

Expirations. The addition of Monday Expirations would offer additional investment options to investors and may be useful for their investment or hedging objectives, including the ability to hedge over-the-weekend risk. The Commission believes that the proposal strikes a reasonable balance between the Exchange's desire to offer a wider array of investment opportunities and the need to avoid unnecessary proliferation of options series that may burden some liquidity providers and further stress options quotation and transaction infrastructure. Further, including the new Monday Expirations in the Pilot should allow for both the Exchange and the Commission to continue monitoring the potential for adverse market effects of P.M. settlement on the market, including the underlying cash equities markets at the expiration of these options.

The Commission notes that CBOE will provide the Commission with the Annual Report analyzing volume and open interest of EOMs and Weekly Expirations (including the proposed Monday Expirations), which will also contain information and analysis of EOMs and Weekly Expirations trading patterns and index price volatility and share trading activity for series that exceed minimum parameters. This information should be useful to the Commission as it evaluates whether allowing P.M. settlement for EOMs and Weekly Expirations has resulted in increased market and price volatility in the underlying component stocks, particularly at expiration. The Pilot information should help the Commission and CBOE assess the impact on the markets and determine whether changes to these programs are necessary or appropriate. Furthermore, the Exchange's ongoing analysis of the Pilot should help it monitor any potential risks from large P.M.-settled positions and take appropriate action if warranted.

IV. Conclusion

It is Therefore Ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,²⁵ that the proposed rule change (SR-CBOE-2016-046) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁶

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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²⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration

ACTION: Notice of open Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the location, date, time and agenda for the next meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, September 16, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC 20416, Eisenhower Conference room, side B, located on the concourse level.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), SBA announces the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs (ACVBA). The ACVBA serves as an independent source of advice and policy recommendation to the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the formation and growth of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and service disabled-veterans and to focus on strategic planning and provide updates on past and current events.

Additional Information: This meeting is open to the public. Advance notice of attendance is requested. Anyone wishing to attend and/or make comments to the Advisory Committee contact the Office of Veterans Business Development no later than September 9, 2016 at vetstaskforce@sba.gov. Comments will be limited to five minutes in the interest of time and to accommodate as many participants as possible. Written comments should also be sent to the above email no later than September 9, 2016. Special accommodations requests should also be directed to the Office of Veterans Business Development at (202) 205-6773 or above email. For more information on veteran owned small business programs, please visit www.sba.gov/vets.

Dated: August 2, 2016.

Miguel J. L'Heureux,
SBA Committee Management Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration

ACTION: Notice of open Federal Interagency Task Force Meeting.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the location, date, time and agenda for the next meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: *Date and Time:* Thursday, September 15, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.

Where: Eisenhower Conference room, side b, located on the Concourse level.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), SBA announces the meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development. The Task Force is established pursuant to Executive Order 13540 and focused on coordinating and pre-established Federal contracting goals for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and service-disabled veterans. Moreover, the Task Force shall coordinate administrative and regulatory activities and develop proposals relating to "six focus areas": (1) Access to capital (loans, surety bonding and franchising); (2) Ensure achievement of pre-established contracting goals, including mentor protégé and matching with contracting opportunities; (3) Increase the integrity of certifications of status as a small business; (4) Reducing paperwork and administrative burdens in accessing business development and entrepreneurship opportunities; (5) Increasing and improving training and counseling services; and (6) Making other improvements to support veteran business development by the Federal government.

Additional Information: This meeting is open to the public. Advance notice of attendance is requested. Anyone wishing to attend and/or make comments to the Task Force must contact the Office of Veterans Business Development no later than September 9, 2016 at vetstaskforce@sba.gov.

Comments for the record should be applicable to the "six focus areas" of the Task Force and will be limited to five minutes in the interest of time and to

accommodate as many participants as possible. Written comments should also be sent to the above email no later than September 9, 2016. Special accommodations requests should also be directed to the Office of Veterans Business Development at (202) 205-6773 or above email. For more information on veteran owned small business programs, please visit www.sba.gov/vets.

