

Electronic Comments

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- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NASD-2005-154 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-9303.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASD-2005-154. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASD-2005-154 and should be submitted on or before February 7, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**The Ticket To Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Meeting**

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of Quarterly Meeting.

DATES: February 1, 2006—9 a.m. to 5 p.m., February 2, 2006—9 a.m. to 5 p.m., February 3, 2006—8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Embassy Suites San Juan, 8000 Tartak Street, Isla Verde Carolina, San Juan, PR 00979. Phone: 787-791-0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of meeting: On February 1-3, 2006, the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel (the "Panel") will hold a quarterly meeting open to the public.

Purpose: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announces a meeting of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel. Section 101(f) of Public Law 106-170 establishes the Panel to advise the President, the Congress, and the Commissioner of SSA on issues related to work incentive programs, planning, and assistance for individuals with disabilities as provided under section 101(f)(2)(A) of the TWWIA. The Panel is also to advise the Commissioner on matters specified in section 101(f)(2)(B) of that Act, including certain issues related to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program established under section 101(a) of that Act.

Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting. The Panel will use the meeting time to receive briefings and presentations on matters of interest, conduct full Panel deliberations on the implementation of the Act and receive public testimony.

The Panel will meet in person commencing on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The quarterly meeting will continue on Thursday, February 2, 2006, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The meeting will continue on Friday, February 3, 2006, from 8 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

Agenda: Members of the public must schedule a time slot in order to comment. In the event public comments do not take the entire scheduled time period, the Panel may use that time to deliberate or conduct other Panel business. Public testimony will be heard on Thursday, February 2, 2006, from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Individuals interested in providing testimony in person should

contact the Panel staff as outlined below to schedule a time slot. Each presenter will be acknowledged by the Chair in the order in which they are scheduled to testify and is limited to a maximum five-minute, verbal presentation.

Full written testimony on the Implementation of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Program, no longer than five (5) pages, may be submitted in person or by mail, fax or e-mail on an ongoing basis to the Panel for consideration.

Since seating may be limited, persons interested in providing testimony at the meeting should contact the Panel staff by e-mailing Ms. Tinya White-Taylor, at Tinya.White-Taylor@ssa.gov or by calling (202) 358-6430. Social Security beneficiary testimony will be heard on Friday, February 3, 2006, from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. The Panel is seeking beneficiary testimony on how changes in the following would affect beneficiaries' return to work experiences: (1) Ending the requirement that an individual's medical benefits must be tied to their eligibility for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) cash benefits; (2) gradually reducing beneficiaries' monthly SSDI checks once they earn a certain amount for a certain period of time instead of ending them all at once; (3) allowing beneficiaries to earn more and still remain eligible for a monthly Social Security check; (4) providing beneficiaries accurate, understandable information about how Social Security work rules would affect them; (5) extending beneficiaries' eligibility for other federally funded support services, such as financial help with housing and food for a transition period of up to 3 years after reaching full-time employment; and (6) any other issues not listed above that would affect beneficiaries' ability to return to work. Beneficiaries who would like to speak to the Panel should contact Tinya White-Taylor by January 25, 2006, and state which of the above issues they'll be addressing. (See contact information above.) Beneficiary testimony will be presented by topic area. Written comments from those who do not attend are also welcomed and must be submitted in person or by mail, fax, or e-mail by January 25, 2006.

The full agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.ssa.gov/work/panel> at least one week before the starting date or can be received, in advance, electronically or by fax upon request.

Contact Information: Records are kept of all proceedings and will be available for public inspection by appointment at the Panel office. Anyone requiring

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

information regarding the Panel should contact the staff by:

- Mail addressed to the Social Security Administration, Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Staff, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20024.
- Telephone contact with Tinya White-Taylor at (202) 358-6420.
- Fax at (202) 358-6440.
- E-mail to TWWIAPanel@ssa.gov.

