

requires that all national securities exchanges, national securities associations, registered clearing agencies, and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board keep on file for a period of five years, two years in an accessible place, all documents that they make or receive respecting their self-regulatory activities, and that such documents be available for examination by the Commission.

The Commission staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary for compliance with the requirements of Rule 17a-1 is 50 hours per year. There are 22 entities required to comply with the rule: 9 national securities exchanges, 1 national securities association, 11 registered clearing agencies, and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. In addition, 3 national securities exchanges notice-registered pursuant to Section 6(g) of the Act are required to preserve records of determinations made under Rule 3a55-1, which the Commission staff estimates will take 1 hour per exchange, for a total of 3 hours. Accordingly, the Commission staff estimates that the total number of hours necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 17a-1 is 1,103 hours. The average cost per hour is \$50. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for the respondents is \$55,150.

Rule 17a-1 does not assure confidentiality for the records maintained pursuant to the rule. The records required by Rule 17a-1 are available only for examination by the Commission staff, state securities authorities and the self-regulatory organizations. Subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 522, and the Commission's rules thereunder (17 CFR 200.80(b)(4)(iii)), the Commission does not generally publish or make available information contained in any reports, summaries, analyses, letters, or memoranda arising out of, in anticipation of, or in connection with an examination or inspection of the books and records of any person or any other investigation. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, by sending an email to David.Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange

Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: September 22, 2004.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension

Rule 6h-1, SEC File No. 270-497, OMB Control No. 3235-0555.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,¹ the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") requires national securities exchanges and national securities associations that trade security futures products to establish listing standards that, among other things, require: (1) Trading in such products not be readily susceptible to price manipulation; and (2) the market trading a security futures product has in place procedures to coordinate trading halts with the listing market for the security or securities underlying the security futures product. Rule 6h-1 under the Act² implements these statutory requirements and requires national securities exchanges and national securities associations that trade security futures products to: (1) Require cash-settled security futures products to settle based on an opening price rather than a closing price; and (2) require the exchange or association to halt trading in a security futures product for as long as trading in the underlying security, or trading in 30% of the underlying securities, is halted on the listing market.

It is estimated that approximately 17 respondents will incur an average burden of 10 hours per year to comply with this rule, for a total burden of 170 hours. At an average cost per hour of

approximately \$197, the resultant total cost of compliance for the respondents is \$33,490 per year (17 entities × 10 hours/entity × \$197/hour = \$33,490).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (a) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission by sending an email to david_rostker@omb.eop.gov, and (b) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget within 30 days of this notice.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17f-1(g), SEC File No. 270-30, OMB Control No. 3235-0290.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

- Rule 17f-1(g) Requirements for reporting and inquiry with respect to missing, lost, counterfeit or stolen securities.

Paragraph (g) of Rule 17f-1 requires that all reporting institutions (*i.e.*, every national securities exchange, member thereof, registered securities association, broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, registered transfer agent, registered clearing agency, participant therein, member of the Federal Reserve System and bank insured by the FDIC) maintain and preserve a number of

¹ 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

² 17 CFR 240.6h-1.

documents related to their participation in the Lost and Stolen Securities Program ("Program") under Rule 17f-1. The following documents must be kept in an easily accessible place for three years, according to paragraph (g): (1) Copies or all reports of theft or loss (Form X-17F-1A) filed with the Commission's designee; (2) all agreements between reporting institutions regarding registration in the Program or other aspects of Rule 17f-1; and (3) all confirmations or other information received from the Commission or its designee as a result of inquiry.

Reporting institutions utilize these records and reports (a) to report missing, lost, stolen or counterfeit securities to the database, (b) to confirm inquiry of the database, and (c) to demonstrate compliance with Rule 17f-1. The Commission and the reporting institutions' examining authorities utilize these records to monitor the incidence of thefts and losses incurred by reporting institutions and to determine compliance with Rule 17f-1. If such records were not retained by reporting institutions, compliance with Rule 17f-1 could not be monitored effectively.

The Commission estimates that there are 25,714 reporting institutions (respondents) and, on average, each respondent would need to retain 33 records annually, with each retention requiring approximately 1 minute (33 minutes or .55 hours). The total estimated annual burden is 14,142.7 hours (25,714 × .55 hours = 14,142.7). Assuming an average hourly cost for clerical work of \$20.00, the average total yearly record retention cost for each respondent would be \$11.00. Based on these estimates, the total annual cost for the estimated 25,714 reporting institutions would be approximately \$282,854.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-26620; 812-13124]

Deutsche Investment Management Americas, Inc., et al.; Notice of Application and Temporary Order

September 24, 2004.

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

ACTION: Temporary order and notice of application for a permanent order under section 9(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act").

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants have received a temporary order exempting them from section 9(a) of the Act, with respect to an injunction entered against Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc. ("DBSI") on September 24, 2004 by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Federal Injunction"), until the earlier of the date the Commission takes action on an application for a permanent order, or two years from the date of the Federal Injunction. Applicants have requested a permanent order.

APPLICANTS: DBSI, Deutsche Investment Management Americas, Inc., Deutsche Asset Management, Inc., Deutsche Asset Management International GMBH, Deutsche Asset Management Investment Services, Ltd., Investment Company Capital Corp., DB Investment Managers, Inc., Deutsche Investments Australia Limited, RREEF America, L.L.C., Deutsche Asset Management (Japan) Limited, Deutsche Asset Management (Asia) Limited, Deutsche Investment Trust Management Company Limited (collectively, the "Advisers"), and Scudder Distributors, Inc. ("Scudder") (together with the Advisers, the "Applicants").¹

FILING DATES: The application was filed on September 3, 2004. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment to the

application during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice. Applicants also have agreed to file additional amendments to the application reflecting the issuance of each State Injunction (as defined below).

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 Commission's Secretary 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 October 19, 2004, 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 who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicants: c/o Daniel O. Hirsch, Esq., Deutsche Asset Management/Scudder Investments, 1 South Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Courtney S. Thornton, Senior Counsel, at (202) 942-0699, or Annette M. Capretta, Branch Chief, at 202-942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a temporary order and a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (telephone 202-942-8090).

Applicants' Representations

1. Each of the Applicants is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Deutsche Bank AG, a global financial services company that provides investment management, mutual fund, retail, private and commercial banking, investment banking, and insurance services. Collectively, the Advisers serve as investment advisers or subadvisers to approximately 200 registered investment companies or series thereof ("Funds"). Scudder acts as the principal underwriter for all of the Funds.

2. On September 24, 2004, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York entered the Federal Injunction against DBSI in a matter

¹ Applicants request that any relief granted pursuant to the application also apply to any other company of which DBSI is or hereafter becomes an affiliated person (included in the term Applicants).