

Competitiveness Act of 1988 and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (enacted in 1994). In that report, USTR announced that the United States would conduct a special provincial review in the coming year to examine the adequacy and effectiveness of China's IPR protection and enforcement at the provincial level. The goal of this review is to spotlight strengths, weaknesses, and inconsistencies in and among specific jurisdictions, and to inform next year's Special 301 review of China as a whole.

USTR is now commencing the China SPR by seeking public comments on the locations and issues that should be reviewed. The information received will be used to set initial priorities for the review and ensure that the most important locations and issues receive appropriate attention. Before concluding the review, USTR plans to seek more detailed public comments on the adequacy and effectiveness of IPR protection and enforcement at the provincial level in China.

USTR proposes to focus the SPR on the locations in China that are most economically significant for U.S. right holders, or which merit special attention for other reasons. USTR seeks public comments on the specific provinces and other jurisdictions at the provincial level that should be the focus of the SPR. For purposes of this review, jurisdictions at the provincial level may include, in addition to China's provinces (sheng), the four the municipalities (shi) of Beijing, Chongqing, Shanghai, and Tianjin, as well as China's five autonomous regions (zizhiqu). Persons submitting comments should identify specific provinces, municipalities, and/or autonomous regions and give reasons why they should be reviewed in the SPR.

Within each province, municipality, or autonomous region that is included in the review, USTR proposes to examine the issues and locations of greatest interest to U.S. right holders. USTR therefore requests that, with respect to each province, municipality, and/or autonomous region recommended for inclusion in the SPR, commenters identify with particularity any key locations or issues that merit attention. Key locations could include, for example, particular regions, cities, towns, districts, sub-districts, or markets. Key issues could include, for example, counterfeiting or piracy of particular types of products in a particular location, or factors that affect the ability to enforce particular rights (e.g., positive or negative aspects of local policy, legislation, or resources).

Commenters should bear in mind that the goals of the SPR include highlighting strengths, as well as weaknesses and inconsistencies, in and among specific jurisdictions. Strengths could include, for example, taking *ex officio* action on behalf of, and providing fair treatment for, foreign right holders, or local measures that facilitate IPR enforcement. USTR welcomes suggestions for activities, such as visits or meetings, that would contribute to a full examination of the issues and locations of greatest interest to U.S. right holders.

Among other locations to be considered for inclusion in the SPR, USTR seeks comments on possible inclusion of the four "hot spots" identified in the 2006 Special 301 Report: Guangdong Province, Beijing City, Zhejiang Province, and Fujian Province. USTR noted an apparent acute need for authorities in these areas to more effectively establish and sustain proactive, deterrent IPR enforcement. The China section of the 2006 Special 301 Report (available on USTR's Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov>) identifies certain issues and locations of concern in Guangdong, Beijing, Zhejiang, and Fujian.

Finally, USTR encourages interested persons to monitor progress with respect to significant locations and issues at China's provincial level over the remainder of the year. As noted above, USTR plans to seek more detailed public comments before concluding the SPR.

Requirements for Comments:

Comments should be brief, and should respond to the requests in this notice.

Comments must be in English. No submissions will be accepted via postal service mail. Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MS Word, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets is acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel files. A submitter requesting that information contained in a comment be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. A non-confidential version of the comment must also be provided. For any document containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the character "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the submitter. Submissions should not include separate cover letters; information that

might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. To the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

All comments should be addressed to Sybia Harrison, Special Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, and sent (i) electronically, to the following e-mail address: FR0621@ustr.eop.gov, with "China Special Provincial Review" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to (202) 395-9458, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the e-mail address above.

Public Inspection of Submissions:

Within one business day of receipt, non-confidential submissions will be placed in a public file, open for inspection at the USTR reading room, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Annex Building, 1724 F Street, NW., Room 1, Washington, DC. An appointment to review the file must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance and may be made by calling Jacqueline Caldwell at (202) 395-6186. The USTR reading room is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Collection: Scholarship for Service Program Internet Web Page

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The OPM is requesting OMB to approve a collection associated with the Scholarship For Service (SFS) Program Internet Web page. Approval of the Web page is necessary to facilitate the timely registration, selection and placement of program-enrolled students in Federal agencies.

The SFS Program was established by the National Science Foundation in accordance with the Federal Cyber Service Training and Education Initiative as described in the President's National Plan for Information Systems Protection. This program seeks to

increase the number of qualified students entering the fields of information assurance and computer security in an effort to respond to the threat to the Federal Government's information technology infrastructure. The program provides capacity building grants to selected 4-year colleges and universities to develop or improve their capacity to train information assurance professionals. It also provides selected 4-year colleges and universities scholarship grants to attract students to the information assurance field. Participating students who receive scholarships from this program are required to serve a 10-week internship during their studies and complete a post-graduation employment commitment equivalent to the length of the scholarship or one year, whichever is longer.

OPM projects that 450 students will graduate from participating institutions over the next three years. These students will need placement in addition to the 180 students needing placement this year. This is a new collection of information. Based on other programs that collect similar information, we estimate the collection of information for registering and creating an online resume to be 45 minutes to 1 hour in length of time to answer questions. We estimate the total number of hours to be 630.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Kathy Roberson (210) 805-2423, ext. 506; fax (210) 805-2407 or e-mail to kathy.roberson@opm.gov. Please include your mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to: U.S. Office of Personnel Management, ATTN: Kathy Roberson, 8610 Broadway, Rm. 305, San Antonio, TX 78217. E-mail: kathy.roberson@opm.gov.

Office of Personnel Management.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act; Notice of Meetings

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meetings during the week of June 19, 2006:

A Closed Meeting will be held on Monday, June 19, 2006 at 2 p.m. and on Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 10 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (4), (5), (7), (8), (9)(B), (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (4), (5), (7), (8), (9)(ii), and (10) permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meetings.

Commissioner Glassman, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meetings in closed session and determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2006 will be:

Formal orders of investigation; Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature; and

Regulatory matters regarding financial institutions.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2006 will be:

Formal orders of investigation; Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature;

Litigation matters; and Resolution of litigation claims.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been

added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: June 14, 2006.

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Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Adoption of an Options Licensing Fee in Connection With Certain Russell Indexes

June 9, 2006.

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 May 26, 2006, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") submitted to 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 Amex. Amex has designated this proposal as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the self-regulatory organization under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ which renders it effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 modify its Options Fee Schedule by adopting a per contract licensing fee for the orders of specialists, registered options traders ("ROTs"), firms, non-member market makers, and broker-dealers in connection with options transactions on the Russell 2000 Index (symbol: RUT) and shares of the following exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"): (1) Rydex Russell Top 50 (symbol: XLG); (2) iShares Russell 1000 (symbol: IWB); (3) iShares Russell 1000 Growth (symbol:

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).