

can be purchased from the reporting company. No electronic media coverage will be allowed.

All interested parties wishing to make an oral presentation at the hearing must submit, following the above "Requirements for Submissions", the name, address, telephone number, and facsimile number and e-mail address, if available, of the witness(es) representing their organization to Marideth Sandler, Executive Director of the GSP Program by 5 p.m., February 2, 2007. Requests to present oral testimony in connection with the public hearing must be accompanied by a written brief or statement, in English, and also must be received by 5 p.m., February 2, 2007. Oral testimony before the GSP Subcommittee will be limited to five-minute presentations that summarize or supplement information contained in briefs or statements submitted for the record. Post-hearing briefs or statements will be accepted if they conform with the regulations cited above and are submitted, in English, by 5 p.m., March 9, 2007. Parties not wishing to appear at the public hearing may submit pre-hearing briefs or statements, in English, by 5 p.m., February 2, 2007, and post-hearing written briefs or statements, in English, by 5 p.m., March 9, 2007.

In accordance with sections 503(d)(1)(A) of the 1974 Act and the authority delegated by the President, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, the U.S. Trade Representative has requested that the USITC provide its advice on whether any industry in the United States is likely to be adversely affected by a waiver of the competitive need limits specified in section 503(d)(1) of the 1974 Act with respect to the articles of GSP beneficiary countries that are specified in the "List of Petitions Accepted in the 2006 GSP Annual Review ." Comments by interested persons on the USITC Report prepared as part of the product review should be submitted by 5 p.m., 10 days after the date of USITC publication of its report.

Marideth Sandler,

Executive Director, Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Program, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange

Commission, Office of Filings and Information, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 17Ad-16, SEC File No. 270-363, OMB Control No. 3235-0413.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

- Rule 17Ad-16: Notice of Assumption or Termination of Transfer Agent Services

Rule 17Ad-16, (17 CFR 240.17Ad-16), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*), requires a registered transfer agent to provide written notice to the appropriate qualified registered securities depository when assuming or terminating transfer agent services on behalf of an issuer or when changing its name or address. In addition, transfer agents that provide such notice shall maintain such notice for a period of at least two years in an easily accessible place. This rule addresses the problem of certificate transfer delays caused by transfer requests that are directed to the wrong transfer agent or the wrong address.

We estimate that the transfer agent industry submits 600 Rule 17Ad-16 notices to appropriate qualified registered securities depositories. The staff estimates that the average amount of time necessary to create and submit each notice is approximately 15 minutes per notice. Accordingly, the estimated total industry burden is 150 hours per year (15 minutes multiplied by 600 notices filed annually).

Because the information needed by transfer agents to properly notify the appropriate registered securities depository is readily available to them and the report is simple and straightforward, the cost is minimal. The average cost to prepare and send a notice is approximately \$7.50 (15 minutes at \$30 per hour). This yields an industry-wide cost estimate of \$4,500 (600 notices multiplied by \$7.50 per notice).

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirements under Rule 17Ad-16 is two years for both the clearing agencies and transfer agents. The recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-16 is mandatory to ensure accurate securityholder records, prompt and efficient clearance and settlement of securities transactions, and to assist the

Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information. Please note that 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.

Comments should be directed to: R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted within 60 days of this notice.

January 8, 2007.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request; Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Form 18-K, OMB Control No. 3235-0120, SEC File No. 270-108.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form 18-K (17 CFR 249.318) is an annual report form used by foreign governments and political subdivisions with securities listed on a United States exchange. The information to be collected is intended to ensure the adequacy of information available to investors in the registration of securities and assures public availability. The information provided is mandatory. Form 18-K is a public document. Form 18-K takes approximately 8 hours to prepare and is filed by approximately 40 respondents for a total annual reporting burden of 320 hours.

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.

Written 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, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312, or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: January 3, 2007.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant 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, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of January 16, 2007:

A Closed Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 2 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsels 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), (8), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a) (3), (5), (7), (8), (9)(ii), and (10) permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

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

The subject matters of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2007 will be:

Formal orders of investigation; Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature; A regulatory matter regarding a financial institution; and

Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

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.

January 11, 2007.

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. PA-38; File No. S7-02-07]

Privacy Act of 1974: Notice of Alteration to Two Existing Systems of Records

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed alteration to two existing systems of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Securities and Exchange Commission proposes to alter the Privacy Act system of records: "Personnel Management Employment and Staffing Files (SEC-39)", which was previously identified in the *Federal Register* at 41 FR 41591 on September 22, 1976, 50 FR 37750 on September 17, 1985 and 62 FR 47884 on September 11, 1997.

Also, the Commission is proposing to make changes to its system of records "Identification and Access Control Cards, Special Credentials, Press Passes, and Building Access Control Cards (SEC-46)", originally published at 63 FR 37423, July 10, 1998.

DATES: Effective Date: The changes will become effective February 26, 2007 unless further notice is given. The Commission will publish a new notice if the effective date is delayed to review comments or if changes are made based on comments received.

Comment Date: To be assured of consideration, comments should be received on or before February 16, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

• Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/other.shtml>); or

• Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number S7-02-07 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 Number S7-02-07. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help us 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/other.shtml>). Comments are also available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara A. Stance, Chief Privacy Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, Operations Center, 6432 General Green Way, Mail Stop 0-7, Alexandria, VA 22312-2413, (202) 551-7209.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Commission proposes to alter the system of records, "Personnel Management Employment and Staffing Files (SEC-39)." As described in the original notice, the system contains information on applicants for SEC employment, and present and past employees. This notice is published to alter the system of records by adding two new routine uses, (1) to disclose information in connection with organizational directories or similar records for internal management purposes, and (2) to Commission contractors or their authorized employees, and other Federal agencies for the purpose of assisting the Commission in the efficient administration of its programs; by changing the name of the system manager to the Office of Human Resources; and by changing the address for submitting requests for record notification, access and contesting to the Privacy Act Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-5100.

The Commission also proposes to alter the system of records, "Identification and Access Control Cards, Special Credentials, Press Passes, and Building Access Control Cards