

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 these filings also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NFA. Electronically submitted comments will be posted on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.sec.gov>). All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NFA-2002-05 and should be submitted by November 7, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-46631; File No. SR-NYSE-2002-24]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") to Amend NYSE Rule 342 ("Offices—Approval, Supervision and Control")

October 9, 2002.

On July 12, 2002, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend NYSE Rule 342 ("Offices—Approval, Supervision and Control"). The proposed amendments would recognize the National Association of Securities Dealers' General Securities Principal Examination ("Series 24 Examination") as an acceptable qualification alternative to the General Securities Sales Supervisor Qualification Examination ("Series 9/10 Examination") for supervisory persons whose duties do not include the supervision of options or municipal securities sales activity. In addition, the amendments update and clarify certain provisions of the Rule. The NYSE filed an amendment to the proposed rule

change on August 16, 2002.³ The proposed rule change, as amended, was published for notice and comment in the **Federal Register** on September 5, 2002.⁴ The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule change.

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange⁵ and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6 of the Act⁶ and the rules and regulations thereunder. The Commission believes that the NYSE's amendments to NYSE Rule 342 to eliminate, when possible, duplicative examination qualification requirements and to update and clarify certain provisions of the Rule are reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁷ that the proposed rule change, as amended (SR-NYSE-2002-24), be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

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Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Pub.L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for new information collections, revisions to OMB-approved information collections and extensions (no change) of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden

³ See letter from Mary Yeager, Assistant Secretary, NYSE, to Nancy Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated August 15, 2002, and attachments ("Amendment No. 1").

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 46425 (August 28, 2002), 67 FR 56863.

⁵ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below: (OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, D.C. 20503, Fax: 202-395-6974. (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1338 Annex Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400.

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The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding the information collections would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at (410) 965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

1. Application for Supplemental Security Income—20 CFR, Subpart C, 416.305-.335-0960-0229

The information collected using Form SSA-8000-BK is needed and used to determine eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and the amount of benefits payable. The respondents are applicants for SSI payments.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection, *Number of Respondents:* 1,249,933, *Frequency of Response:* 1, *Average Burden Per Response:* 40 minutes, *Estimated Annual Burden:* 833,289 hours.

2. Application for Wife's or Husband's Insurance Benefits—20 CFR, Subpart D, 404.330-.333; Subpart G, 404.603-0960-0008

SSA needs and uses the information collected on Form SSA-2-F6 to determine if an applicant (including a divorced applicant) can be entitled to benefits as the spouse of the worker and the amount of the spouse's benefits. The respondents are applicants for wife's or

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(75).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.