

Mutual Fund Interactive Data requirements is to make risk/return summary information easier for investors to analyze and to assist in automating regulatory filings and business information processing.

Funds are required to file an initial registration statement on Form N-1A and to update that registration statement annually. The Commission estimates that each fund will submit one interactive data document as an exhibit to a registration statement or a post-effective amendment thereto on Form N-1A that includes or amends information provided in response to Items 2, 3 or 4 annually. In addition, based on a review by Commission staff of Mutual Fund Interactive Data submissions in calendar year 2013, the Commission estimates that 36% of funds will provide risk/return summary information as interactive data in additional filings submitted pursuant to rule 485(b) (17 CFR 230.485(b)) or rule 497 under the Securities Act annually.

The Commission estimates that the total annual hour burden associated with tagging risk/return summary information is approximately 11 hours. Based on estimates of 10,559 funds each submitting one interactive data document as an exhibit to a registration statement or post-effective amendment thereto and 3,801 funds submitting an additional interactive data document as an exhibit to a filing pursuant to rule 485(b) or rule 497, each incurring 11 hours per year on average, the Commission estimates that, in the aggregate, the tagging of risk/return summary information will result in approximately 157,960 annual burden hours. In addition, the Commission estimates that funds will require an average of approximately one burden hour to post interactive data to their Web sites. Based on estimates of 10,559 funds each posting one interactive data document as an exhibit to a registration statement or post-effective amendment thereto and 3,801 funds posting an additional interactive data document as an exhibit to a filing pursuant to rule 485(b) or rule 497, each incurring one burden hour per year on average, the Commission estimates that, in the aggregate, Mutual Fund Interactive Data Web site posting requirements will result in approximately 14,360 annual burden hours.

The Commission estimates that the average cost burden per fund is \$890 per year. Based on the estimate of 10,559 funds using software and/or consulting services at an annual cost of \$890, the Commission estimates that, in the aggregate, the total external costs to the

industry will be approximately \$9.4 million.

Estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms.

The collection of information under the Mutual Fund Interactive Data requirements is mandatory for all funds. Responses to the disclosure requirements will not be kept confidential. 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 OMB control number.

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information 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 Pamela Dyson, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549; or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-2736.

Extension:

Rule 12f-1; SEC File No. 270-139, OMB Control No. 3235-0128.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the

Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information provided for in Rule 12f-1 (17 CFR 240.12f-1), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rule 12f-1 (the "Rule"), originally adopted in 1934 pursuant to Sections 12(f) and 23(a) of the Act, as modified in 1995 and 2005, sets forth the information which an exchange must include in an application to reinstate its ability to extend unlisted trading privileges to any security for which such unlisted trading privileges have been suspended by the Commission, pursuant to Section 12(f)(2)(A) of the Act. An application must provide the name of the issuer, the title of the security, the name of each national securities exchange, if any, on which the security is listed or admitted to unlisted trading privileges, whether transaction information concerning the security is reported pursuant to an effective transaction reporting plan contemplated by Rule 601 of Regulation NMS, the date of the Commission's suspension of unlisted trading privileges in the security on the exchange, and any other pertinent information. Rule 12f-1 further requires a national securities exchange seeking to reinstate its ability to extend unlisted trading privileges to a security to indicate that it has provided a copy of such application to the issuer of the security, as well as to any other national securities exchange on which the security is listed or admitted to unlisted trading privileges.

The information required by Rule 12f-1 enables the Commission to make the necessary findings under the Act prior to granting applications to reinstate unlisted trading privileges. This information is also made available to members of the public who may wish to comment upon the applications. Without the Rule, the Commission would be unable to fulfill these statutory responsibilities.

There are currently 18 national securities exchanges subject to Rule 12f-1. The burden of complying with Rule 12f-1 arises when a potential respondent seeks to reinstate its ability to extend unlisted trading privileges to any security for which unlisted trading privileges have been suspended by the Commission, pursuant to Section 12(f)(2)(A) of the Act. The staff estimates that each application would require approximately one hour to complete.

Thus each potential respondent would incur on average one burden hour in complying with the Rule.

The Commission staff estimates that there could be as many as 18 responses annually and that each respondent's related cost of compliance with Rule 12f-1 would be \$199.00, or, the cost of one hour of professional work of a paralegal needed to complete the application. The total annual related reporting cost for all potential respondents, therefore, is \$3,582 (18 responses × \$199.00 per response).

Compliance with Rule 12f-1 is mandatory. Rule 12f-1 does not have a record retention requirement *per se*. However, responses made pursuant to Rule 12f-1 are subject to the recordkeeping requirements of Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4 of the Act. Information received in response to Rule 12f-1 shall not be kept confidential; the information collected is public information.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information 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.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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Extension:

Rule 12d2-1; SEC File No. 270-98, OMB Control No. 3235-0081.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information provided for in Rule 12d2-1(17 CFR 240.12d2-1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78b *et seq.*) ("Act"). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

On February 12, 1935, the Commission adopted Rule 12d2-1¹ ("Suspension of Trading") to establish the procedures by which a national securities exchange may suspend from trading a security that is listed and registered on the exchange under Section 12(d) of the Act.² Under Rule 12d2-1, an exchange is permitted to suspend from trading a listed security in accordance with its rules, and must promptly notify the Commission of any such suspension, along with the effective date and the reasons for the suspension.

Any such suspension may be continued until such time as the Commission may determine that the suspension is designed to evade the provisions of Section 12(d) of the Act and Rule 12d2-2 thereunder.³ During the continuance of such suspension under Rule 12d2-1, the exchange is required to notify the Commission promptly of any change in the reasons for the suspension. Upon the restoration to trading of any security suspended under Rule 12d2-1, the exchange must notify the Commission promptly of the effective date of such restoration.

The trading suspension notices serve a number of purposes. First, they inform

the Commission that an exchange has suspended from trading a listed security or reintroduced trading in a previously suspended security. They also provide the Commission with information necessary for it to determine that the suspension has been accomplished in accordance with the rules of the exchange, and to verify that the exchange has not evaded the requirements of Section 12(d) of the Act and Rule 12d2-2 thereunder by improperly employing a trading suspension. Without Rule 12d2-1, the Commission would be unable to fully implement these statutory responsibilities.

There are 18 national securities exchanges that are subject to Rule 12d2-1. The burden of complying with Rule 12d2-1 is not evenly distributed among the exchanges, however, since there are many more securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the NASDAQ Stock Market, and the NYSEMKT LLC than on the other exchanges.⁴ However, for purposes of this filing, the Commission staff has assumed that the number of responses is evenly divided among the exchanges. There are approximately 1,600 responses under Rule 12d2-1 for the purpose of suspension of trading from the national securities exchanges each year, and the resultant aggregate annual reporting hour burden would be, assuming on average one-half reporting hour per response, 800 annual burden hours for all exchanges. The related internal compliance costs associated with these burden hours are \$159,200 per year.

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⁴ In fact, some exchanges do not file any trading suspension reports in a given year.

¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 98 (February 12, 1935).

² See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 7011 (February 5, 1963), 28 FR 1506 (February 16, 1963).

³ Rule 12d2-2 prescribes the circumstances under which a security may be delisted from an exchange and withdrawn from registration under Section 12(b) of the Act, and provides the procedures for taking such action.