

incidental reading of the regulation. The estimated average burden hours are solely for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of SEC rules or forms.

Recordkeeping retention periods are based on the disclosure required by various forms and rules other than Regulation S-X. In general, balance sheets for the preceding two fiscal years, income and cash flow statements for the preceding three fiscal years, and condensed quarterly financial statements must be filed with the Commission. Five year summary financial information is required to be disclosed by some larger registrants.

Filing financial statements, when required by the governing rule or form, is mandatory. Because these statements are provided for the purpose of disseminating information to the securities markets, they are not kept confidential.

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.

General comments regarding the above information should be directed 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 send an e-mail to: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov, and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: April 5, 2005.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of April 25, 2005:

A Closed Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 10 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), (9)(B), and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), 9(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Goldschmid, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2005, will be:

Formal orders of investigations;
Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;
Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature; and
Adjudicatory matters.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: April 20, 2005.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-51563; File No. SR-Amex-2005-001]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 by the American Stock Exchange LLC and Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval to Amendment No. 2 Relating to the Adoption of Generic Listing Standards for Index-Linked Securities

April 15, 2005.

I. Introduction

On January 6, 2005, the American Stock Exchange LLC (“Amex” or “Exchange”) 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 add Section 107D to the Amex Company Guide for the purpose of adopting generic listing standards pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) of the Act³ in connection with index-linked securities (“Index Securities”). On February 25, 2005, Amex amended its proposal.⁴ The proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, was published for notice and comment in the **Federal Register** on March 4, 2005.⁵ The Commission received no comment letters regarding the proposed rule change. On April 15, 2005, Amex amended the proposed rule change.⁶ This order approves the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1. Simultaneously, the Commission provides notice of filing of Amendment No. 2 and grants accelerated approval of Amendment No. 2.

II. Description of Proposal

Under section 107A of the Amex Company Guide, the Exchange may approve for listing and trading securities that cannot be readily categorized under the listing criteria for common and preferred securities, bonds, debentures, or warrants.⁷ The Amex proposes to add Section 107D to the Amex Company Guide to provide generic listing standards to permit the listing and trading of Index Securities pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act.⁸

A. Generic Listing Standards

Rule 19b-4(e) provides that the listing and trading of a new derivative securities product by a self-regulatory organization shall not be deemed a proposed rule change, pursuant to paragraph (c)(1) of Rule 19b-4,⁹ if the Commission has approved, pursuant to Section 19(b) of the Act,¹⁰ the self-regulatory organization’s trading rules,

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e).

⁴ See Amendment No. 1, dated February 25, 2005 (“Amendment No. 1”). In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange revised the proposed rule text and corresponding description. Amendment No. 1 replaced Amex’s original filing in its entirety.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51258 (February 25, 2005), 70 FR 10700 (“Notice”).

⁶ See Amendment No. 2, dated April 15, 2005 (“Amendment No. 2”). In Amendment No. 2, the Exchange proposed minor clarifications to the rule text. The text of Amendment No. 2 is available on Amex’s Web site (<http://www.amex.com>), at the Amex’s Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 27753 (March 1, 1990), 55 FR 8624 (March 8, 1990) (order approving File No. SR-Amex-89-29).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(c)(1).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b).