Dated: August 2, 2016.

Miguel J. L'Heureux,

SBA Committee Management Officer.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comments and Notice of Public Hearing Concerning China's Compliance With WTO Commitments

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will convene a public hearing and seek public comment to assist the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in the preparation of its annual report to the Congress on China's compliance with the commitments made in connection with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

DATES: If you want to testify at the hearing, you must provide written notification and a summary of your testimony by Wednesday, September 21, 2016. Written comments also are due by Wednesday, September 21, 2016. A hearing will be held in Washington DC on Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You should submit notifications of intent to testify and written comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments in part 3 below. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact Yvonne Jamison, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-3475.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning written comments or participation in the public hearing, contact Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395-3475. Direct all other questions to Terrence J. McCartin, Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for China Enforcement, at (202) 395-3900, or Philip D. Chen,

Chief Counsel for China Enforcement, at (202) 395-3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

China became a Member of the WTO on December 11, 2001. In accordance with section 421 of the U.S.-China Relations Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-286), USTR is required to submit, by December 11 of each year, a report to Congress on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including both multilateral commitments and any bilateral commitments made to the United States. In accordance with section 421, and to assist it in preparing this year's report, the TPSC is soliciting public comments. Last year's report is available on USTR's Web site: <https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/2015-Report-to-Congress-China-WTO-Compliance.pdf>.

The terms of China's accession to the WTO are contained in the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (including its annexes) (Protocol), the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China (Working Party Report), and the WTO agreements. The Protocol and Working Party Report can be found on the WTO Web site: <http://docsonline.wto.org> (document symbols: WT/L/432, WT/MIN(01)/3, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.1, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.2).

2. Public Comment and Hearing

USTR invites written comments and/or oral testimony of interested persons on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including, but not limited to, commitments in the following areas:

- a. Trading rights;
- b. import regulation (*e.g.*, tariffs, tariff-rate quotas, quotas, import licenses);
- c. export regulation;
- d. internal policies affecting trade (*e.g.*, subsidies, standards and technical regulations, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, government procurement, trade-related investment measures, taxes and charges levied on imports and exports);
- e. intellectual property rights (including intellectual property rights enforcement);
- f. services;
- g. rule of law issues (*e.g.*, transparency, judicial review, uniform administration of laws and regulations) and status of legal reform; and
- h. other WTO commitments.

In addition, given the United States' view that China should be held accountable as a full participant in, and

beneficiary of, the international trading system, USTR requests that interested persons specifically identify unresolved compliance issues that warrant review and evaluation by USTR's China Enforcement Task Force.

You must submit written comments no later than Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

A hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, in Room 1, 1724 F Street NW., Washington DC 20508. If necessary, the hearing will continue on the next business day. Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention by Wednesday, September 21, 2016. The intent to testify notification must be made in the "Type Comment" field under docket number USTR-2016-0012 on the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person presenting the testimony. You should attach a summary of the testimony by using the "Upload File" field. The name of the file also should include who will be presenting the testimony. Remarks at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the TPSC.

You should submit all documents in accordance with the instructions in section 3 below.

3. Requirements for Submissions

Persons submitting a notification of intent to testify and/or written comments must do so in English and must identify (on the first page of the submission) "China's WTO Compliance."

In order to ensure the timely receipt and consideration of comments, USTR strongly encourages commenters to make on-line submissions, using the www.regulations.gov Web site. To submit comments via www.regulations.gov, enter docket number USTR-2016-0012 on the home page and click "search." The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice and click on the link entitled "Comment Now!" (For further information on using the www.regulations.gov Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on "How to Use This Site" on the left side of the home page.)

The www.regulations.gov Web site allows users to provide comments by filling in a "Type Comment" field, or by attaching a document using an "Upload File" field. USTR prefers that comments be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type "See attached" in the "Type