

terms of encouraging a favorable resolution of the EC-Biotech dispute.

Persons submitting comments may either send one copy by fax to Sandy McKinzy at 202-395-3640, or transmit a copy electronically to FR0805@ustr.eop.gov, with "EC-Biotech Dispute" in the subject line. For documents sent by fax, USTR requests that the submitter provide a confirmation copy electronically. USTR encourages the submission of documents in Adobe PDF format, as attachments to an electronic mail. Interested persons who make submissions by electronic mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Comments must be in English. A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly designated as such and the submission must be marked "Business Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page.

Information or advice contained in a comment submitted, other than business confidential information, may be determined by USTR to be confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)(2)). If the submitter believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitter—

- (1) Must clearly so designate the information or advice;
- (2) Must clearly mark the material as "Submitted in Confidence" at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page; and
- (3) Is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

USTR will maintain a file of non-confidential comments received in response to this notice, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room, which is located at 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. An appointment to review the public file (Docket No. WTO/DS-291) may be made by calling the USTR Reading Room at (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

William Busis,

Chair, Section 301 Committee.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension: Rule 19b-7 and Form 19b-7; OMB Control No. 3235-0553; SEC File No. 270-495.

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 19b-7 (17 CFR 240.19b-7) and Form 19b-7 (17 CFR 249.822)— Filings with respect to proposed rule changes submitted pursuant to Section 19(b)(7) of the Act.

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) ("Exchange Act") provides a framework for self-regulation under which various entities involved in the securities business, including national securities exchanges and national securities associations (collectively, self-regulatory organizations or "SROs"), have primary responsibility for regulating their members or participants. The role of the Commission in this framework is primarily one of oversight: the Exchange Act charges the Commission with supervising the SROs and assuring that each complies with and advances the policies of the Exchange Act.

The Exchange Act was amended by the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 ("CFMA"). Prior to the CFMA, federal law did not allow the trading of futures on individual stocks or on narrow-based stock indexes (collectively, "security futures products"). The CFMA removed this restriction and provides that trading in security futures products would be regulated jointly by the Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The Exchange Act requires all SROs to submit to the SEC any proposals to amend, add, or delete any of their rules. Certain entities (Security Futures Product Exchanges) would be national securities exchanges only because they trade security futures products. Similarly, certain entities (Limited Purpose National Securities Associations) would be national securities associations only because their members trade security futures products. The Exchange Act, as amended by the CFMA, established a procedure for Security Futures Product Exchanges and Limited Purpose National Securities Associations to provide notice of proposed rule changes relating to certain matters.¹ Rule 19b-7 and Form 19b-7 implemented this procedure.

The collection of information is designed to provide the Commission with the information necessary to determine, as required by the Exchange Act, whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder. The information is used to determine if the proposed rule change should remain in affect or abrogated.

The respondents to the collection of information are SROs. Five respondents file an average total of 12 responses per year. Each response takes approximately 17.25 hours to complete, which corresponds to an estimated annual response burden of 207 (12 responses × 17.25 hours) hours. The average cost per response is \$4,607.25 (17.25 hours multiplied by an average hourly rate of \$267.09). The resultant total related cost of compliance for these respondents is approximately \$55,287 per year (12 responses × \$4,607.25 per response).

Compliance with Rule 19b-7 is mandatory. Information received in response to Rule 19b-7 shall not be kept confidential; the information collected is public information.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity

¹ These matters are higher margin levels, fraud or manipulation, recordkeeping, reporting, listing standards, or decimal pricing for security futures products; sales practices for security futures products for persons who effect transactions in security futures products; or rules effectuating the obligation of Security Futures Product Exchanges and Limited Purpose National Securities Associations to enforce the securities laws. See 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(7)(A).

of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

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.

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Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension: Rule 104: OMB Control No. 3235-0465; SEC File No. 270-411.

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 104 of Regulation M (17 CFR 242.104)—Stabilizing and Other Activities in Connection with an Offering.

Rule 104 permits stabilizing by a distribution participant during a distribution so long as the distribution participant discloses information to the market and investors. This rule requires disclosure in offering materials of the potential stabilizing transactions and that the distribution participant inform the market when a stabilizing bid is made. It also requires the distribution participants (*i.e.*, the syndicate manager) to maintain information regarding syndicate covering transactions and

penalty bids and disclose such information to the SRO.

There are approximately 795 respondents per year that require an aggregate total of 159 hours to comply with this rule. Each respondent makes an estimated 1 annual response. Each response takes approximately 0.20 hours (12 minutes) to complete. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 159 burden hours. The total compliance cost for the respondents is approximately \$8,943.75, resulting in a cost of compliance for the respondent per response of approximately \$11.25 (*i.e.*, \$8,943.75 / 795 responses).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

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.

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Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy 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 Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension: Rule 206(3)-3T; SEC File No. 270-571; OMB Control No. 3235-0630.

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 (the "Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension and approval of the collections of information discussed below.

Temporary rule 206(3)-3T (17 CFR 275.206(3)-3T) under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-1 *et seq.*) is entitled: "Temporary rule for principal trades with certain advisory clients." The temporary rule provides investment advisers who are registered with the Commission as broker-dealers an alternative means to meet the requirements of section 206(3) of the Advisers Act (15 U.S.C. 80b-6(3)) when they act in a principal capacity in transactions with certain of their advisory clients. The temporary rule, and its attendant paperwork burdens, will expire and no longer be effective on December 31, 2009.

Temporary rule 206(3)-3T permits dually-registered advisers to satisfy the Advisers Act's principal trading restrictions by: (i) Providing written, prospective disclosure regarding the conflicts arising from principal trades; (ii) obtaining written, revocable consent from the client prospectively authorizing the adviser to enter into principal transactions; (iii) making oral or written disclosure and obtaining the client's consent before each principal transaction; (iv) sending to the client confirmation statements disclosing the capacity in which the adviser has acted; and (v) delivering to the client an annual report itemizing the principal transactions.

The Commission staff estimates that approximately 380 investment advisers make use of rule 206(3)-3T, and that on average an investment adviser spends approximately 1,301 hours annually in complying with the requirements of the rule. The Commission staff therefore estimates the total annual burden of the rule's paperwork requirements to be approximately 494,440 hours.

Rule 206(3)-3T does not require recordkeeping or record retention. The collection of information requirements under the rule are required to obtain a benefit. The information collected pursuant to the rule is not required to be filed with the Commission, but rather takes the form of disclosures to, and responses from, clients. Accordingly, these filings are not kept confidential. To the extent advisers include any of the information required by the rule in a filing, such as Form ADV, the information will not be kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of