

decimal pricing environment.<sup>6</sup> The pilot was extended twice.<sup>7</sup> The Exchange now requests an extension of the current pilot through January 14, 2002. Other than extending the date of the pilot through January 14, 2002, the Exchange does not propose to make any substantive or typographical changes to the pilot.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The CHX believes the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with the requirements of section 6(b).<sup>8</sup> In particular, the CHX believes the proposal is consistent with section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>9</sup> in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and to perfect the mechanism of, a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not:

- (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;
- (ii) Impose any significant burden on competition; and
- (iii) Become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>10</sup> and rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43204 (August 24, 2000), 65 FR 53065 (August 31, 2000)(SR-CHX-00-22).

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 43974 (February 16, 2001), 66 FR 11621 (February 26, 2001)(SR-CHX-2001-03)(extending pilot through July 9, 2001) and 44488 (June 28, 2001), 66 FR 35684 (July 6, 2001)(SR-CHX-2001-13)(extending pilot through November 5, 2001).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The Exchange has requested that the Commission accelerate the operative date. The Commission finds good cause to designate the proposal both effective and operative upon filing with the Commission because such designation is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Acceleration of the operative date will allow the pilot to continue uninterrupted through January 14, 2002, the deadline for which self-regulatory organizations must file proposed rule changes to set the minimum price variation for quoting in a decimals environment. For these reasons, the Commission finds good cause to designate that the proposal is both effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.<sup>12</sup>

## IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submission should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the 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 such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CHX. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CHX-2001-20 and should be submitted by December 12, 2001.

<sup>12</sup> For purposes only of accelerating the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>13</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting location.

**DATES:** November 29, 2001 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hampton Ballroom, the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, (202) 234-0700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The **Federal Register** notice announcing the November 29 meeting of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security did not include a meeting location. The purpose of this announcement is to provide the meeting location.

The Commission will meet commencing Thursday, November 29, at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m., with a break for lunch between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Commission will be deliberating on how to administer personal accounts and how to ensure long-term solvency in the Social Security program.

Dated: November 16, 2001.

**Michael A. Anzick,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3802]

### Notice of Declaration of Foreign Countries as Reciprocating Countries for the Enforcement of Family Support (Maintenance) Obligations

**AGENCY:** Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State.

This notice amends and supplements Department of State Public Notice 3315, 65 FR 31953 (May 19, 2000).

Section 459A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 659A) authorizes the Secretary of State with the concurrence of the Secretary of Health and Human

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).