

to implement decimal pricing, especially if the changes will not accomplish the objectives of streamlining trade reporting in Nasdaq, OTC, and Third Market securities and reducing SEC transaction fees. Thus, Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act¹⁸ in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

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

Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The foregoing proposal has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act,¹⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(1)²⁰ thereunder, in that it constitutes a stated policy and interpretation with respect to the meaning of an existing rule.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the 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 purposes of the Act.²¹

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal 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 and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASD-00-06 and should be submitted by March 31, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²²

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C 3507), SSA is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding the information collections would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the address listed at the end of the notice. You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

1. Internet Retirement Insurance Benefit (IRIB) Application—0960—NEW. The information collected is used by SSA to determine entitlement to

retirement insurance benefits. Currently, applicants for retirement insurance benefits complete an SSA-1 by telephone or in person with the assistance of an SSA employee. The IRIB application will enable individuals to complete the application on their own electronically over the Internet.

Number of Respondents: 80,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20,000 hours.

2. Request for Internet Service—Authentication—0960-0596. The information collected on the electronic request for Internet Service, Authentication, is used by the Social Security Administration to identify its customers who are requesting Privacy Act protected information. The respondents are members of the public who request services from SSA through the Internet.

Number of Respondents: 21,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 1.5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 525 hours.

(SSA Address)

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

Dated: March 3, 2000.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,
Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3246]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Golden Years of Faberge: Objects and Drawings From the Wigstrom Workshop"

DEPARTMENT: United States 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), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681 *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999 (64 FR 56014), and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended by

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

²⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

²¹ In reviewing this rule, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

²² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Delegation of Authority No. 236-1 of November 9, 1999, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Golden Years of Faberge: Objects and Drawings from the Wigstrom Workshop," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the A La Vieille Russie Gallery, New York, NY from on or about April 12, 2000 to on or about May 19, 2000, and at the New Orleans Museum of Art, from on or about June 17, 2000 to on or about August 20, 2000 is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Paul Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-5997). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, S.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

William B. Bader,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3247]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "O'Keeffe on Paper"

DEPARTMENT: United States 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), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *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 object to be included in the exhibition "O'Keeffe on Paper," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. This object is imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the

exhibition or display of the exhibit object at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC from April 9, 2000 through July 9, 2000, and at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe, CA from July 29, 2000 through October 29, 2000 is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including the exhibit object, contact Jacqueline Caldwell, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-6982). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44; 301 4th Street, S.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

William B. Bader,

Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3245]

Statutory Debarment Under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations Involving Orbit/FR, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Orbit/FR, Inc. is statutorily debarred pursuant to section 127.7 (c) of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR parts 120-130). It shall be the policy of the Department of State to deny all export license applications and other requests for approval involving Orbit/FR, Inc. directly or indirectly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 10, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eva O. Tyler, Acting Chief, Compliance Enforcement Branch, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State (703-875-6644, Ext. 3).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 10, 1999, Orbit/FR, Inc. pled guilty to two (2) counts of violating the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) (22 U.S.C. 2778) in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The information charges Orbit/FR, Inc. with illegally exporting components for an antenna and radome measurement system, AL-8098, also known as AL-8099 to the People's Republic of China and illegally furnishing a defense service involving the modification of the antenna measurement software so that the antenna measurement system would

have sufficient accuracy to measure antennas on a Patriot-type missile system to the People's Republic of China. *United States v. Orbit/FR, Inc.*, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Criminal Docket No. CR 99-560.

Section 38(g)(4)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), 22 U.S.C. 2778, prohibits licenses or other approvals for the export of defense articles and defense services to be issued to a person, or any party to the export, who has been convicted of violating certain U.S. criminal statutes, including the AECA. The term "person", as defined in 22 CFR 120.14 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), means a natural person as well as a corporation, business association, partnership, society, trust, or any other entity, organization or group, including governmental entities. The ITAR, specifically 126.7(e), defines the term "party to the export" to include the president, the chief executive officer, and other senior officers and officials of the license applicant; the freight forwarders or designated exporting agent of the license applicant; and any consignee or end-user of any item to be exported.

The ITAR, Section 127.7, authorizes the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs to prohibit certain persons convicted of violating, or conspiring to violate, the AECA, from participating directly or indirectly in the export of defense articles or in the furnishing of defense services for which a license or approval is required. Such a prohibition is referred to as a "statutory debarment," which may be imposed on the basis of a judicial proceeding that resulted in a conviction for violating, or of conspiring to violate, the AECA. See 22 CFR 127.7(c). The period for debarment will normally be three years from the date of conviction. At the end of the debarment period, and possibly after a period of one year, licensing privileges may be reinstated at the request of the debarred person following the necessary interagency consultations, after a thorough review of the circumstances surrounding the conviction, and a finding that appropriate steps have been taken to mitigate any law enforcement concerns, as required by the AECA, 22 U.S.C. 2778(g)(4).

Statutory debarment is based solely upon a conviction in a criminal proceeding, conducted by a United States court. Thus, the administrative debarment procedures, as outlined in the ITAR, 22 CFR part 128, are not applicable in such cases.

The Department of State will not consider applications for licenses or