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**Carmen Suro-Bredie,**

*Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 71 FR 71597, December 11, 2006.

**STATUS:** Open Meeting.

**PLACE:** 100 F Street, NE., Auditorium, LL-002, Washington, DC.

**DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING:** Wednesday, December 13, 2006.

**CHANGE IN THE MEETING:** Additional Item.

The following matter will also be considered as part of Item 3 during the 10 a.m. Open Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2006:

The Commission will consider whether to propose changes to its requirements for attestation reports.

Commissioner Casey, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

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) 551-5400.

Dated: December 11, 2006.

**Nancy M. Morris,**  
*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-54902; File No. SR-DTC-2006-13]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Clarify Deposit Service Procedures To Help Assure Compliance With OFAC Regulations

December 8, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on August 11, 2006, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by DTC. DTC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(1)<sup>3</sup> thereunder so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change clarifies recent changes to DTC's Deposit Service procedures.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, DTC included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. DTC has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B,

and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.<sup>4</sup>

#### A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change clarifies recent changes that DTC made to its Deposit Service procedures.<sup>5</sup> As part of those changes, DTC requires participants to certify to DTC that the participant screened the name of the party in whose name a deposited security certificate is registered against the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets and Control ("OFAC") list of Specially Designated Nationals and against OFAC's regulations and that there were no matches identified by such comparison. The purpose of this rule filing is to clarify that if the certificate has been assigned by the party in whose name the security was registered, participants only need to certify that they have screened the name of the most recent assignee and that there were no matches identified.<sup>6</sup>

DTC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act<sup>7</sup> and the rules and regulations thereunder because it should improve DTC's ability to comply with applicable laws thereby reducing regulatory risks and associated costs to DTC and its participants.

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

DTC does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact or impose any burden on competition.

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

Written comments relating to the proposed rule change have not been solicited or received.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>8</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(1)<sup>9</sup>

<sup>4</sup> The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by FICC.

<sup>5</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54120 (Jul. 10, 2006); 71 FR 40562 (Jul. 17, 2006).

<sup>6</sup> DTC Important Notice #B9959-06 (Jul. 18, 2006).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

thereunder because it constitutes a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule. 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.

#### 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 No. SR-DTC-2006-13 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.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-DTC-2006-13. 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 Section, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at DTC's principal office and on DTC's Web site at <http://www.dtc.org/impNtc/mor/index.html>. 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 submission should refer to File No. SR-DTC-2006-13 and should be submitted on or before January 4, 2007.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-54879; File No. SR-FICC-2006-12]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Financial Responsibility, Operational Capability, Insolvency, and Ceasing To Act

December 6, 2006.

On June 15, 2006 the Fixed Income Clearing Corporation ("FICC") filed a proposed rule change with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and on September 22, 2006, amended the proposed rule change. Notice of the proposal was published in the **Federal Register** on October 4, 2006.<sup>2</sup> No comment letters were received. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is approving the proposed rule change.

#### I. Description

The rule change will amend FICC's Government Securities Division's ("GSD") and Mortgage Backed Securities Division's ("MBS") rules relating to members' or applicants' financial responsibility, operational capability, and insolvency and to FICC ceasing to act for members.

##### A. Cease To Act and Insolvency Rules

FICC will amend GSD's rules governing when FICC will cease to act for a member in a noninsolvency situation, GSD Rule 21, and in an insolvency situation, GSD Rule 22. Such changes will conform GSD's rules to the rules of FICC's clearing agency affiliate, the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC").

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54570 (Oct. 4, 2006), 71 FR 60591.

GSD Rule 21, which addressed noninsolvency situations, will be renamed "Restriction on Access to Services" and will be similar to NSCC Rule 46. While revised Rule 21 is triggered by essentially the same criteria that are contained in the old GSD rule,<sup>3</sup> the revised rule expands the remedies that FICC could exercise beyond only "ceasing to act" or "ceasing to accept data" on behalf of the member. Specifically, FICC, after notifying and providing an opportunity to request a hearing to the member, will be able to suspend, prohibit, or limit a member's access to one or more of FICC's services.

GSD Rule 22, which addresses insolvency situations, remains essentially in its old form except that its close-out provisions are amended and are being moved to new Rule 22A.

New Rule 22A sets forth the procedures that FICC will follow when it ceases to act for a member pursuant to either Rule 21 or Rule 22. Under new Rule 22A, FICC will initiate the close-out process with respect to a member for which it has ceased to act for any reason permitted by its rules.<sup>4</sup> In addition, the term Cut-Off Time for noninsolvency situations will be added to Rule 22A.<sup>5</sup> Although this term is similar to the Time of Insolvency term used in old Rule 22, a key difference between the terms is that members will be notified in advance of the Cut-Off Time.

The rule change also makes technical changes to conform existing references to Rules 21 and 22 throughout GSD's rules to these revisions.<sup>6</sup>

##### B. General Continuance Standards

FICC will add new language to Section 5 of GSD Rule 3 and a new Section 18, Article III, Rule 1 to MBSD's rules, which will be similar to NSCC Rule 15, that enables FICC when it deems necessary or advisable to assure itself of a member's or an applicant's financial responsibility and operational capability. To assure itself, FICC may, but is not limited to: restrict or modify the member's use of any or all of FICC's services; require additional reporting by the member of its financial or operational condition; increase the member's clearing fund collateral; alter the proportions of cash, eligible netting

<sup>3</sup> Such triggers include the member failing to perform its obligations to FICC and FICC's determination that the member is in or is approaching financial difficulty.

<sup>4</sup> Currently, the close-out process applies only when FICC deems a member insolvent.

<sup>5</sup> As used in Rule 22A, the term Cut Off Time means the time that is specified in advance by FICC in a notice to members to be the time when FICC is deemed to have ceased to act for a member.

<sup>6</sup> Technical, conforming changes are being made to Rules 1, 3A, 4, 6A, 14 and new Rule 22A.