

similar functionality offered on other exchanges.<sup>11</sup>

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>12</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>13</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest, by promoting competition among the markets participants and between exchanges.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

### 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>14</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>11</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 53567 (March 29, 2006), 71 FR 17529 (April 6, 2006) (SR-CBOE-2006-09) (order approving proposed rule change to decrease the exposure period for crossing orders from 10 seconds to three seconds); 53850 (May 23, 2006), 71 FR 30703 (May 30, 2006) (SR-ISE-2006-21) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of a proposed rule change to decrease the exposure period for crossing orders from 30 seconds to three seconds); 53854 (May 24, 2006), 71 FR 30975 (May 31, 2006) (SR-BSE-2006-23) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of a proposed rule change to decrease the exposure period for crossing orders from 30 seconds to three seconds); and 53609 (April 6, 2006), 71 FR 19224 (April 13, 2006) (SR-NYSEArca-2006-01) (order approving the proposed rule change to shorten the time that a broker must wait prior to executing as principal orders he or she represents as agent from 30 seconds to three seconds).

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>15</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.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally may not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing.<sup>16</sup> However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)<sup>17</sup> permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Phlx provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file this proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change. In addition, the Phlx has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because the proposed rule change would allow the Exchange to implement immediately a rule proposal that corresponds to rules currently in place at other exchanges.<sup>18</sup> For this reason, the Commission designates the proposal to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.<sup>19</sup>

## 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. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

### Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2006-41 on the subject line.

### Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>17</sup> *Id.*

<sup>18</sup> See note 11, *supra*.

<sup>19</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2006-41. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2006-41 and should be submitted on or before September 6, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>20</sup>

Nancy M. Morris,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 5498]

### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-1648, Application for A, G, or NATO Visa, OMB No. 1405-0100

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

<sup>20</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

- *Title of Information Collection:* Application for A, G, or NATO Visa.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0100.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Visa Services.
- *Form Number:* DS–1648.
- *Respondents:* All applicants for A, G, or NATO visas reauthorizations.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 20,000.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 10,000 hours.
- *Frequency:* Once per application.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain benefit.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from August 16, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [VisaRegs@state.gov](mailto:VisaRegs@state.gov) (the subject line of the e-mail must be DS–1648).
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Chief, Legislation and Regulation Division, Visa Services—DS–1648 Reauthorization, 2401 E. Street, NW., Washington DC 20520–30106.
- Fax: (202) 663–3898.

You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Andrea Lage of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E. Street, NW. L–603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663–1221 or [lageab@state.gov](mailto:lageab@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

*Abstract of proposed collection:* The Department of State uses Form DS–1648 to elicit information necessary to ascertain the applicability of the legal requirements for applicants for a renewal of A, G, or NATO visas. The information requested is limited to that which is necessary to determine the eligibility of applicants who seek renewal of their visas. An estimated 20,000 renewal applications are filed each year.

*Methodology:* Applicants complete this form using an online application available on the Department's Web site, <http://www.travel.state.gov>. The applicant then prints the application and a bar code is printed at the bottom of the form. The bar code is an electronic capture of the information provided by the applicant. The application is then submitted by mail to the Department. The Department scans the bar code on the application to retrieve the information electronically. Applicants are not allowed to submit handwritten or typed forms with printed bar codes.

Dated: July 28, 2006.

**Stephen A. Edson,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5497]

### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS–3032, Choice of Address and Agent for Immigrant Visa Applicants, OMB No. 1405–0126

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Choice of Address and Agent for Immigrant Visa Applicants.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0126.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Visa Services.
- *Form Number:* DS–3032.
- *Respondents:* All immigrant visa applicants.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 330,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 330,000.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 10 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 55,000 hours.
- *Frequency:* Once per application.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain benefit.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from August 16, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [VisaRegs@state.gov](mailto:VisaRegs@state.gov) (Subject line must read DS–3032 Reauthorization).
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Chief, Legislation and Regulation Division, Visa Services—DS–1884 Reauthorization, 2401 E. Street, NW., Washington DC 20520–30106.
- Fax: (202) 663–3898.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Andrea Lage of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E. Street, NW. L–603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663–1221 or [lageab@state.gov](mailto:lageab@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

*Abstract of proposed collection:* When an approved immigrant visa petition is received at the National Visa Center (NVC) and is determined to be current for processing, NVC will send the petition beneficiary Form DS–3032, which allows the beneficiary to choose an agent to receive mailings from NVC and assist in the paperwork or paying required fees. The applicant is not