Dated: January 9, 2006

Chris Silanskis,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5223]

Overseas Buildings Operations; Industry Advisory Panel: Meeting Notice

The Industry Advisory Panel of the Overseas Buildings Operations will meet on Thursday, February 16th, 2006 from 9:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The meeting will be held at the Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW. (entrance on 23rd Street), Room 1107, Washington, DC. The majority of the meeting is devoted to an exchange of ideas between the Department's Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations' senior management and the panel members, on design, operations and building maintenance. Members of the public are asked to kindly refrain from joining the discussion until Director Williams opens the discussion to the public.

Due to limited seating space for members of the public, we ask that you kindly e-mail your information. To participate in this meeting, simply register by e-mail at IAPR@STATE.GOV before February 9th, 2006. Your e-mail should include the following information; Date of birth, social security number, company name and title. This information is required to issue a temporary pass to enter the building.

For questions, please contact PinzinoLE3@state.gov, tel: 703/875-6872 for Ms. Gina Pinzino; or SpragueMA@state.gov, tel: 703/875-7173 for Michael Sprague.

Dated: 3 January 2006.

Charles E. Williams,

Director & Chief Operating Officer, Overseas Buildings Operations, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Identification of Countries Under Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974: Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242), requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. (Section 182 is commonly referred to as the "Special 301" provisions of the Trade Act.) In addition, USTR is required to determine which of these countries should be identified as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies, or practices that are the basis of a country's identification as a priority foreign country are normally the subject of an investigation under the Section 301 provisions of the Trade Act. Section 182 of the Trade Act contains a special rule for the identification of actions by Canada affecting United States cultural industries.

USTR requests written submissions from the public concerning foreign countries' acts, policies, and practices that are relevant to the decision whether particular trading partners should be identified under Section 182 of the Trade Act.

DATES: Submissions must be received on or before 10 a.m. on Monday, February 13, 2006.

ADDRESSES: 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: FR0606@ustr.eop.gov, with "Special 301 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Choe Groves, Director for Intellectual Property and Chair of the Special 301 Committee (202) 395-4510, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 182 of the Trade Act, USTR must identify those countries that deny adequate and effective protection for intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S.

persons who rely on intellectual property protection. Those countries that have the most onerous or egregious acts, policies, or practices and whose acts, policies or practices have the greatest adverse impact (actual or potential) on relevant U.S. products are to be identified as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies or practices that are the basis of a country's designation as a Priority Foreign Country are normally the subject of an investigation under the Section 301 provisions of the Trade Act.

USTR may not identify a country as a Priority Foreign Country if it is entering into good faith negotiations, or making significant progress in bilateral or multilateral negotiations, to provide adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights.

USTR requests that, where relevant, submissions mention particular regions, provinces, states, or other subdivisions of a country in which an act, policy, or practice deserves special attention in this year's report. Such mention may be positive or negative, so long as it deviates from the general norm in that country.

Section 182 contains a special rule regarding actions of Canada affecting United States cultural industries. The USTR must identify any act, policy, or practice of Canada that affects cultural industries, is adopted or expanded after December 17, 1992, and is actionable under Article 2106 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Any act, policy, or practice so identified shall be treated the same as an act, policy, or practice that was the basis for a country's identification as a Priority Foreign Country under Section 182(a)(2) of the Trade Act, unless the United States has already taken action pursuant to Article 2106 of the NAFTA.

USTR must make the above-referenced identifications within 30 days after publication of the National Trade Estimate (NTE) report, i.e., no later than April 30, 2006.

Requirements for comments: Comments should include a description of the problems experienced and the effect of the acts, policies, and practices on U.S. industry. Comments should be as detailed as possible and should provide all necessary information for assessing the effect of the acts, policies, and practices. Any comments that include quantitative loss claims should be accompanied by the methodology used in calculating such estimated losses.

Comments must be in English. No submissions will be accepted via postal service mail. Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MS