

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. For example, submissions may address China's IPR protection and enforcement at the provincial level, including, where relevant, with respect to areas that were the focus of the Special Provincial Review of China conducted in 2007 (2007 Special 301 Report, pp. 42–52).

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 which 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., approximately April 30, 2008.

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 Word, .pdf, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are 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 Jennifer Choe Groves, Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation and Chair of the Special 301 Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, and sent (i) electronically, to FR0606@ustr.eop.gov (please note, "FR0606" consists of the numbers "zero-six-zero-six") 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.

Public inspection of submissions: (1) Within one business day of receipt, non-confidential submissions will be placed in a public file open for inspection and copying 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 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; or (2) non-confidential submissions received in electronic form may be made available on USTR's Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov>. Non-confidential written submissions by the general public and foreign governments will be made available for copying, distribution, or other dissemination to the public.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

New Collection: Individual Investor Plain English Survey Project; SEC File No. 270-570. OMB Control No. 3235-XXXX.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for a new collection of information discussed below.

The SEC's Office of Investor Education and Advocacy seeks to commence a collection of information. The title of this collection is the Individual Investor Plain English Survey Project. This project will conduct focus groups and telephone surveys of individual investors in SEC registered securities. The project will seek to gauge the level of individual investor satisfaction with current and potential future SEC-mandated disclosures, to learn whether investors believe such disclosures are written in plain English and are reader-friendly, and to ask individual investors how such disclosures might be improved. The Commission will use this information in order to gain a comprehensive understanding of a range of views. The SEC intends to hire a professional survey firm to conduct the focus groups and telephone surveys. The total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of this collection of information is estimated to be less than 1,000 burden hours.

There are no recordkeeping requirements brought about by this project. Participation in any interview will be wholly voluntary. Information collected during the study will not be kept confidential, except that the identity of a study participant, and information that would identify a participant to anyone outside the study, will not be disclosed without the participant's consent, except as provided by law.

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 control number.

Please direct general comments regarding the above information to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for

the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or e-mail to: Alexander_T._Hunt@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312; or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: January 11, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy 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 a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Sections 132(e), 211, and 1003(d) of the Company Guide To Clarify That the Exchange May Delist or Deny Initial Listing to an Issuer for Misrepresenting, or Omitting To Provide, Material Information to the Exchange or for Failing To Provide Requested Information Within a Reasonable Period of Time

January 10, 2008.

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 December 18, 2007, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been substantially prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 amend sections 132(e), 211 and 1003(d) of the Amex Company Guide in order to clarify that the Amex may delist or deny

initial listing to an issuer for misrepresenting material information or omitting to provide material information to the Amex or for failing to provide the Amex with requested information within a reasonable period of time. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Amex's Web site at <http://www.amex.com>, the Office of the Secretary, the Amex, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend sections 132(e), 211 and 1003(d) (collectively, the "sections") of the Company Guide. The Exchange is proposing to amend the Sections in order to clarify that the Amex may delist or deny initial listing to an issuer if it fails to provide information³ within a reasonable period of time or if any communication (including communications made in connection with an initial listing application) to the Exchange contains a material misrepresentation or omits material information necessary to make the communication to the Exchange not misleading.

Sections 132(e) and 211 of the Company Guide currently require listed companies to furnish to the Exchange such information concerning the company as the Exchange may reasonably request. Section 1003(f)(iii) of the Company Guide provides the Exchange with authority to prohibit initial or continued listing of a security

³ The proposed rule change will specify that the Exchange may request any additional information or documentation, public or non-public, deemed necessary to make a determination regarding a security's initial listing eligibility or continued listing, including but not limited to, any material provided to or received from the Commission or other appropriate regulatory authority.

if the issuer or its management engages in operations which, in the opinion of the Exchange, are contrary to the public interest. However, the Company Guide does not explicitly state that the Amex may delist or deny initial listing to a company that (1) makes a material misrepresentation to the Amex or omits material information, in a communication that would be necessary to make the communication to the Amex not misleading or (2) fails to provide the Amex with requested information within a reasonable period of time.

The Exchange submits that the proposed amendments will provide greater certainty and transparency in connection with the sections of the Company Guide. Further, the proposed rule change will provide greater uniformity among markets because it is identical to Rule 4330 of the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq"). Although the Amex believes that the existing listing standards allow for delisting or denial of listing in these situations, the Exchange proposes to modify the existing listing standards in order to codify its current existing practice.

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act⁴ in general and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁵ in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The proposed rule change will impose no burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were solicited or received by the Exchange on this proposal.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).