

readily available to members responsible for compliance with Rule 6260 in a particular offering, and members would be able to provide this additional information as part of the Rule 6260 compliance process with little difficulty. Moreover, in the future, NASD may propose additional standards for dissemination to the SEC under Rule 6250. If additional standards are proposed and adopted, NASD would be required to identify and analyze additional characteristics of a security to determine if the security is subject to dissemination immediately before trading begins. The proposed amendment to Rule 6260(b), as drafted, will allow NASD to require members to submit the descriptive information that is then relevant in making a dissemination determination under Rule 6250.

NASD is also proposing that the new issue notification be submitted via email or facsimile to NASD. Currently, many members e-mail the new issue notification to NASD. Some members have provided the new issue notification by telephone. Members that provide the new issue notification by telephone would be required to provide it by email or a facsimile in order to comply with the proposed amendment.

2. Statutory Basis

NASD believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,⁷ which requires, among other things, that NASD's rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. NASD believes that the proposed rule change, if approved, will enhance transparency in the debt securities markets and will provide NASD, as the self-regulatory organization designated to regulate the over-the-counter markets, with heightened capabilities to regulate and provide surveillance of the debt securities markets to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices for the protection of investors and the public interest.

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

NASD does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

A. By order approve such proposed rule change, or

B. Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions 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 NASD. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASD-2003-99 and should be submitted by July 29, 2003.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4394]

Bureau of Nonproliferation; Nonproliferation Measures Imposed on an Entity in China, Including a Ban on U.S. Government Procurement

AGENCY: Bureau of Nonproliferation, Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

The U.S. Government has determined that the effective date of Public Notice 4370 (68 Federal 28314), concerning the imposition of measures on North China Industries Corporation (NORINCO), is the date of publication of that Notice in the **Federal Register**, May 23, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: On general issues: Vann H. Van Diepen, Office of Chemical, Biological, and Missile Nonproliferation, Bureau of Nonproliferation, Department of State, (202-647-1142). On import ban issues, Rochelle E. Stern, Chief, Policy Planning and Program Management Division, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, (202-622-2500). On U.S. Government procurement ban issues: Gladys Gines, Office of the Procurement Executive, Department of State, (703-516-1691).

Dated: July 1, 2003.

Andrew K. Semmel,

Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Availability of Changes to Advisory Circular 27-1B, Certification of Normal Category Rotorcraft, and Advisory Circular 29-2C, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Advisory Circular (AC) changes.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of changes to AC 27-1B, Certification of Normal Category Rotorcraft, and AC 29-2C, Certification of Transport Category Rotorcraft. These changes revise AC paragraph 27.602, Critical Parts; AC paragraph 29.547A, Main Rotor and Tail Rotor Structure; AC paragraph 29.602, Critical Parts; and AC paragraph 29.917A, Design. These AC paragraphs are final and replace the existing paragraphs AC 27.602, AC

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).