

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 and copying at the principal office of the CBOE. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-CBOE-2001-59 and should be submitted by January 24, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-45193; File No. SR-Phlx-2001-118]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to the Implementation of a Fee with Respect to Certain Individuals Who Work on the Exchange's Trading Floor

December 27, 2001.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 19, 2001, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend its schedule of dues, fees, and charges to adopt a fee of \$25 per month to be imposed on member/participant organizations for individuals employed by such member/participant organizations who work on the

Exchange's trading floor, but who are not registered as Exchange members or foreign currency options ("FCO") participants.³ The Exchange intends to charge member/participant organizations a \$25 fee per month for such individuals registered as of the first trading day of the month. The Exchange states that it intends to implement this fee beginning on January 1, 2002.⁴

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, the Phlx, and at the Commission.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

(1) Purpose

The Exchange states that the purpose of the proposed rule change is to impose a fee on Exchange member/participant organizations for their employees who are registered to be on the Exchange's trading floor, but are not registered as members or FCO participants. The Exchange states that this fee is intended to help it offset the costs it incurs in registering these individuals.⁵

³ According to the Exchange, individuals registered to be on the Exchange's trading floor, but who are not registered as members or FCO participants, include trading floor personnel such as clerks, interns, stock execution clerks, and other associated persons of member/participant organizations. These individuals are required to be registered with the Exchange Pursuant to Exchange Rule 620(b).

⁴ The Exchange states that this fee will be eligible for the monthly credit of up to \$1,000 to be applied against certain fees, dues and charges and other amounts owed to the Exchange by certain members. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44292 (May 11, 2001), 66 FR 27715 (May 18, 2001) (SR-Phlx-2001-49).

⁵ According to the Exchange, individuals who are registered as inactive nominees pursuant to Exchange By-Law Article XII, Section 12-10 and Exchange Rule 21 will not be subject to the proposed fee.

(2) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act,⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4),⁷ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees among the Exchange's members because the member/participant organizations who pay the additional, minimal amount for registering their employees incur the benefit of having these employees on the Exchange's trading floor.

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

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

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

The foregoing rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or charge imposed by the Exchange and, therefore, has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(A)(ii) of the Act⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) hereunder.⁹ 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. The Exchange has stated that it intends to implement this fee beginning on January 1, 2002.

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

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78(s)(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 Section. 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-Phlx-2001-118 and should be submitted by January 24, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Rate for Attorney Fee Assessment Beginning in 2002

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Administration is announcing that the attorney-fee assessment rate under section 206(d) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 406(d), is 6.3 percent for 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John B. Watson, Social Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, Phone: (410) 965-3137, email: John.Watson@ssa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 406 of Public Law No. 106-170, the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, established an assessment for the services required to determine and certify payments to attorneys from the benefits due claimants under Title II of the Act. This provision is codified in section 206 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 406). The legislation set the assessment for the calendar year 2000 at 6.3 percent of the amount that would be required to be certified for direct payment to the attorney under either section 206(a)(4) or 206(b)(1) before the application of the assessment. For subsequent years, the legislation requires the Commissioner of Social Security to determine the percentage rate necessary to achieve full recovery of the costs of determining and certifying

fees to attorneys, but not in excess of 6.3 percent. For 2001, the Commissioner of Social Security determined that the assessment rate under section 206(d) of the Act would be 6.3 percent. (See 66 FR 5521, January 19, 2001).

The Commissioner of Social Security has determined, based on the best available data, that the current rate of 6.3 percent will continue for 2002. This assessment rate was based on information compiled by a private contractor, KPMG Consulting, who were tasked by the Social Security Administration to determine the costs we incur to determine and certify fees to attorneys. We will continue to review our costs on a yearly basis.

Thomas G. Stapleton,
Acting Deputy Commissioner for Finance, Assessment and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of Visa Services

[Public Notice 3837]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-3035, J-1 Visa Waiver Review Application

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: New Collection.
Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Visa Services (CA/VO).

Title of Information Collection: J-1 Visa Waiver Review Application.

Frequency: Once.

Form Number: DS-3035.

Respondents: All J-1 visa waiver applicants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 2 hours.

Total Estimated Burden: 20,000 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Marcia Pryce, 2401 E St NW., U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, (202) 663-2866. Public comments and questions should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, (202) 395-5871.

Dated: October 9, 2001.

Wayne E. Griffith,
Deputy Assistant, Secretary of State for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3871]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations: "Russian Pictorialism"

DEPARTMENT: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Russian Pictorialism," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Williams Tower Gallery, Houston, TX, and FotoFest Gallery at Vine Street Studios, Houston, TX, from on or about March 1, 2002, to on or about April 1, 2002, is in the national

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).