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OFFICE OF THE TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Determinations Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has determined that Burkina Faso has adopted an effective visa system and related procedures to prevent unlawful transshipment and the use of counterfeit documents in connection with shipments of textile and apparel articles and has implemented and follows, or is making substantial progress toward implementing and following, the customs procedures required by the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). Therefore, imports of eligible products from Burkina Faso qualify for the textile and apparel benefits provided under the AGOA.

DATES: Effective August 4, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurie-Ann Agama, Director for African Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AGOA (Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-200) provides preferential tariff treatment for imports of certain textile and apparel products of beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. The textile and apparel trade benefits under the AGOA are available to imports of eligible products from countries that the President designates as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries, provided that these countries: (1) Have adopted an effective visa system and related procedures to prevent unlawful transshipment and the use of counterfeit documents; and (2) have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, certain customs procedures that assist U.S. Customs and Border Protection in verifying the origin of the products.

In Proclamation 7853, the President designated Burkina Faso a "beneficiary sub-Saharan African country."

Proclamation 7350 (October 2, 2000) delegated to the USTR the authority to determine whether designated countries have met the two requirements described above. The President directed the USTR to announce any such determinations in the **Federal Register** and to implement them through modifications of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). Based on actions that the Government of Burkina Faso has taken, I have determined that Burkina Faso has satisfied these two requirements.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in the USTR by Proclamation 7350, U.S. note 7(a) to subchapter II of chapter 98 of the HTS and U.S. note 1 to subchapter XIX of chapter 98 of the HTS are each modified by inserting "Burkina Faso" in alphabetical sequence in the list of countries. The foregoing modifications to the HTS are effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the date of publication of this notice. Importers claiming preferential tariff treatment under the AGOA for entries of textile and apparel articles should ensure that those entries meet the applicable visa requirements. *See Visa Requirements Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act*, 66 FR 7837 (2001).

Susan C. Schwab,

United States Trade Representative.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-27442]

Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

July 28, 2006.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of July, 2006. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch (tel. 202-551-5850). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on August 22, 2006, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the

applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

For Further Information Contact: Diane L. Titus at (202) 551-6810, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-4041.

The Thurlow Funds, Inc. [File No. 811-8219]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On March 17, 2006, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$16,500 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Thurlow Capital Management, Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Date: The application was filed on June 30, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 3212 Jefferson St. #416, Napa, CA 94558.

Retirement Income Trust [File No. 811-21320]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 27, 2006, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Applicant incurred no expenses in connection with the liquidation.

Filing Date: The application was filed on July 19, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 5553 Woodmont St., Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

WM Prime Income Fund [File No. 811-9122]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On August 17, 1998, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$4,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by WM Advisors, Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Date: The application was filed on June 6, 2006.

Applicant's Address: John T. West, c/o WM Advisors, Inc., 1201 Third Ave., Suite 2200, Seattle, WA 98101.