

antifraud provisions)⁶ and from the registration provisions of the Act.

On January 2, 2003, final Commission rules became effective regarding whether standardized options should be registered with the Commission under the Securities Act or the Act.⁷ In this release, the Commission concluded that standardized options issued by registered clearing agencies, such as the OCC, and traded on a registered national securities exchange or a registered national securities association, shall be exempt from all provisions of the Securities Act (other than the anti-fraud provisions) and shall be exempt from the registration requirements of the Act.

Given this recent development, there is no longer a need for the delivery of OCC Prospectuses to options customers on request pursuant to Phlx Rule 1029(b). Other references to a "prospectus" in connection with options trading on the Exchange are no longer necessary. These changes do not affect the requirement that an Options Disclosure Document be delivered to customers of members and member organizations at the time such customer's account is approved to trade options.⁸

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁰ in particular, in that it is designed to facilitate transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received with respect to the proposed rule change.

⁶ On January 10, 2003, the OCC filed a post-effective amendment to its registration statement under the Securities Act to remove from registration all put and call options that remain unsold as of the date of the post-effective amendment.

⁷ See *supra* note 4.

⁸ See Phlx Rule 1029(a).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

Because, the foregoing proposed rule change (1) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) by its terms, does not become operative until 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, and the exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change,¹¹ it has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹³

At any time within 60 days of the filing of this 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.

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 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 Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-2003-22 and should be submitted by June 26, 2003.

¹¹ See e-mail from Mark Salvacion, Director and Counsel, Phlx, to Frank N. Genco, Attorney, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated April 30, 2003.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4379]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Small Wonders: Dutch Still Lifes by Adriaen Coorte"

AGENCY: 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 "Small Wonders: Dutch Still Lifes by Adriaen Coorte," 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 National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, from on or about June 29, 2003, to on or about September 28, 2003, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, 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 the exhibit objects, contact Julianne Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, (telephone: 202/619-6529). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: May 27, 2003.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).