

participating in or effecting any transaction in connection with any joint enterprise or joint arrangement in which the investment company participates. Applicants state that the Funds, by participating in the proposed transactions, and the Adviser and Subadvisers, by managing the proposed transactions, could be deemed to be participating in a joint arrangement within the meaning of section 17(d) and rule 17d-1.

8. In considering whether to permit a joint transaction under rule 17d-1, the Commission considers whether the investment company's participation in joint enterprise is consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the Act, and the extent to which the participation is on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants. Applicants submit that the Funds will participate in the proposed transactions on the same basis and will be indistinguishable from any other shareholder and that the transactions will be consistent with the Act.

Applicants' Conditions

Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the following conditions:

1. The shares of the Money Market Funds sold to and redeemed as requested by the Non-Money Market Funds will not be subject to a sales load, redemption fee or distribution fee under a plan adopted in accordance with rule 12b-1 under the Act. To the extent that both a Money Market Fund and a Non-Money Market Fund may charge a service fee (as defined in rule 2830(b)(9) of the NASD Conduct Rules), the Money Market Fund will waive its service fee with respect to shares purchased by a Non-Money Market Fund or the Adviser will waive its advisory fee for each Non-Money Market Fund in an amount that offsets the amount of the service fee incurred by the Non-Money Market Fund.

2. Before the next meeting of the Board of a Non-Money Market Fund is held for the purpose of voting on an advisory contract under section 15 of the Act, the Adviser and Subadviser will provide the Board with specific information regarding the approximate costs to the Adviser and Subadviser of, or portion of the advisory fee under the existing advisory contract attributable to, managing the Uninvested Cash of the Non-Money Market Fund that can be expected to be invested in the Money Market Funds. Before approving any advisory contract for a Non-Money Market Fund, the Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, shall consider to what extent,

if any, the advisory fees charged to the Non-Money Market Fund by the Adviser and the Subadviser should be reduced to account for the reduced services provided to the Non-Money Market Fund by the Adviser and the Subadviser as a result of Uninvested Cash being invested in the Money Market Funds. The Non-Money Market Fund's minute books will record fully the Board's considerations in approving the advisory contract, including the considerations relating to fees referred to above.

3. Each Non-Money Market Fund will invest Uninvested Cash in, and hold shares of, the Money Market Funds only to the extent that the Non-Money Market Fund's aggregate investment of Uninvested Cash in the Money Market Funds does not exceed 25 percent of the Non-Money Market Fund's total assets. For purposes of this limitation, each Money Market Fund or series thereof will be treated as a separate investment company.

4. Investment of Cash Balances in shares of the Money Market Funds will be in accordance with each Non-Money Market Fund's respective investment restrictions, if any, and will be consistent with each Non-Money Market Fund's policies as set forth in its prospectus and statement of additional information.

5. The Non-Money Market Funds, the Money Market Funds, and any future Fund that may rely on the order will be advised by the Adviser or a person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser.

6. No Money Market Fund will acquire securities of any investment company in excess of the limits contained in section 12(d)(1)(A) of the Act.

7. Before a Fund may participate in the Securities Lending Program, a majority of its Board, including a majority of the Independent Board Members, will approve the Fund's participation in the Securities Lending Program. The Board also will evaluate the securities lending arrangement and its results no less frequently than annually and determine that any investment of Cash Collateral in the Money Market Funds in the best interest of the shareholders of the Fund.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 6.500 (6½) percent for the April-June quarter of FY 2000.

Arnold S. Rosenthal,

Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7222]

Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management and Budget (OMB): OMB Control Numbers 2115-0017, 2115-0611, 2115-0573, and 2115-0630

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Coast Guard intends to request the approval of OMB for the renewal of four Information Collection Requests (ICRs). These ICRs comprise: (1) Regattas and Marine Parades; (2) Boat Owner's Report, Possible Safety Defect; (3) Labeling Requirements in 33 CFR Parts 181 and 183; and (4) International Safety Management Code Audit Reports. Before submitting the ICRs to OMB, the Coast Guard is asking for comments on the collections described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before June 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Docket Management System (DMS) [USCG-2000-7222], U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for these requests. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for

inspection or copying in room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available through this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and also from Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, room 6106 (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-267-2326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document; Dorothy Walker, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9330, for questions on the docket.

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written comments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this document [USCG-2000-7222] and the specific ICR to which each comment applies, and give the reason(s) for each comment. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

Information Collection Requests

1. *Title:* Regattas and Marine Parades.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0017.

Summary: 46 U.S.C. 1233 authorizes the Coast Guard to issue rules to promote the safety of life on navigable waters during regattas or marine parades. 33 CFR 100.17 and 100.18 promulgate the rules for providing notice of, and additional information for permitting, regattas and marine parades (marine events) to the Coast Guard.

Need: The Coast Guard needs to determine whether a marine event may present a substantial threat to the safety of human life on navigable waters and determine which measures are necessary to ensure the safety of life during the events. Sponsors must notify the Coast Guard of the event and provide additional information, as required. This is an efficient means for the Coast Guard to learn of the events and to address environmental impacts.

Respondents: Sponsors of marine events.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 1,540 hours annually.

2. *Title:* Boat Owner's Report, Possible Safety Defect.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0611.

Summary: Owners of recreational boats or engines who believe their product contains a defect or fails to comply with safety standards can call the Coast Guard Infoline, which will send them a copy of the "Boat Owner's Report", or they can file the report online at the website for the Office of Boating Safety.

Need: 46 U.S.C. 4310(f) gives the Coast Guard the authority to require manufacturers of recreational boats and associated equipment to notify owners and to replace or repair products that are defective or fail to comply with safety standards.

Respondents: Owners of recreational boats.

Frequency: One time.

Burden: The estimated burden is 80 hours annually.

3. *Title:* Labeling Requirements in 33 CFR Parts 181 and 183.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0573.

Summary: The collection of information requires manufacturers or importers of recreational boats to apply for serial numbers from the Coast Guard and to display various labels on these boats.

Need: Under 33 CFR, Parts 181 and 183, manufacturers or importers of recreational boats must obtain, from the Coast Guard, a manufacturer's identification code for each boat and must display various labels on these boats that provide safety information to the boating public.

Respondents: Manufacturers and importers of recreational boats.

Frequency: One time.

Burden: The estimated burden is 382,798 hours annually.

4. *Title:* International Safety Management Code Audit Reports.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0630.

Summary: The Coast Guard uses this information collection to determine the compliance status of U.S. vessels, subject to SOLAS 74, engaged in international trade. Organizations recognized by the Coast Guard conduct ongoing audits of vessels' and companies' safety-management systems. *Need:* 46 U.S.C. 3203 authorizes the Coast Guard to prescribe rules regarding safety-management systems. 33 CFR Part 96 contains the rules for the safe operation of vessels and of safety-management systems.

Respondents: Owners and operators of vessels, and organizations authorized to issue ISM Code certificates for the United States.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden: The estimated burden is 3,650 hours annually.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

Daniel F. Sheehan,

Director of Information and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7206]

Voluntary Guidelines on Recreational Activities To Control the Spread of Zebra Mussels and Other Aquatic Nuisance Species

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice; Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks comments on voluntary guidelines for persons engaged in water-related recreational activities (e.g., boating and fishing). The Coast Guard must issue voluntary guidelines based on the recommendations prepared by the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force to help control the spread of the zebra mussel and other aquatic nuisance species. We request your comments on these voluntary guidelines.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before June 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: To make sure your comments and related material are not entered in the docket more than once, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-2000-7206), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington,