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DATES: Comments on the draft guidelines should be received by September 6, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dev Jagadesan, Department of Legal Affairs, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20527, e-mail: information_quality@opic.gov, (202) 336-8428.

Dated: August 12, 2002.

Connie M. Downs,

Corporate Secretary, Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Actuarial Advisory Committee With Respect to the Railroad Retirement Account; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Public Law 92-463 that the Actuarial Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on August 23, 2002, at 10 a.m. at the office of the Chief Actuary of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the conduct of the 22nd Actuarial Valuation of the Railroad Retirement System. The agenda for this meeting will include a discussion of the assumptions to be used in the 22nd Actuarial Valuation. A report containing recommended assumptions and the experience on which the recommendations are based will have been sent by the Chief Actuary to the Committee before the meeting.

The meeting will be open to the public. Persons wishing to submit written statements or make oral presentations should address their communications or notices to the RRB Actuarial Advisory Committee, c/o Chief Actuary, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.

Dated: August 12, 2002.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, *et al.*; Notice of Application

August 12, 2002.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of application for an order of approval pursuant to section 26(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") and an order of exemption pursuant to section 17(b) of the 1940 Act from section 17(a) of the 1940 Act.

Applicants: For purposes of the order requested pursuant to Section 26(c), The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States ("Equitable"), Separate Account A of Equitable ("Separate Account A"), Separate Account FP of Equitable ("Separate Account FP"), Separate Account No. 45 of Equitable ("Separate Account 45") and Separate Account No. 301 of Equitable ("Separate Account 301") (collectively, the "Section 26 Applicants"). For purposes of the order pursuant to Section 17(b), Equitable, Separate Account A, Separate Account FP, Separate Account 45, Separate Account 301, Separate Account No. 66 of Equitable ("Separate Account 66") (the separate accounts are collectively referred to herein as the "Separate Accounts" and individually as a "Separate Account") and EQ Advisors Trust (the "Trust") (collectively with Equitable and the Separate Accounts, the "Section 17 Applicants;" together with the Section 26 Applicants, "Applicants").

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order (a) approving the proposed substitution by certain insurance company separate accounts of Class IA shares of the EQ/Balanced Portfolio for Class IA shares of the EQ/Alliance Growth Investors Portfolio and Class IB shares of the EQ/Balanced Portfolio for Class IB shares of the EQ/Alliance Growth Investors Portfolio (the "Substitution") and (b) to permit certain in-kind transactions in connection with the proposed Substitution. (The EQ/Balanced Portfolio is referred to herein as the "Replacement Portfolio." The EQ/Alliance Growth Investors Portfolio is

referred to herein as the "Removed Portfolio.")

Filing Date: The application was filed on May 30, 2002.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission and serving Applicants with a copy of the request personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on September 5, 2002 and should be accompanied by proof of service on Applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Applicants: c/o Peter D. Noris, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10104, and Mark C. Amorosi, Esq., Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Cowan, Senior Counsel, or Zandra Bailes, Branch Chief, Office of Insurance Products, Division of Investment Management, at (202) 942-0670.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application; the complete application may be obtained for a fee from the Public Reference Branch of the Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549 (tel. (202) 942-8090).

Applicants' Representations

1. Equitable is a New York stock life insurance company that has been in business since 1859. Equitable is a wholly owned subsidiary of AXA Financial, Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the AXA Group, the holding company for an international group of insurance and related financial services companies.

2. Equitable serves as sponsor and depositor for each of the Separate Accounts. Separate Account A, Separate Account 45 and Separate Account 301 fund certain variable annuity contracts. Separate Account FP funds certain variable life insurance policies. Separate Account 66 funds group pension and profit-sharing plans under group