403.19.50	6403.59.90	6403.99.90
6402.91.40	6403.40.30	6403.91.30	6405.10.00
6402.99.05	6403.40.60	6403.91.60	6405.20.30
6402.99.10	6403.51.30	6403.91.90	6405.20.90
	6403.51.60	6403.99.20	6405.90.90